



## John F. "Jack" Robie

February 13, 1963 - January 6, 2015

John F. "Jack" Robie, age 51, a longtime Kirtland Hills resident died, Tuesday January 6, 2015 at home. He was born February 13, 1963 in Chicago, IL.

Jack had various jobs including musician, teacher, tutor and craftsman. He was a graduate of University of Notre Dame, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He enjoyed singing, playing his guitar and the piano.

Survivors include his parents Dr. Richard R. and Trudy (McShane) Robie of Kirtland Hills; siblings Mary (Wayne) Duignan of Kirtland, Veronica (Brian Stasiewicz) Robie of Chicago, IL, Killian (Lynne) Robie of Brecksville, Regina (Steve MD) Gallo of Western Springs, IL, Patrick (Debi) Robie of Chardon and Todd Robie of Mentor; 13 nieces and nephews: Evan, Claire, Matthew, Killian, Ryan, Jeffrey, Nicholas, Grace, Jillian, Stephen, Peter, McKenna and Megan.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 am on Monday January 12, 2015 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio.

The family will receive friends from 1-5 pm Sunday January 11, 2015 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH. 44060 and 10 -11am Monday at the church.

Contributions may be made to Christ Child Society or a charity of your choice.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church  
8560 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3404  
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

## Funeral Mass

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church  
8560 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3404  
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I can't believe Jack is gone. I met Jack 11 years ago while I was out knocking doors as missionary for my church. I was a young missionary and Jack instantly let us into his home. He didn't join my church but we had a great time talking about religion, philosophy, music and life in general. I only knew him for about 2 months before I moved, but he had a lasting impression on my life. I didn't know he had passed but I began thinking about him and did a simple Google search and found he had passed. I still have his business card that he gave me all those years. We truly have lost someone great in this world, but his life will continue to shine through those who knew him. Jack thanks for the kind person you were and are, you will be missed.

-Donovan Huffman

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**Donovan Huffman** - March 05, 2015 at 10:21 AM

TW

“ I’m very saddened to learn of Jack’s passing and I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to the entire Robie Family. Jack was a special companion and member of our Notre Dame class and St. Edward’s Hall Community. He enriched our lives with his unique combination of gentleness, humility, kindness, and compassion for others. Jack was also a counterbalance to the stresses and anxieties of daily college life; he helped put things into proper perspective and his philosophy & way of life were both inspirational and wise beyond his years, for which I’m most grateful. I can recall many moments of laughter shared together and spirited racquetball matches played at the Rock. Of course, Jack’s musical skills were legendary and his amazing command of the electric guitar was a sight & sound to behold. Jack’s jam sessions in St. Ed’s Hall were legendary, akin to Bob Dylan’s Basement Tape Sessions with The Band (slight exaggeration). God bless you Jack. You touched our lives many wonderful ways and we will cherish you in our memories.

*Tom Woidat*

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**Tom Woidat** - January 22, 2015 at 08:20 PM

TW

“ Jack, Bernie Thiel and I were inseparable during our elementary years at St. Marys. I will always remember his thoughtful and pensive approach to things, which he often used to dupe you into one of his dry and witty jokes. I will always remember you Jack and the great person that you were.

*Tom Weber  
Chapel Hill, NC*

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**Tom Weber** - January 15, 2015 at 07:28 PM

NF

“ My deepest sympathies and prayers are with the entire Robie family for the loss of your dear Jack. I echo the words of my fellow ND alumni - Jack was a gentle soul, kind and talented. I can still picture him walking across campus en route to class or North Dining Hall, wearing his green plaid shirt and jeans. He always shared his warm smile and friendly "hello". We were blessed to have known him. I hope your memories of happy times spent with him provide you strength. Respectfully, Nancy Fitzpatrick

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**Nancy Fitzpatrick** - January 14, 2015 at 04:46 PM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Roby Family. Jack was such a special member of our 1985 Notre Dame/St. Edward's Hall class. He always had a kind word to say and a smile on his face. We were very fortunate to have Jack in our lives. We will certainly keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers,

*Jim Sowar*

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**Jim Sowar** - January 13, 2015 at 10:41 PM

JH

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to all of you. I lived with Jack in St. Ed's hall for four years and remember him as someone with a warmth and kindness that is uncommon in most kids , especially an 18yr old college freshman. His love of music was inspiring, it was a gift that I was privileged to witness on many occasions and I can still see him playing "little Pink Houses" with Mike Muldowney at the Mr. Campus contest at SMC in ' 85.

