



John A Volkmar

February 18, 1929 - March 13, 2019

John "Jack" Alfred Volkmar, 90, of Cornelius, NC passed away on March 13, 2019 at Novant Medical Center Huntersville.

He was born on February 18, 1929 in Greece, NY and the son of the late Alfred and Aurelia Siebert Vokmar of Greece, NY. He joined the Greece Ridge Volunteer Fire Department at age 18 in Greece, NY. He became the fire chief of the department and a Commissioner of the Fire District until 1981 when he, his wife and son moved to Charlotte, NC. He was part owner of Al Volkmar and Sons, a construction company in Rochester, NY until 1981 and then was hired as a construction foreman at Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, NC where he retired at 65, but stayed on as equipment operator. He retired at 81 years of age and enjoyed bowling and golfing.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carol Cuvelier Volkmar; four children, Stephen Volkmar and wife Marion of Germany, Kathleen Arreola and husband David of Fairborn, OH, Teresa Mattice and husband Tim of Rochester, NY, and Thomas Volkmar and wife Cynthia of Goose Creek, SC; brother, Kenneth "Butch" Volkmar and wife Beverly; beloved brother-in-law James Cuvelier and wife Sally of Big Island, VA; three grandchildren, Chris, Emily and Anthony; and three great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 2:00 PM, at St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, in the church narthex.

Burial with Military Honors will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 11:00 AM, at Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury, NC.

James Funeral Home is serving the family of Mr. Volkmar and online condolences can be made to jamesfuneralhomelkn.com

Cemetery

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Boulevard
Salisbury, NC, 28144

Events

MAR 18 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

St. Mark Catholic Church
14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC, US,
28078

MAR 18 **Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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MAR 19 **Graveside Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Salisbury National Cemetery
501 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury, NC, US, 28144

Comments



“ Teresa Volkmar Mattice lit a candle in memory of John A Volkmar



Teresa Volkmar Mattice - March 18 at 12:02 PM



“ He was the very first man I ever loved. My dad has been so important in my life. He taught me to see things as they are... not how I WISHED they were. He is truly missed. Love you, dad. Teresa

Teresa Volkmar Mattice - March 18 at 12:01 PM



“ My heart is broken and my glasses are so tear stained I cannot see. I grieve for the pain and the lost opportunities, and that I am unable to join loved ones due to circumstances beyond my control. But I can focus on tears and pain or celebrate the love and life of my father.

One of my favorite memories is climbing a tree at the home Dad was born in, that had been planted when he was born. I am sure while I climbed, that tree must have grown 10 feet taller! I listened from the lowest branch as he talked about his great grandfather Adam, who survived the shipwreck of a wooden 3 masted ship off the coast of NJ. (Who would know my Dad would help me grow roots and wings, and even be able to find the diver who found that shipwreck & even touch a piece of the bow someday!) But I was so scared up in that tree, because it seemed I could never get down. Dad said, "Jump, I'll catch you!" And he did, and he tried as best as he knew to keep encouraging me all his life.

Another favorite memory is when he and mom brought Sonny's BBQ on dry ice and helped us celebrate our daughter's adoption from China. But even long before that, I remember learning to mow the lawn by trying to follow in Dad's footsteps with my brothers & sister following him like a little parade.

He was an apprentice to a surveyor who died while Dad served in the US Army in Germany during the Korean Conflict as a Quartermaster. But the man died and Dad had to find a new direction for his career, starting Al Volkmar & Sons Paving Company. He told of the snow falling through the roof of the bombed out station in Frankfurt Germany and carollers singing Silent Night so peacefully...

Another favorite memory is of going to "work" with a big bag of candy, to watch them work over 400 degrees asphalt. Later Dad would come home with a loving story for mom about how he thought of her today, when he saw a beautiful sunrise. She would

paint that sunrise just as beautifully as he saw it.

I learned that sometimes life takes unexpected turns and you go on and try to stay close to God every day. It is hard to type all this on my phone, but I am proud of my father and his contributions to our country, to our community as a volunteer Firefighter, Chief and Commissioner, Little League Umpire, and to our family, teaching us bowling and baseball, among so many more important things.

Please hug each other and love and forgive. Dad's ship has sailed to another shore and we will miss him terribly until we all meet again.

John Volkmar's daughter - March 18 at 10:38 AM



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John Volkmar's daughter - March 18 at 10:40 AM



“ Donna Gonzales and the Chembion team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John A Volkmar.



Donna Gonzales and the Chembion team - March 18 at 08:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A Volkmar.



March 17 at 06:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A Volkmar.



March 17 at 02:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A Volkmar.



March 17 at 12:23 PM



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March 17 at 12:17 PM



“ Carol,
Barry and I were saddened to hear the news of Jack's death. He was a wonderful man and we will miss him very much.

With prayers,
Barry and Tricia McCaa

Tricia McCaa - March 16 at 09:00 PM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of John A Volkmar.



March 16 at 09:24 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A Volkmar.



March 16 at 08:37 AM



“ Distinguished Service Casket Spray was purchased for the family of John A Volkmar.



March 16 at 08:04 AM



“ Your Children, Grand Children, & Great Grand Children purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John A Volkmar.



Your Children, Grand Children, & Great Grand Children - March 15 at 07:57 PM



“ I would like to extend the sincere condolences on behalf of the men and women of the Greece Ridge Fire Department and Ridge Road Fire District to the entire Volkmar family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time as we too have heavy hearts with the passing of our Past Fire Chief and Past Fire Commissioner.

Steven Mills, Chief
Ridge Road Fire District
1299 Long Pond Rd
Rochester, NY 14626

Steven Mills - March 15 at 04:36 PM



“ The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

Breavement Ministry Team - March 15 at 10:07 AM