



## Jack Crawford

May 22, 1946 - June 26, 2022

Crawford, Jack June 26, 2022 age 76. Beloved husband of 52 years to Mary (Mantalas); loving father of Jill and Kate; supportive father-in-law of Jason Kamman and Scott Gorsky; proud, doting, and beloved grandfather of Nicholas, Benjamin, and Teddy (and grand-dogs Stanley and Kona). Cherished uncle of Andrea and Dominic DiLoreto. Son of the late Jack and Ruth Crawford and brother of the late Karen Fulkerson.

Jack was a Michigander through and through. Born in Detroit, a resident of Southfield and Livonia and Novi, and a graduate of the greatest university in the world, The University of Michigan. Jack spent his entire professional career, other than a summer moving furniture and caddying, and two in an automobile plant - working for the bank formerly known as the National Bank of Detroit. Starting in a branch, he used his analytical, frugal mind to rise in the ranks. His daughters were impressed with the view from his office for watching parades, and Jack impressed his colleagues until his retirement at the age of 53.

For the last 23 years, he has been doing exactly what he wanted to do, almost every day. He was an avid reader, he played golf, he met friends for meals; he also watched every episode of NCIS, Blue Bloods, and Modern Family at least three times, worked around his home, and read at least read two newspapers a day while watching the markets. He loved watching sports, especially baseball, hockey, and college football, and he loved talking about sports with his family and friends.

Jack had a few favorite places that made him especially happy. His family's cottage up north in Lake City, where he slept on the screened in porch and "took a dip" in Lake Missaukee every day. Poipu, Kauai, where he loved the sound of the waves, snorkeling, spotting turtles and whales, and eating monchong. Michigan Stadium, where he sat in the same seats as a season ticket holder for 50 years.

But his favorite place to be - whether it was at one of those mentioned above, or at home - was spending time with his family, particularly his grandsons. He was delighted by them, and they him. He would lay on the floor to play, take them for walks, read to them, sit by

them at meals, let toddlers brush his hair and play with his glasses, and was really excellent at being Grandpa.

He had a contagious laugh and a calming, steady voice. He taught his daughters how to make scrambled eggs. He loved music, especially rock and roll. He was really fun at weddings. He wasn't the most patient, but he always gave solid advice and provided everyone in his life with quiet, reliable guidance. He was generous and kind.

He was simply the best. He will be missed forever by his family, who are crushed at his loss but so glad he was ours. Memorial visitation Wednesday, June 29, 2022 from 3-7 pm at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave. Novi (248) 348-1800. Celebration of Life will be Thursday June 30, 2022 at 11 am at the Meadowbrook Country Club 40941 Eight Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167 with luncheon to follow the celebration In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Alzheimer's Association or any Veteran organization. Expressions of sympathy [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home  
41555 Grand River Ave  
Novi, MI 48375  
[info@obsfh.com](mailto:info@obsfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ I have known Jack since our high school days in Detroit. Even though Karen & I moved to the West Coast in the early 1980's, I made it a point to stay in touch, and our friendship has spanned 50 years.

We shared many life experiences involving career, family, travel, and a good round of golf now and then. Jack was successful, smart, kind, generous, and fun to be with! My wife, Karen, and I always made it a point to visit Jack & Mary when we were in the Detroit area, and vacations with them at Lake Missaukee, Las Vegas, Cancun, and Lake Tahoe are treasured memories.

Mary, Karen & I share our heartfelt sympathy with you, Jill, Kate, and your beautiful family.

Steve Sloan

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Steve Sloan - June 29 at 12:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Crawford.



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June 28 at 07:06 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jack Crawford.



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June 28 at 09:55 AM

RB

“ I worked with and, for a short time, reported to Jack at the bank and also associated with him at Meadowbrook over the past 25 years. He was one of the brightest people that I knew and usually had a unique and extremely insightful perspective on issues--business or otherwise. Just an extremely interesting person and a very good guy.

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Randy Balluff - June 28 at 07:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Crawford.*



June 28 at 07:06 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Crawford.*



June 27 at 09:07 PM

LR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**Larry Rose** - June 27 at 08:07 PM

LC

“ *Lou, Suz, Andrea, Emily, Whitney + Clem purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jack Crawford.*



**Lou, Suz, Andrea, Emily, Whitney + Clem** - June 27 at 06:34 PM

HW

“ *Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. Jack was a great friend to Len who passed away in 2017. He sat on those seats next to Jack at Michigan stadium. They both loved the University of Michigan.  
You have many great memories that will comfort you. I know from experience.  
Love to you and your family.*

**Hope West** - June 27 at 04:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jack Crawford.



June 27 at 04:19 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Jack Crawford.



June 27 at 03:43 PM

SG

“ *I have countless fond, funny memories of Jack over the many years I knew him. Above all, I'm grateful for the way he made me feel part of the family through his kindness, generosity, and love, particularly for our son, Teddy. Watching him play with Teddy at Wrigley Field only a few weeks ago will be a cherished memory. He was a good man, a wonderful Grandpa, and I will miss him dearly.*

**Scott Gorsky** - June 27 at 03:20 PM

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**Scott Gorsky** - June 27 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Jack Crawford.



June 27 at 02:20 PM