*May God bless you and help you heal. May Jack's Gentle spirit be remembered.*

*Peace, Joe Hart '85*

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**Joe Hart** - January 12, 2015 at 08:14 AM

TR

“ As Doug, Henry, others have said, the memories keep coming in waves, it is as if Jack is flowing through us, talking to us all right now. The simple memory/image I will share is the winter evening walks we would take across campus, bundled up with hoods and hats, trudging through the snow, frigid, yet quiet and crisp, maybe talking about life, or Dylan, maybe silence, certainly trying to not think about studies as we approached The Rock to go play some late night racquetball and forget about everything else for a while. Four years of High School followed by 4 years of college with my dear friend Jack is a treasure I can't describe. Jack defines goodness. Jack taught me important lessons in life. I miss him terribly. He feels close right now. The Robie family is an amazing clan, my deepest sympathies Dr. and Mrs, Mary, Veronica, Killian, Regina, Todd and Pat.

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**Tom Reidy** - January 11, 2015 at 11:44 AM

MD

“ It's been about 30 years since I was first so blessed to meet the Robie family when I attended JCU with Mary. I recall a trip we made to Notre Dame college for a fun football weekend, I recall visiting the Robie family home and having preparations for bridal and baby showers. Jack was part of that blessing for me to know the Robie family. I did not know any of the members as well as I did Mary, but remember how comfortable and happy it was to be around all of them. My heart aches for all of you in the physical loss of Jack - your son, your brother, your uncle whose presence will forever remain in your hearts. May his smile, his laugh, his kind nature, loving personality and character be what defines his lifetime, celebrated and kept alive in your memories. My most heartfelt sympathy and prayerful thoughts for all of you.  
Marlita (Mazzocco) DiVencenzo

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**Marlita R. DiVencenzo** - January 11, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John F. "Jack" Robie.



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January 10, 2015 at 04:52 PM



“ Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of John F. "Jack" Robie.



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January 10, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John F. "Jack" Robie.*



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January 10, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to uncle Dick, Aunt Trudy and family on the loss of Jack. The world lost a great talent and wonderful person who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*  
*Phyllis & Al Smith & Family*

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**Phyllis & Al Smith** - January 10, 2015 at 12:57 PM



“ *My family expresses their deepest sympathy on the loss of my brother Greg's long time friend. May God's loving arms be around the Robie family during this difficult time.*

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**Michele Smolik Kline** - January 10, 2015 at 05:59 AM



“ *Saddened by your loss. May God comfort you during these days.*  
*Thoughts & Prayers*  
*Jay and Jan Cahill*

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**John J Cahill, PA-c** - January 09, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John F. "Jack" Robie.*



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January 09, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *Though 30 years have passed, I'm immediately drawn back to St. Ed's Hall as if it were yesterday, enjoying Jack's company. I see the passion on Jack's face as he sings a song accompanied by his guitar. A gentle, calm, and deep soul. I don't know why the good die young, but heaven has certainly gained a gem. May Jack's peace comfort his parents, siblings, and all who carry his loss in this difficult time. God speed.*

*Tom Comer ND'85, Buffalo, NY*

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**Tom Comer** - January 09, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ *I knew Jack as a very smart, patient and fun loving friend. In high school he taught me a better, more interesting way to study and retain what we were learning. I truly believe his influence was directly related to increasing my GPA a point or two! The memories keep coming. High school soccer, taking an injured bird to the Holden Arboretum to be nursed back and visits from the Notre Dame boys to Bowling Green to "blow off a little steam" after finals are just a few. Thank you Jack! My prayers are with the Robie family.*

