



## Jack John Occhiogrosso

*January 7, 1935 - January 30, 2021*

Jack John Occhiogrosso, age 86, of Frisco, Texas, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2021, while recuperating from COVID 19 a few weeks prior. He was born on January 7, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York, to Josephine (Seville) and Francesco Occhiogrosso. Jack proudly served his country in the United States Army. He obtained his Business Degree from City University of New York and his Master's Degree from Hofstra University. Jack married his loving wife Ruth Louise Lahm on June 22, 1957; they were together for 53 years when she lost her battle with cancer. Together they raised their four children – Frank, Richard, Kathy and Jackie on Long Island, NY. They forged lifelong friendships with their neighbors, raised their children and enjoyed playing golf and days spent on the beach.

Jack had great success working for the JCPenney Corporation for 36 years. In 1979, his career led them across the country to Westlake Village, California, then back to the east coast to Holmdel, New Jersey. They finally settled in Dallas, Texas, in 1986 where he was active in their church and various social associations. He made many great friends wherever he lived. Once retired, he played lots of golf and card games at his country club and spent time with his grandchildren. He and Ruth travelled to many wonderful locations around the world and took all their kids and grandkids on beach vacations where many great memories were made and cherished. Jack was a generous and loving man whose family will miss him dearly.

Throughout his life, Jack had a smile that lit up his handsome face! He and Ruth enjoyed going to social events and were terrific dancers. After losing his wife he was fortunate to meet Virginia Cook and they had a lovely relationship until his passing. In recent years Jack suffered from the effects of Alzheimer's but through it all, he had a sparkle in his eyes and remained loving to his family and friends.

Jack is survived by his children, Frank Occhiogrosso of Bayport, New York, Kathy Occhiogrosso and her husband, James Ward, of North Richland Hills, Texas, and Jackie Bain and her husband, Jeff, of Frisco, Texas; his grandchildren, Angela Occhiogrosso, Greg Ward, Matt Ward, Kaitlyn Manser, Tiffany Occhiogrosso, Kristina and her husband Chris Alfano, Alison and her husband James Farison, and Jake Occhiogrosso; his great-grandson, Ethan Farison; his sister, Jeannie DiBiasi of New York; his sister-in-law, Florence Yudt of New York, numerous nieces and nephews; as well as his

dear friend Virginia Cook of Dallas, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ruth Occhiogrosso, his son, Richard Occhiogrosso, his granddaughter, Michele Occhiogrosso, his brother, Michael Occhiogrosso, his daughters-in-laws, Karen and Tirra Occhiogrosso, and his parents, Josephine and Francesco Occhiogrosso.

We will plan to celebrate Jack's life in the near future when the COVID 19 vaccine is administered to more of our friends and family. Please wear your masks, it could save lives!

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation to:

Alzheimer's Association

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## Memorials

*God Bless you Jack. We all miss you in the card room with your big smile and warm heart. We are sorry we didn't know of your passing so we could come pay our respects. Your buddies at P-Wood.*

**SCOTT POLSTON, MAY 11, 2021**

*Dear Jackie (and family), so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. Besides all of the great memories of playing at your house next door, my fondest memory of your dad was our trip to California as a teenager to visit. He drove us down the Pacific Coast Highway. It was such a beautiful day and your dad played Catch a Falling Star by Perry Como. I remember it vividly. Your dad was so classy and handsome. Take solace in knowing that he's in heaven now with your beautiful mom.*

**PATTIE RUSSOLESE (AMATO), FEBRUARY 12, 2021**

*We send our deepest sympathy to the Occhiogrosso family. We met Ruth and then Jack when we both moved to the Dallas area. Twenty years ago the four of us went on a Mediterranean Cruise together and had a wonderful time. Eating, drinking and dancing the night away, The memories of sailing into*

*Venice while Andrea Bocelli's voice was playing throughout the ship is something we will never forget. We are thankful for the friendship which we shared. But, now it is time to say... Con Te Partiro Time to Say Good-by. Sent with much love.*

**DONALD AND MARCIA ISCH, FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

*To the family, Jack was a very dear and special friend . He and I both had long careers together with the JCPenney Company. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and ask our good and gracious God to b with and comfort you.. His smile and wonderful personality will live in my memory forever.*

**HAROLD COVIN, FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

*Deeply saddened to hear of Jack's passing. I regret losing touch these past few years but Jack was a wonderful leader and a guy one could count on whatever the situation. Always with a smile. I'll miss you. God bless Steve and Gayle Kernkraut*

