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John A. Corbett, Jr.



**November 26, 1932
July 29, 2015**

PORTLAND - John A Corbett, Jr., 82, died peacefully with family at his side on July 29th at his apartment at 75 State Street in Portland. A gentle and generous man, Jack died from one of his few bad habits: cigarette smoking, resulting in lung cancer.

Jack was born and raised with his sister Joan and cousin Larry Boyle in New Jersey. A star athlete at Westfield High School, he went on to play baseball at the University of Michigan and helped pitch the Wolverines to a national title in 1953. Unsure that he had enough zip on his fastball for the majors, he opted to get his MBA at NYU after college and committed to a career in management at Western Electric, then part of the Bell system. His career took him eventually to St. Louis Missouri where he helped raise his two sons, John and Tom, with his first wife, Kathy Corbett, who now lives in Gorham Maine. He later married Cheryl Haasch, who died in 2012, and became a very important person in the lives of her two sons, Matt and Knut. Jack continued playing sports after college, earning numerous golf club championships. One of his most cherished wins was when he paired up with his father-in-law, Joe Thomas, to win the father-son tournament at the Gorham Country Club in Maine. While he only lived in Maine for the last year of his life, the state was still very important to him. He pitched in the summer league for Farmington (1950-53) and spent many weeks each summer at the family camp on Sebago Lake. His many nieces and nephews cherish memories of exciting boat rides with Uncle Jack as well as his humor and talent for good-natured teasing. Jack died just ten days short of his granddaughter's wedding ceremony to be held on the shores of the lake, but he will certainly be there in spirit.

Jack will be lovingly missed by his sons John of St. Louis MO, Tom of Gorham ME and his step sons Matt Haasch of Newburgh NY and Knut Haasch of Omaha NE. He leaves behind seven grateful grandchildren, Bethany, Katie, Dan, Carrie, Chris,

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Palmer and Campbell, and two great grandchildren, Ellie and Libby. Jack will also be greatly missed by his cherished daughters-in-law: Susan, Laurie, Annie and Lisa. The family wants to thank the caring staffs of 75 State Street and Hospice of Southern Maine. You made Jack's life comfortable and peaceful to the very end. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made the University of Michigan's baseball team to help fund the spring and summer team activities that were so important to him. A link to the donation site can be found at Donation URL: <https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/basket/fund/303823>

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On behalf of everyone at The Woods at Canco, please accept our deepest sympathies in the loss of Jack. His time here in our community was short but I will always remember him fondly.

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