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**Henry Forbush** - January 09, 2015 at 11:50 AM

EZ

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Robie family.*

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**Ed & Chris Zukowski** - January 09, 2015 at 10:04 AM

RF

“ *I have fond memories of Jack while we were all growing up... his sister Mary and I were close friends in high school and a sleepover at the Robie's was never dull! One night comes to mind in the winter when Mary and I were in the house and Jack and the rest of the boys decided since we weren't going outside for a snowball fight they started they would bring the snowballs into the house! Jack was a wonderful person and Jim (my husband) and I will miss him and my heart goes out to all of you, his family and friends at your loss. R.I.P Jack. He playing and singing those songs in heaven now.*

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**Rose Fiorta** - January 09, 2015 at 09:03 AM

MW

“ *To be remembered as a kind and caring person by so many is a wonderful legacy to leave behind. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Robie family.*

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**marybeth Wantz** - January 09, 2015 at 08:57 AM

MM

“ *I recall St. Ed's 2nd Floor Wing 1984/85 like it was yesterday. Procrastinating from studying was easy when Jack had his guitar out, whether is was Sultans of Swing, Wonderful Tonight, Back Where we Started or any other electric guitar lead that he had mastered. A great, talented gentle man he was. As kind as they come. My condolences to all the Robies, especially his beautiful sisters, Veronica and Regina. - Mike Muldowney*

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**Michael Muldowney** - January 09, 2015 at 08:35 AM

LV

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the Robie family. Jack was a wonderful person!*

*Laurie Viviani*

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**laurie viviani** - January 09, 2015 at 08:31 AM

BT

“ *I was lucky to have known Jack and been his friend for many, many years. We spent so many great times together growing up, times I'll never forget. I'll always remember his smile, his offbeat sense of humor, his intellect, and his amazing musical talent. Some of my fondest memories are those of playing with Jack in our first rock band in freshman and sophomore years of high school. Jack was the true leader of that band, showing us all how it was done and making us laugh along the way. Jack was a major part of my life and an inspiration in many ways, and I'll miss him deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with him and the entire Robie family.*

*Bernie Thiel*

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**Bernie Thiel** - January 09, 2015 at 08:26 AM

TA

“ *My condolences to the Robie family. I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Tim Armelli** - January 09, 2015 at 05:50 AM

DP

“ *Athletic, musical, artistic, smart, ect so many adjectives to describe a great guy the world is a lesser place without Jack. Thoughts and prayers to the Robie Family*

*Dan Parent*

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**Dan Parent** - January 09, 2015 at 05:13 AM

BV

“ *Mary I'm so very sorry to hear about your brother. May god bless him. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Betty and Steve*

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**betty verba** - January 08, 2015 at 11:26 PM

KF

“ *My condolences to the family. Jack and my son, Brian became friends when they worked together at Holden Arboretum years ago. He was a frequent visitor at my house over the years and we always enjoyed the music and fun he brought with him, I always knew he'd visited even when I didn't see him because all the instruments in the house would be in tune. Music and deep discussions - I will miss him immensely. So saddened by this. Jack, may you be at peace and I know I'll be seeing you somewhere down the line.*

*Kathy Flanagan*

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**Kathy Flanagan** - January 08, 2015 at 09:58 PM

KI

“ One of the most treasured mementos of childhood is a photo of Jack holding a bluegill, the first fish I ever caught. On a summer morning he retrieved some corn kernels to use as bait from a jar of leftovers in the refrigerator, then gathered the rest of the needed gear and lead the way through woods across the street to a small lake. After tying the line to a convenient stick and baiting the hook he offered me the first cast. It was not long before a firm tug was felt and then a fish lifted squirming from the water. With four older brothers, it was nearly impossible to be the first to achieve anything, but with Jack's help and a plastic instamatic that glorious moment was recorded. It was the high point of that trip, that summer, that year - a wildlife adventure. I wonder if Teddy Roosevelt bagging big-game on safari felt as much elation or if he had a guide as skilled and as intrepid as Jack.

