



John (Jack) Ardolina

February 26, 1936 - April 9, 2026

John Ardolina (Jack), 90, of Ulster Township, PA passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, April 9, 2026, with his beloved wife Patricia holding his hand.

Jack was born on February 26, 1936 in Irvington, New Jersey. Jack was an only child, and spent summers with his family at their cabin on Lake Walkill in New Jersey. At the age of 13 he was afflicted with polio before a vaccination was developed,

leaving him bedridden for two years and living in an iron lung for 6 months.

Jack met Patricia through a blind date, and on Easter Sunday many years ago, Jack asked Patricia to be his bride. Four children, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 65 years later, Jack proved his love and commitment to his beautiful wife and family. Originally from West Orange, working for Mitchell Supreme Oil Company, after having their fourth child, Jack and Patricia moved to a private community in Andover, New Jersey. And after 7 years of the quiet lake-life, they moved to Point Pleasant to be closer to family. Jack quit his job at Mitchell Supreme and started making furniture and custom built in cabinets, followed by installing baseboard hot water heat for several local builders. He became acquainted with the local contractor community and in 1980 built his first house. He built three more custom homes and was well known for his immaculately clean truck, which he drove home after work and washed every day.

In 1993, Jack and Patricia bought their 60-acre farmhouse in Pennsylvania.

They lovingly worked and restored their historical home for a year to turn it into Misty Meadow Farm Bed and Breakfast. Jack and Patricia antiques and opened their antique shop on the property also. Jack also made furniture and sold it out of the barn. Their bed and breakfast guests returned year after year. They also attended church at 'the little white church' where Patricia played the organ, and Jack sang in the choir.

Misty Meadow Farm became and has become a solace to Jack's entire family. Fishing in the pond, hanging out in the barn, and on the back porch, playing poker and Yahtzee.

For someone who was told he would never walk again, his motivation, determination, and desire to thrive were a driving force, not only for himself, but a character trait which has been passed on for three generations.

Jack leaves behind his loving wife of 65 years, Patricia; four children, Patricia Ardolina, Donna (Rich) Coletta, MaryEllen Russo, John (Kerri) Ardolina; his grandchildren Richard Horton, Patricia (Josh) Wall, Brittany (Darrell) Praver, Kenneth Minnes, Natalie Russo, Emily Russo; and five great grandchildren, Faith, Charlotte, Emelia, Makenzie, and Aria.

"Pay attention, You might learn something."

The family will receive friends Monday, April 13, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Third St. Towanda with Rev. Jose Kuriappilly, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will be in the Misty Meadow Farm Cemetery, Ulster Township, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

As per Jack's request, in lieu of flowers please make donations to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10306.

Cemetery Details

Misty Meadow Farm Cemetery

Ulster Township, PA 18850

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church
Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

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“ We had the pleasure of meeting Jack for the first time at the wedding of my daughter to his son John. What an amazing man! So talented and creative. His beautiful farm signified his love and creativity. Also so evident was his love for his beautiful wife Patricia and his family . So grateful to have met him. RIP JACK

Ronnie & Tony Desposito - April 12 at 10:33 AM

DH

“ Jack was one of my favorite customers!!! I always looked forward to my time with the "wise man" We are so sorry for your loss. Love n Light Donna & Cliff Peterson

Donna Peterson.Jack's ol hairdresser - April 12 at 05:53 AM

RD

“ Tony and I had the pleasure of meeting Jack at the wedding of our daughter Kerri to his son John. What an amazing man! We witnessed his incredible talents in so many aspects of his beloved farm. Also so evident was the love he had for his beautiful wife Pat and his love for his family.

RIP Jack. Ronnie & Tony Desposito

Ronnie & Tony Desposito - April 11 at 09:46 PM