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**John L. "Jack" Leech**



Leech, John L. 'Jack'

May 23, 1924 - August 10, 2014

John Lyman Leech (Jack) was called home to our Lord on the evening of August 10, 2014 in Sarasota. He was born on May 23, 1924, to John and Marion Leech (deceased) in Zion, Illinois. He was younger brother to Jean Davis (deceased) and older brother to Audrey Neave (deceased).

Jack was a dedicated and loving husband of sixty-nine years, to Eleanor Leech. Together they were members of Laurel Oak country Club, where they enjoyed golf, playing bridge and dining. He was an avid sport fan who loved his Chicago Cubs and Bears.

Jack had a beautiful voice and loved to sing, especially hymns at Grace Baptist Church. He had many friends from his Sunday School class. Faith in Jesus Christ was one of the many blessings he passed on to his family.

He was a generous and wonderful father to Bobbie Dean and her husband Jim, Beverly Sprague, who was called home before him, and her husband Arthur (Buzz), and Marti Fox and her husband Bob. He was a proud and kind Papa to Mick Dean, Kelly Rhodes , Molly Kays, Jasper Fox, and Sadie Fox. He was also an adoring Great-Papa to Lilly Dean, Kai Rhodes, and Rylie Kays. John received a Bachelor's degree at the [University of Illinois](#), a Master's degree at Cal Tech, and also studied at Northwestern. He attended Officer Candidate School at the University of Notre Dame for the [United States Navy](#), which he served during [World War II](#).

John worked for Atlantic Refining Company, Monsanto Chemical Company, and Universal Oil Products, where he attained the level of corporate president before retiring in 1981 and moving to Florida.

In lieu of flowers, Jack's family has requested that donations be made on his behalf to Tidewell Hospice or Grace Baptist Church of Sarasota.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Baptist Church, 8000 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 22. A luncheon will be provided for family and friends following the service.

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