
John A. "Jack" Dawson

John A. "Jack" Dawson died peacefully at his Boca Raton home last Friday, February 26th. Born in East Orange, N.J. in 1933, he was the eldest of four siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents, John A. and Harriett L. Dawson and his brothers William J. and Robert J. Dawson. His sister, Mary Harcourt, lives in Westfield, N.J. Mr. Dawson was a minor league baseball player, a pitcher, for three New York Yankee farm teams: Olean, N.Y. Yankees; Joplin, Mo. Miners; and the Quincy, Ill. Gems. His baseball career began the spring following his 1951 high school graduation and was interrupted in 1953 by a twenty-month tour of duty in S. Korea and Japan with the US Army. He returned to the minors for the 1955 season, but an injury that August abruptly ended his baseball career. He enrolled at Syracuse University where he was president of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, graduating with a business degree in 1958. He spent the next thirty-three years with IBM, the last twelve of which as Sr. Consulting Instructor with the company's Customer Executive Program in Palisades, N.Y. He relocated to Boca Raton, Fla. in 1991 to help his mother take up residence at St. Andrews Estates; it was there that he would meet his future wife, Joyce Wutt. Jack became an active participant and leader in community life at St. Andrews Estates, first as president and, later, treasurer of the St. Andrews Estates Residents Association, North. He enjoyed researching and discussing with family and friends a wide range of topics, and was keenly interested in minor league baseball, world religious history, and the US medical care system. He taught Sunday school at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton, and served on the Board of Directors of Dearfield Associates, a marketing company founded by his late brother, Robert. In addition to his sister, he is survived by his wife, Joyce Wutt Dawson; a daughter, Jane Dawson Shang, of Greenwich, Conn.; a son, Paul Dawson, of Needham, Mass.; a step-daughter, Mary Wutt Piehl, of Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; a step-son, Mark Wutt of Indianapolis, Ind.; two sisters-in-law, Marion L. Dawson Carr, of Greenwich, Conn. and Joan Koltes of Boca Raton; ten grandchildren and four nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the auditorium at St. Andrews Estates-North, 6152 Verde Trail North, Boca Raton, Fla. Another service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton, Fla. Burial at the Sheboygan Falls Cemetery, Wis. will take place at a later date. Memorial gifts can be sent to ACTS Legacy Foundation (Jack Dawson Scholarship Fund), c/o ACTS SE Regional Office, 6051 Verde Trail South, Boca Raton, FL 33433 or to St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33429.

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