



John "Jack" VanAntwerp

February 13, 1942 - January 28, 2020

THE FAMILY HAS STRONGLY REQUESTED FOR EVERYONE NOT TO PURCHASE FLOWERS, BUT WOULD RATHER HAVE YOU DONATE IN JACK'S MEMORY TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS:

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

PO Box 1000, DEPT. 142

MEMPHIS, TN 38101-9908

OR TO:

SHRINER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

MEMORIAL VISITATION:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020

2PM TO 4PM

AND

6PM TO 8PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

MEMORIAL MASS:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

11AM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD
OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438

John “Jack” Van Antwerp, 77 years old, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Jack was born on February 13, 1942 in Hackensack, NJ to the late James and Marjorie (Crisp) Van Antwerp.

He graduated from Ridgefield Park High School and Montclair State College, and maintained friendships with many of his classmates throughout his life.

Jack served our country as a member of the Air National Guard during the Vietnam War.

He married Barbara E. Rogers on November 20, 1966 and shortly thereafter settled in the Milton section of Jefferson Township where they raised their two sons.

For 40 years, Jack was a music teacher at Valley Middle School in Oakland, where he inspired countless students with his humor, compassion, love of music, and zest for life. So many of his students remember him fondly for helping them maintain a sense of humor and perspective throughout their difficult middle school years.

After he retired, Jack became an active community member; he loved playing in the Jefferson Township Community Band, singing with the High Point Harmonizers barbershop vocal group, and socializing with his many beloved friends and neighbors in Elro Park. He loved taking his dogs for leisurely walks around the neighborhood, and working in his garden, taking time to stop and share jokes and stories with everyone he encountered.

Jack was a proud and dedicated father and grandfather, and loved sharing his passion for music and life with everyone in his family. He loved watching his children and grandchildren perform in concerts, plays, and sports, and he entertained all with his memorable stories.

He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara, his loving sons Daniel Van Antwerp and his wife Jessica of Northampton, Pennsylvania, and David Van Antwerp and his wife Christina of Middlesex, NJ; his cherished grandchildren Andy, Megan, Laura, Max, and Nicole Van Antwerp; his dear brother Donald Van Antwerp and his wife Kathy; loving brother-in law Jack Rogers and his wife Joan of Houston, Texas, as well as several nephews and cousins.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (For GPS use 1 Post Place).

A memorial mass will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 11am at St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Final disposition will be private.

The family has strongly requested for everyone not to purchase flowers, but would rather have you donate in Jack's memory to one of the following charitable organizations: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or to Shriner's Hospital for Children: www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post

your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
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Memorial Mass

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Tribute Wall

RL

“ To the Jack VanAntwarp Family,
I really didn't know Jack all that well. But I did know a lot about him because he was my son's music teacher at Valley Middle School in Oakland, New Jersey. Now that alone wouldn't normally warrant me writing this. What did was what my son said to me when he heard of Jack's passing. He said, "This news hit me hard. Jack was a huge influence on me. My life would have been very different without him being there." I can take a lot of parental credit for how my son lived his life but Jack has to share some of that credit too....big time! The influence part of Jack's contribution was...music. I can't take credit for the fact that my son went on to make music his livelihood. Jack could. Or that he attended Juilliard's high school program. Jack could. Or that he graduated from a conservatory. Jack could. Or that he's played with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Jack could. Or he's played at Carnegie Hall and Newport Jazz Festival. Jack could. Or he's played with Bocelli, A. Franklin, R. Charles, etc., etc., etc. Jack could. I could go on and on but, to his family, you get my drift. Posthumously....this parent never had the chance to thank you for being there. At last.....THANK YOU.

Roger Lippincott - February 25, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Condolences to The Van Antwerp Family.

Walter Endlicher - February 18, 2020 at 08:40 PM

BW

“ Jack was one of my best friends at RPHS and even then he was a special guy with a quick wit and a wickedly funny sense of humor. I am so glad to learn that he enjoyed a rich and productive life with his wife and family...sharing his many gifts with friends neighbors and students. My most sincere condolences to all who knew and loved him. Rest in peace old friend. Brian Wells

Brian Wells - February 15, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Jack used to get our baritone horn section of the Franklin Band in trouble with his continual stream of jokes and stories during rehearsals. My condolences to the family.

*Bob Caggiano
Hamburg, New Jersey*

Robert Michaels - February 13, 2020 at 02:33 PM

TF

“ Our sincere condolences to Barbara and family. Jack was such a big part of our neighborhood. He will truly be missed.

The Cornell Family - February 11, 2020 at 05:51 PM

VD

“ *Plases accept our expression of sympathy at the passing of Jack. This must be a very sorrowful and sad time.*

We at VMS remember the many occasions: concerts, individual and group classes and graduations where at Jack could always be found. He was such an integral participant with his personality and baton. I suspect the music in heaven is improved in his current residency.

All our colleagues; custodians, secretaries, teachers and administrators loved Jack as we know he loved us.

What a great pleasure to us all.

May God bless him ,you and his sons.

With Great Respect and Appreciation,

Lee and Vinny Dorsa

Vinny Dorsa - February 10, 2020 at 05:02 PM

JR

“ *Always a teacher, a true friend and kind soul. My sympathies to the entire family.*

Justine Riegel - February 05, 2020 at 10:02 PM

RS

“ My sincere condolences to Barbara and the VanAntwerp family. I am saddened to hear of Jack's passing. My fondest memory of Jack, is the way he could always manage to bring laughter to every encounter. I always looked forward to seeing him when our paths managed to cross. He was a gifted teacher and always managed to connect with his students with genuine interest in their lives as individuals. They were always more than just students. His life was a gift to all..
Bob Schutz.

Robert Schutz - February 05, 2020 at 09:20 AM

ED

Jack was a blessing in so many children's lives. He kept us all laughing. What a gift! I can still see him dressed as a British judge with a white fox stole over his head for his wig. Barbara, please take solace in knowing the positive impact he had on his colleagues, as well as the kids. Please accept my most sincere condolences.
Edie Arbus

Edie - February 05, 2020 at 06:01 PM

MR

I'm grateful I had the opportunity to know Jack, his positive attitude and slightly off color jokes always brightened my day. Barbara my deepest condolences to you and your family and know anything you need we're right down the street.

Matt R - February 05, 2020 at 10:41 PM

VM

“ One of the best. Loved his stories, witty humor, and friendly with his huge smile to all. Only good things were heard about Jack, never a bad word. A truly first class guy.
Vincent (Class of 59 RPHS) and Jo Ann Marino

vincent Marino - February 04, 2020 at 10:06 AM

TP

You contributed to many good times at VMS. Rest In Peace. Tina & Tom Perera

Thomas Perera - February 05, 2020 at 09:22 AM

KT

“*Rest in peace dear man, from all your "dogs" walking days. Kathie and Tim*”



Kathie and Tim - February 02, 2020 at 07:13 PM

DW

It has been a pleasure to have enjoyed many conversations with Jack over the years. We will truly miss his wonderful sense of humor and pleasant smile. Doug and Dawn

Doug Albasi and Dawn Wilda - February 06, 2020 at 02:31 PM