**STEVE KERNKRAUT , FEBRUARY 5, 2021**

*Our deepest sympathy to the Occhiogrosso Family in the loss of your father, Jack. He was such an amazing father, family friend and JCP work partner. Sonja and I cherished Jack and Ruth's friendship throughout the years and I deeply appreciate Jack's partnership to make JCPenney Financial Services successful. It was such a privilege to be friends and work with such a talented and compassionate individual such as Jack. We will miss him dearly. We pray your family will find comfort in reminiscing about all the great memories you had with your father and grandfather.*

**TED AND SONJA SPURLOCK, FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

*We are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was such a great man! Mom and Dad always thought the world of him and considered Ruth and Jack very close friends, even moving into the same neighborhood together in Dallas! I was always in awe of your Dad's calm and jovial demeanor! He reminded me of Tony Bennet growing up, so debonair! I know he loved his family dearly and would do anything for you! I hope all the great memories soon replace your sorrow.*

TAUNYA (SPURLOCK) HUGGETT AND FAMILY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

*Dear Jackie, Kathy and Frank and all the Occhiogrosso Family. I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We had many good times with Jack and Ruth and our friends in Old Bethpage, I know he will be missed but know many good memories will give you comfort at this sad time and joy to know that he will be together again with your Mom and all of your family who are already in heaven! With sympathy and prayers.*

EILEEN AMATO, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.*

SUSAN & STEVE HARRIS, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

*Jack was such a great man! Integrity, loyalty, a great friend, a great father, a man of faith and a mentor to so many.*

JIM AND CAROLE MCCOLLUM, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

*God Bless Jack O in Heaven*

STEVE, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

*My deepest sympathy to you Kathy! I miss our Dad conversations! As I was reading his obituary and watching all his photos go bye if Jack in my dad Wes met on earth they would've been great friends. My dad loves golf so he couldn't play anymore physically and played lots of cards after that. And as I was looking through all the photos lots of partying as well!! The blessing is he is with the Lord and in no more pain and enjoying internal life!??*

TAMRA , FEBRUARY 2, 2021

*Our deepest sympathy to the family. Kathy, we are sending prayers to you and your family.*

SUZIE & PAUL KING, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

*Jack was a joy to work with. Every meeting with him left me in a positive frame of mind. I also remember with fondness the many golf outings together. To the extended family, my prayers and condolences.*

CHARLES BROWN, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

*Jack was a beloved member of our JCPenney Family. Dad and Jack worked*

*together for many years. I know that they had the utmost respect for each other. There are many fond memories out of work also. Everyone in our family has a story to remember about Mr. Occhiogrosso. We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.*

**GIL WIEMERS & FAMILY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

*My condolences to the Jack O family. I worked with Jack for 25 years. We had lots of fun meetings and trips. The thing I liked most about Jack is he would find ways to get things done. My prayers are with all his family*

**BJ, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

*Jack O was a man of character, integrity and kindness. He will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to his family.*

**JANE BAEDKE, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

*Kathy, my condolences and prayers to you and your family on the passing of your father. May you find comfort in the loving and lasting memories.*

**CHRISTINE TURMAN, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

*Our deepest sympathy to you all. May your wonderful memories bring you comfort. Tory Chisholm Jeff Cheney*

**TORY CHISHOLM , FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

*I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you have comfort in your fond memories of him.*

**LISA ROGERS, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

*Our deepest sympathies to the entire family, and may the Lord watch over Uncle Jack .*

**MICHAEL , JILL CARIDI AND FAMILY , FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

*Our deepest sympathy to all of you during this sad time.... Jack was definitely a true gentleman and the most kind-hearted man to love our Virginia as he did the past few years.. we were so fortunate and blessed to have known him and his wonderful family. There are so many good memories that come to mind of your Dad that I will forever cherish. We loved him and will miss him!! Prayers of comfort and strength to all of you as you face the days ahead!!*

**TANA HAUERLAND, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

*Missing Grandpa so much already, but find comfort knowing he's with Nana and all those who have passed. He's restored up in heaven - probably playing golf and cards, and knocking out some crossword puzzles. Love you, Grandpa!*

**KRISTINA ALFANO, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

*Love and miss you already, Grandpa.*

**JAKE OCCHIOGROSSO, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

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