

John (Jack) Patrick Kearns September 6, 1933 - June 19, 2021



Sacramento, California -
One of Sacramento's Finest,
Sacramento Police Department,
1956 to 1992.

A Sacramento native born to Patrick James Kearns, an immigrant from Galway, Ireland, and Ruth McDermott Kearns from a local Sacramento Irish family. Also predeceased by sister, Betty Kearns Soroka, and special niece Katie Lemihan, and other cousins. Jack lost his first wife and best friend Nancy Sharel Hunt Kearns in 2012.

He will be greatly missed by his most devoted advocate and loved wife Rosanne Coale Smith Kearns, also a Sacramento native (5th generation), whom he met in 2012 and married in 2013, Irish cousin Pat McFarland, and especially his loving extended Romanian immigrant family of Daniel and Mihaela Tafta and children, Kyla, Kenneth, Kayden and Kenan, all who loved him dearly with compassion and care for many years.

Jack attended Sacram

Heart, his beloved Christian Brothers High School and Sacramento City College. Later Sacramento State College, B.A. and M.A. and changing the rule so all who applied had the degrees in Law Enforcement, etc.

He proudly enlisted in USMC during the Korean War. Upon discharge in 1956, he joined the Sacramento Police Department following his father, Patrick.

Jack was addicted to athletics, football at Christian Bros. High School, boxing, baseball with his SPD friends, tennis and golf, getting his Hole In One at Bodega Harbour Links course. It was not unusual to see him working-out at the SPD gym facility which was his idea. Jack was a strong supporter of the Police Athletic League, he himself an avid boxing Champ in the USMC. The Youth Center at 3520 5th Avenue was built in 1985 and named the John P. Kearns Youth Center. He was a huge 49ers Faithful fan and joined his 49 faithful wife Rosanne watching all the games!

Jack has the honor of being called a "Cop's COP" by his fellow policeman.

His favorite activities were the infamous FIG BOWL, especially when the SPD Cops beat the Sheriff's Dept. When the Cops won, he was pushed down the mall in a wheelbarrow holding the huge trophy, by the losing team, often it was Sheriff Robbie Waters, his good friend.

He was very proud to be

Sacramento's Irishman of the Year and Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, because he was a very proud true Irishman!

The City of Sacramento Public Safety Center, dedicated to Chiefs Deise (Fire) & Kearns (Police) on Freeport Blvd. was named after Chief Jack Kearns, as his innovative idea to have SPD Safety centers in various neighborhoods.

He was very excited when the City Built the Police Memorial in Woodlake Park to honor fallen officers.

Many thanks go to his loving caregivers, Gloria Deniz and Sin Green and good friends Dick Zarzana and John Kane all very compassionate and faithful.

Jack leaves a legacy of great integrity, honesty and patriotism to his country and commitment to his friends, family, and community.

**SO TREASURE HIM,
LORD, IN YOUR PLACE
OF REST, FOR HERE ON
EARTH, HE WAS ONE OF
THE BEST!**

Sincere thanks to Pat Gornley Jr. for all his work in carrying out Jack's final wishes.

At Jack's request, no services will be held.

Any remembrances can be sent to: Christian Brothers High School, Brothers Memorial Program, 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Sacramento, CA, 95820. To leave a condolence message, a guestbook can be found at www.gornlevandsons.com.