



John Allen "Jack" Copeland Jr.

February 20, 2012

John "Jack" Allen Copeland, Jr., 65, of Dublin, passed away February 20, 2012 at Riverside Methodist Hospital after a brief yet courageous fight against cancer. He was born in Sioux City, IA on August 23, 1946 to parents Lois Anne (Hansen) and John Allen Copeland, Sr., both US Army veterans, Lieutenant and Captain, respectively, who served in Europe during WWII. Jack graduated from Hinsdale Central High School in 1964 and Northern Illinois University in 1968. He had successful business careers in the food processing industry in both the Chicago and Columbus areas, retiring in 1998 as the VP and General Manager of Stephan Machinery Corp. As an engineer-at-heart and true entrepreneur, he formed several companies over the past decade. He was the most proud of his latest business, PorscheMesh. Jack was very creative and insightful with developing new after-market parts for Porsches and loved racing his own Porsche Cayman S in driver events at Mid-Ohio racetrack, although he did most of his racing at stoplights against easy targets. Since childhood, one of his favorite hobbies was designing and building radio controlled planes, cars and boats, one of which won an international award for its design and speed. He was a talented musician, self-taught 5 string banjo player and enjoyed performing in bluegrass jams throughout Central Ohio. He was an avid golfer, experienced fisherman and an aficionado of WWII history. Known for his charming disposition, Jack was well-loved by many friends and family. For many years, he participated with his daughters in Indian Princesses and was the Cubmaster of his son's Boy

Scout pack. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was nicknamed "Bean-pa" by his young granddaughter and since then all of his grandchildren called him "Bean-pa." There are many grandpas in the world, but there is only one "Bean-pa." As well as being a founding member of Wedgewood Golf and Country Club, Jack was a member of Northwest United Methodist Church and Mensa International. He is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 26 years, Rhonda (Houston) Copeland; his children Julie (John) Kelly of Orland Park, IL, Kelley (Phil) Lilly of Powell, and Jason Copeland of Lisle, IL; grandchildren Victoria and Josie Kelly, Megan, Elizabeth and Rebecca Lilly, and John "Jack" Copeland; parents, Lois and John Copeland of Ft. Myers, FL (formerly of Hinsdale, IL); brothers Wade (Bonnie) Copeland of Atlanta, GA and Victor (Mary Beth) Copeland of Willowbrook, IL; and many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 1-3 p.m. at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street (Powell Rd./St. Rt. 750/1/4 mile east of Sawmill Pkwy) Powell, Ohio with a memorial service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at www.umcor.org, or to your favorite charity. Condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Allen "Jack" Copeland Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Rhonda - So sorry to hear about your husband. You've been in our thoughts. Mari from exercise class*

Mari Seitz - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rhonda I was so sorry to hear about John. The few times that I met him (at Adria functions) I enjoyed his lively spirit and he was very personable. My prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time. Debbie Cohen*

Debbie Cohen - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rhonda, I just found out. There are no words. You and John were always true friends to us, and Lily and I have often thought about both of you. We had always assumed that John would live into his 90s. He was one of the most pleasant, easygoing, kind, fun people I have ever met. He never knew it, but he served as a role model for me -- the type of person who never allowed business hassles to get to him, who always had good humor no matter what the circumstances, who was always fair, engaging, and enthusiastic about whatever he did. If you are in Columbus for more than a short time and if you have time, please let me know and Lily and the kids and I will meet you wherever you like. Your friends, Bob and Lily*

Bob and Lily Ellis - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rhonda - You are in my thoughts and prayers. Chris Glock*

Chris Glock - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rhonda - Know that your workout buddies are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sonia Heminger - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM