



## Jack Edmond Potts

December 17, 2022

Jack Edmond Potts, 89, of Monroeville, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 17, 2022.

Jack was born in Pittsburgh on April 18, 1933, to the late Helen Bergman Potts and Samuel Merle Potts. He is preceded in death by his brother, M. Dean Potts, and sister, Nancy P. Hutton. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marsha; his children, Marcia (Richard) Smith, Jeffrey (Terry) Potts, Melinda (Fred) Geiger, Jonathan (Maggi) Potts, Jayme (John) Cherry, and Beth (Brian) Gregg; his grandchildren, Andrew Smith, Stephen (Kayla) Smith, Jason Potts, Ryan (Lauren) Potts, Brandon (Grace) Potts, Lucy Potts, Ian Potts, Molly Potts, John Cherry, Jacqueline Cherry, James Cherry, Josephine Cherry, Ella Gregg, Ethan Gregg, and Emerson Gregg; as well as five great-grandchildren. After graduating from Greensburg High School, receiving a business administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and serving in the U.S. Army, Jack followed the footsteps of his father and brother into the grocery industry. He began his career at A&P and retired at age 72 from Giant Eagle, where he felt privileged to work with the independent store owners, who were not only his colleagues, but also his cherished friends. In his corporate life he was known for his dedication, caring nature, kindness to and respect for others, and his sense of humor and infectious smile.

Jack was a loyal, longtime member of Monroeville United Methodist Church, where he volunteered, served on numerous committees, and where he married Marsha, his best friend. He was an enthusiastic fan of Pittsburgh sports and was eager to attend games whenever he had the opportunity; especially college football, which always involved tailgating with good food and interaction with fellow fans. Jack also loved attending theatrical performances and the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops, having dinner out with friends, taking scenic car rides, and vacationing. While he was fortunate to travel to many interesting and distant locations, Jack's "happy place" was Sugarcreek, Ohio, where he and Marsha enjoyed frequent weekend getaways, both alone and with others. Jack loved sharing his life with Marsha. They could frequently be found dancing in the kitchen, watching television together under a blanket in their double chair, and holding hands wherever they went, even in recent years as Jack's health declined. Although Alzheimer's stole his memory and much of his personality, Jack remained both a gentleman and a

“gentle man” to the very end.

Family and friends will be received from 4-8pm on Tuesday, December 27th at GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC., 4335 Northern Pike, Monroeville. A funeral service will be held at 11am on Wednesday, December 28th at Monroeville United Methodist Church, 219 Center Road, Monroeville, followed by a luncheon. (Everyone please meet at the church). A private burial will be held at Blairsville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or to Monroeville United Methodist Church. Condolences may be made at [www.corlfuneralchapel.com](http://www.corlfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.  
4335 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 372-2100  
ghcorl@comcast.net  
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

## Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monroeville United Methodist Church  
219 Center Road  
Monroeville,, PA 15146

*Everyone please meet at the church.*

# Tribute Wall

MS

“Cliff and I send our deepest sympathy to Jack's entire family. We are so sorry to hear about your loss and will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We know he was faithful to MUM church where we first met him. He was a faithful attendee and an active participant in the activities of the church. He was always there with his family so we knew the importance of developing his faith and serving GOD. He always spoke to us with that gentle smile and certainly made us feel good. Although this is a difficult time for all of you and for all of us whose lives Jack touched, we know that GOD will give us the strength and courage to continue life's journey because Jack is part of us.

*Heartfelt sympathy and love, Marilyn and Cliff Sheaffer*

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**Marilyn Sheaffer** - December 28, 2022 at 01:15 AM

DK

“Marsha, Marcia, Jeff, Melinda, Jonathan, Jayme, Beth, and families, Joanne and I were deeply saddened when Marcia called to inform us of Jack's death. Please accept our deepest sympathy in your bereavement. You have been and continue to be in our prayers. Jack was a good man and was always kind and loving to my parents and our family. We are sorry that we will not be able to attend his service, as we are both in the recovery stages of Covid. We will be with you in spirit. In sympathy and love, Don and Joanne Kress

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**Don Kress** - December 27, 2022 at 10:18 AM

LI

“Jayme and Beth and families, Jim and I send our deepest sympathies and most fervent prayers to ALL of you. Our hearts are heavy with you as you remember a man who was so important to everyone. He was a good and faithful servant-a Job we'll do e with his girls. We pray for your strength in the days ahead.

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**Leslie Wian Ingalzo** - December 25, 2022 at 09:54 PM

PS

“To Jack's family -- Marsha and good friends Marcia, Jeff, Melinda, Jon and spouses: we stand with you as you mourn Jack's passing, and we join you in the celebration of a wonderful life and his great legacy. We wish you Christmas blessings and God Speed. Pat Sheehan and the Sheehan family (Rob, Tim, Colleen and spouses).

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**Pat Sheehan** - December 23, 2022 at 01:15 PM

TI

“ I was Jacks nurse for a short time at Homewood. Jack was such a sweet man with such an infectious smile. He will be so missed! Marsha and family my deepest condolences, sending love and prayers!

Tiera - December 23, 2022 at 03:53 AM

JJ

“ Jack was a great guy. Worked with him at Giant Eagle for 18 years, had many good times. Last time we saw Jack an Marcia was in their favorite place, Sugarcreek Ohio, ran into them at a restaurant.

Jim Johnson - December 22, 2022 at 10:36 AM

CP

“ The words, kind, gentleman, gentle man and infectious smile are just a few used to describe Jack but are so true! His love & devotion to his family was ever evident and precious. We feel blessed & honored to have known him as a friend and neighbor. Missed by all here but heaven gained a gentle giant of an angel! We are holding Marsha and the whole family in our prayers for God’s tender care.

Chip & Cindy Pope - December 21, 2022 at 09:48 AM

JC

“ Dear Marsha & Family, I had the privilege of knowing Jack for several years. His gentle disposition will always be in my memory. No one knows the time when God will call us back to Him; but I am sure that Jack was ready when God said “Well done my good and faithful servant”. I regret that I am not able to be with you at this time, but please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jack was remembered, by name, at Mass this morning. Love all of you. 🙏

Joseph Cherry/St Theresa Church/Jamaica - December 20, 2022 at 08:28 PM