



John Edward "Jack" Frankovich

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John Edward (Jack) Frankovich, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated educator, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loving family, on July 28, 2024. Born in Joliet, Illinois, on March 12, 1927, to Michael and Kathryn Frankovich, Jack lived a life full of service, love, and commitment to his community.

Jack was educated at St. Raymond's Catholic School and Joliet High School. Immediately after graduating high school, Jack served in the Army's 503rd Military Police Battalion in Italy at the end of World War II. After his service, he attended Joliet Junior College and Illinois State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education, and later the University of Illinois to earn his master's degree.

Jack began his teaching career at Washington Elementary School, where he taught deaf and hard-of-hearing students. It was there that he met his future wife, Cecilia Shay. They married on August 1, 1959, and together they raised two children, Mary and John. Jack later transitioned to teaching high school students, spending 30 years at Stephen Decatur High School until his retirement.

Jack's dedication to education and his students was evident throughout his career. He touched many lives with his kindness, patience, and unwavering support. He will be remembered by many for his artistic and musical talents, his wonderful sense of humor and his kind and gentle soul. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Cecilia, his children, Mary (Tim) Budreau and John (Janice) Frankovich, and his cherished grandchildren, Katie, Andrew, and Allison. He is survived by his sister-in-law Patricia Genta and many nieces and nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his parents-in-law Daniel and Anna Shay, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bill and Margaret Reedy, his brother-in-law Pete Genta, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Jim and Jane Shay, and his niece Colleen Legge.



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The family would like to express sincere thanks to the staff of HSHS Hospice and Synergy Home Care for their compassion and care.

Jack was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for 62 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church or to a charity of your choice.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday August 10, 2024, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with visitation one hour prior to the service. A graveside service will be held at St. Isadore Cemetery Bethany, IL.

Condolences can be left for the family at www.moranandgoebel.com






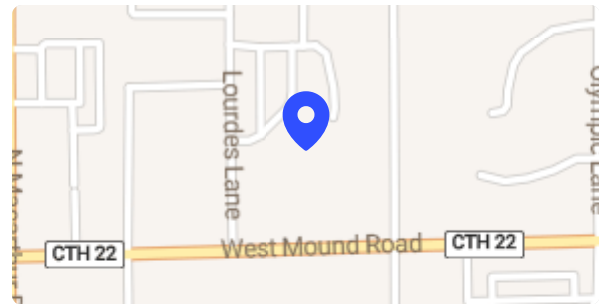
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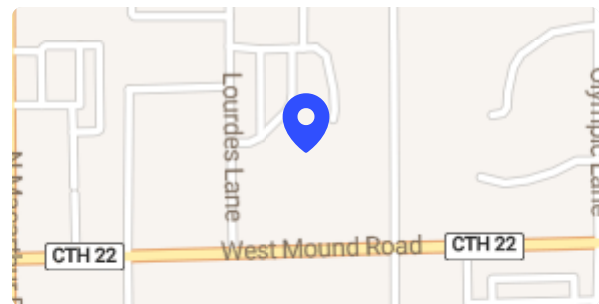
Visitation

-  **Saturday**, August 10, 2024
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
3850 Lourdes Drive, Decatur IL 62526




Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Saturday**, August 10, 2024
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Cemetery Details

-  **St. Isidore Cemetery**
Dalton City IL





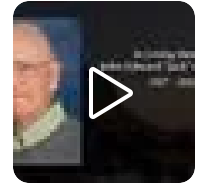
Tribute Wall

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Moran & Goebel Funeral Home And Cremation Services shared a **Video**.



August 9 at 3:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Frankovich family.



August 9 at 11:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Frankovich family.



August 8 at 3:36 AM



Ann Hammond posted:

Mr. Frankovich was my number one teacher when I was at Washington School when I was in sixth grade main streaming twice as the school didn't know what to do about heading to junior high which is was next to Washington School, John Hills Jr. High. Mr. Frankovich believes in me and they did finally let me go John Hills. Then time to start the high school for me and I was the only one be able to carry on to the next year class. Mr. Frankovich took me to SDHS and introduced me to the principal, Mr. Martin and the counselor, Mr. Davis to interview me and suggested that I could qualify to carried the full load starting my freshman year. Since I was the only student at that grade level so I had to go Washington School in the last period and took the cab to Mr. Frankovich's class for tutoring what I was learning at the high school class for a year. Then in Fall of 1961, they finally started a room for the older deaf/hard of hearing students at SDHS and the rest was history when he taught there for 30 years! If it wasn't for Mr. Frankovich, I don't know where I would be as he was the best teacher all through my 4 years at SDHS and I did graduated in 1965 and able took college level classes! I wanted thank God for a such a wonderful teacher and my mentor! My sincere Condolence to the family. Ann Wiley Hammond

August 5 at 12:06 PM



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Lori (Cooper) Smalley lit a candle in honor of John.

I was the student at Stephen Decatur High School in special Education also my husband Gary Smalley, Jr was the student too. Mr. Frankovich was a greatest teacher and good memories. We miss him..



August 2 at 4:57 PM



Julie Penne posted:

For more than 40 years, Jack and Ceil Frankovich and our parents, Joe and Mary Lou Penne, were the closest of friends. No matter if it was a Sunday night dinner, potluck group, picnic in Fairview Park, St. Patrick's Day celebration, new grandchild, illness, volunteer opportunity or coffee and dessert (or martinis) on the back porch, the conversation always was lively and laughter reverberated. Our parents prized their friendship with the Frankoviches more than words can describe. Likewise, the Frankovich kids, Mary and John, were cherished friends of the Penne kids, Julie, Joe and Sara. In short, we were family. Jack was so talented in art and music, so engaging in conversation and so much fun; his laugh was loud, genuine and infectious. We send our deepest sympathies to Ceil, Mary, John, Lou, Janice, Katie, Andrew and Allison. How lucky we were to grow up around Jack, and we will always remember him. -- Sarah Penne Villarreal and Julie Penne

August 1 at 4:34 PM



Julie Penne lit a candle in honor of John.

Julie Penne lit a candle in memory of John Frankovich



August 1 at 4:24 PM



Joe Thompson posted:

I was a student at Stephen Decatur high school. I have learned a great deal from him. He was more than a teacher he was a friend. He had a lot of faith in me. I'm blessed to have known him. He was the greatest teacher and friend I've ever been with.

August 1 at 5:14 AM



Jaymie Johnson posted:

He was such a sweet guy and I thoroughly enjoyed taking care of him. I will remember him forever and will miss him dearly. ❤️

July 31 at 1:03 PM



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Bob Jackson posted:

Jack and I first met and were members of the class of 1945 at Joliet Township High School...a good HS friend who kept up on each other's careers...his in education and mine in banking...he will be sorely missed by family and me...Robert "Bob" Jackson...Mt Dora, Florida...

July 31 at 12:18 PM



Media

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August 9 at 3:59 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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