*Kieran*

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**Kieran** - January 08, 2015 at 09:46 PM

LT

“ It is no wonder that we are all so saddened by this loss. A wonderful person has been taken from our midst. We miss you, John. May you always be at peace, and may you always be surrounded by the best music. Our condolences to the entire Robie family.

*Lydia and Bernard Thiel*

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**Lydia and Bernard Thiel** - January 08, 2015 at 09:13 PM



*God bless the entire Robie family. I am so sorry for your loss. We will always remember Jack's beautiful smile and his kind soul. He is God's embrace and singing with the angels.*

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**Suzanne Bartolotta** - January 08, 2015 at 09:51 PM

AS

*I am so very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I had the privilege of practically growing up with Jack, as he and my brother spent so much time together. I will always remember Jack as being so kind and smart and funny. He had a beautiful smile. My condolences to the Robie family and all of Jack's friends. I pray that you find comfort in the love and support of each other, your faith, and the knowledge that Jack is at peace.*

*Angela Thiel Sullivan*

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**Angela Thiel Sullivan** - January 10, 2015 at 02:46 PM

TR

*As Doug, Henry, others have said, the memories keep coming in waves, it is as if Jack is flowing through us, talking to us all right now. The simple memory/image I will share is the winter evening walks we would take across campus, bundled up with hoods and hats, trudging through the snow, frigid, yet quiet and crisp, maybe talking about life, or Dylan, maybe silence, certainly trying to not think about studies as we approached The Rock to go play some late night racquetball and forget about everything else for a while. Four years of High School followed by 4 years of college with my dear friend Jack is a treasure I can't describe. Jack defines goodness. Jack taught me important lessons in life. I miss him terribly. He feels close right now. The Robie family is an amazing clan, my deepest sympathies Dr. and Mrs, Mary, Veronica, Killian, Regina, Todd and Pat.*

*Tom Reidy*

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**Tom Reidy** - January 11, 2015 at 09:44 AM

DW

“*Jack was always such a wonderful friend. Such a warm and caring person. Great memories keep flowing through me in waves. We will all miss you buddy. Watch over us until we meet again. My deepest sympathy to all the Robie family.*

*Doug White*

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**Doug White** - January 08, 2015 at 08:11 PM

PM

“ *Great memories of a great man! You will be missed Jack- keep watch over us and rest in peace.*  
*Patty Marshall*

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**Patty Marshall** - January 08, 2015 at 06:53 PM

JP

“ *Prayers to the Robie Family.....Jack seemed to have a very calm and warming soul. Much love till we see him again.*

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**Janis Pinzone** - January 08, 2015 at 06:02 PM

MC

“ *Jack was an unusually kind, thoughtful person. A friend to anyone. You're already missed Jack. Sending prayers to friends, loved ones and family.*

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**Michael T. Creadon** - January 08, 2015 at 04:58 PM

JR

“ *He was a wonderful friend, caring, smart, funny, and was an excellent pianist and guitarist. I had the pleasure playing with Jack from elementary school through to our college years. I will miss your humor and smile my friend. My deepest sympathy to the Robie family.*

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**Jim Rigo** - January 08, 2015 at 04:20 PM



“ *So kind, caring and the most genuine soul...rest in peace and watch over us Jack.*

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**Don Buk** - January 08, 2015 at 03:40 PM

JE

*My condolences to the Robie family. Jack was a great athlete, musician and friend. So very kind. RIP Jack*

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**Jeffreymcox** - January 08, 2015 at 03:50 PM

AG

*Our condolences to the family. Jack was a great guy...very fond memories...RIP Jack.*

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**Annie (Hendl) Granchi** - January 08, 2015 at 04:15 PM

JP

*Blessings to all. Jack was a lovely and generous friend and musician. I will miss him and am sending prayers for a peaceful journey.*

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**Jody Johnson Pignolet** - January 08, 2015 at 04:24 PM