



Jack T. Thomas

January 30, 1934 - April 27, 2021

Jack Thomas was born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1934. His parents and four siblings lived at the hotel they owned and operated. At the age of 19 he came to the United States to attend Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he studied physiology and anatomy, and played soccer for the Varsity team. Upon graduation he returned to Beirut and became a Professor at the American University of Beirut (AUB). Soon he met and married his beautiful wife Claire. In 1963 they immigrated to Los Angeles where Jack continued his teaching career. Throughout his life, Jack became a very well known professor, and taught from the high-school level all the way to the university level. Aside from teaching, Jack was an avid gardener. Wherever the Thomas family resided, neighbors would flock to his house for delicious, hand-grown fruits and vegetables from his garden. In addition to these wonderful attributes, Jack loved his family more than anything. He raised three beautiful children, Joyce(61), Tom(57), and Howard(D. 1998). Both Claire and Jack dedicated much of their time raising their son Howard, who was born with Duchene's Muscular Dystrophy. Jack and his entire family spent countless hours fundraising, and advocating for children born with Muscular Dystrophy. One cannot look back without acknowledging the tragedies Jack faced and overcame. It took incredible strength and courage to care lovingly for both Howard and Claire after she was diagnosed with cancer. Jack carried himself as a rational and calm man, a hard working professional in his teaching career, but above all, someone who cherished being with his family, always with a smile on his face and a funny remark forming on his lips. Jack passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 27, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. In honor of Jack, services will be held on Friday April 30, at Mary Star of Sea Parish at 10:30 at 877 West 7th Street San Pedro, California, and a viewing at 10:00 at Mary Star. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to

USC Norris Cancer Center
Attn: Robert Weiner
1441 Eastlake Ave Rm. 8301

Los Angeles, CA. 90089-9181

Check payable to:

USC Norris Cancer Center

In Memo write:

Dr. Lenz Cancer Research/Jack T. Thomas

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memorial Park

27501 S. Western Ave.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Mary Star of the Sea Catholic
870 W 8th St
San Pedro, CA 90731

Rosary

APR 30. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Mass

APR 30. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many memories in the past of Jack and his family growing up. My mother, Josephine, would always love to visit his home. Tearfully, I say I do miss the warmth of that generation which gave so much to what family life should be about. Gatherings, food, and wonderful music and conversations. The new generation is going to miss out, unfortunately. Jack opened his home to all. May you rest in peace.
Elaine Lamia (Hallal) and family

Elaine Lamia - May 01, 2021 at 04:34 PM

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Our deepest sympathy to Jack's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May all your memories of Jack bring you comfort.
Ed and Mary Sabath
Westlake, Ohio

Ed and Mary Sabath - May 14, 2021 at 03:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack T. Thomas.



April 30, 2021 at 12:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack T. Thomas.



April 29, 2021 at 06:21 PM



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April 29, 2021 at 05:24 PM