

## John Gilbert "Jack" Priest Jr.

### Obituary



*June 25, 2012*

Jack Priest passed away peacefully on June 25 at Upstate University Hospital following complications from a stroke. He received extraordinary care from the doctors and nurses on 9F and 10E. The family is very grateful for their love and support.

Jack was born on May 18, 1928, to Catherine Downes and John Gilbert Priest Sr. He graduated from Central High School in Syracuse. While there, he was a proud member of its Senate

Fraternity as well as its football team which went on to win the City Championship in 1945.

After high school, Jack continued his education and graduated from St. Bonaventure University. His first job out of school was with the FBI.

Subsequently, he served his country proudly in the Korean War as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Jack was the Executive Officer of Baker Company, consisting of 130 men. As a Forward Observer, he was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Company Stars, and a U.N. Service Medal.

Upon his return from the war, he became a district manager for Trailmobile. He later purchased and managed Priest Chevrolet, his successful dealership, and Marcellus Leasing. In addition, he served as Commissioner of Central Services for Onondaga County.

Jack was predeceased in 1998 by Phyllis Clavin Priest, his beloved wife of 45 years and devoted mother to their six children.

Throughout their lives together, nothing was more important to them than family. Jack and Phyllis raised their children in Marcellus and later moved to Skaneateles. In December of 1999, Jack married Joan Newlove and continued to reside in **Skaneateles**.

In 2003, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. No one has ever fought a more valiant battle against this affliction than Jack Priest. He continued his legendary daily walks and always said that he "was happy to be anyplace."

Jack is **survived** by his second wife, Joan; his six children, John Gilbert Priest III (Heidi), Sally Priest Harrison (Chris), Joseph Michael Priest (Margo), Patricia Priest Stapleton (John), Margrett Priest Lewis (Jeff), and Vincent Clavin Priest (Andrea). He is also survived by his three siblings, Donald Priest, Richard Priest, Edward Priest, 18 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; along with a large, loving circle of extended family and friends. Two Franciscan priests were longtime favorites of his:

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# HERBERT/BARRETT CEMETERY INFORMATION (Margaret Barrett Downes's family)

Assumption Cemetery  
2401 Court Street  
Syracuse NY

Verbatim from Cemetery Records. Information from gravestones in last column. My comments in italics.

Owner ID: 13397 (*Checked with cemetery. Owner is Marianna Herbert*)  
Location : Section A, Lot-21, G-1...12

*The Herbert Plot has a large base with a tall statue of St. Joseph on it. Joseph has a lily in one hand and the other hand raised with one finger pointed upward. This central marker has no dates on it. The name on it is "Herbert". Each person has his/her individual headstone as well, except where noted.*

	NAME	AGE	BURIAL DATE	INTERM	STATUS	GRAVE #	Comments or written on individual headstone
1	HERBERT, MARGARET A.	-	11/29/1947	-	O (OCCUPIED)	1	Born November 11, 1881 Died November 26, 1947 MOTHER
2	JOAN E BARLOW	-	4/19/1974	-	O	2	Joan F??? 1939-1974
3	HERBERT, JOHN	-	09/06/1905	-	O	3	Born October 9, 1837 Died September 4, 1905 FATHER
4	HERBERT, MARIANNA	-	08/11/1920	-	O	4	Born April 10, 1848 Died August 8, 1920 MOTHER. <i>There was a middle initial I think, Didn't write it down. "A"??</i>



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Make Me Love You  
Ever in Dreams  
All of My Dreams ✓  
One Day ✓

Are you Ever b. Lonely ✓

Ever in Dreams ✓

I am ~~not~~ worthy ✓

In any  
I get the blues. I.R. ✓

Love I with Sand  
~~Old Fash Lock & A Curl~~

MA ✓

OLD FASH LOCK & A CURL

Mercedi Rose ✓

Jealous

Naughty Wally ✓

My arm my  
The Sheik

March at Bali Bali

Beach at Bali Bali ✓

Words --- of Sally  
I had a girl - men forget

O Lord I am not W.

HARBOR LIGHTS

Chester on Me

10 Little Fingers

Make Believe

For me + my girl

It did you care for me

Are you  
Stream

I do

SOME  
OF  
J.F.D.'S  
MANY  
LIKE  
SONGS

I've got Love  
Bill Bailey  
Wally you ~~stand~~ form  
Plant Roll Blues  
Who's Sorry Now  
Belh a Ringing form me  
Wally you one night in N.Y.  
Alabama Jubilee  
Any time  
U made my love U  
Who's Sorry Now  
Sin to Tell a Lie  
You are the one who left  
Seeing Nellie Home  
Shanty Town  
after my Laughs  
Heart of My Heart  
your old wedding ring  
Beautiful Ohio ✓  
I HAD A DREAM DEAR

Walk in the Garden Alone  
Five foot two

OLD Rugged Cross

I am not worthy

All of me

Isle of Capri

It's the most beautiful  
I'll ever see