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John "Jack" Small, Born April 18, 1934 Died January 7, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of John Thomas Small (Mililani, Hawaii), who passed away on January 7, 2025 at the age of 90, leaving to mourn family and many friends.

He was predeceased by his adopted father George and his mother Florence Small. He lost his biological father (Elmer) Crawford at the age of two when Crawford crashed his airplane. He is survived by his wife of 70 years Ellen; his brother George; his son Bob (Liane); grandchildren Randy (Lauri) and Kyle; and nieces and nephews.

John, better known as Jack, was born and raised in Ottawa, Illinois. He worked at his father's Phillips 66 Service Station and the glass factory. He married his childhood sweetheart Ellen in 1954. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1956. After completing his military service, he was hired by United Airlines and moved to the Chicago suburbs to be near his O'hare airport office where he would spend the remainder of his working days. He loved horse racing, the Chicago Bears, White Sox, Blackhawks and the Bulls. He enjoyed swimming, golfing, bowling and playing basketball. In 2017 John and Ellen moved to Mililani, Hawaii to escape the cold winters and join their son Bob, his wife Liane and grandchildren. Always a gentleman, he loved his wife, family and friends. He immensely enjoyed discussing sports, playing poker and eating pie, ice cream, pizza and a good burger or steak. John eagerly read the newspaper every day. He will be fondly remembered and missed.

Services are private. No flowers or donations.

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to the family, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

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DA

Dawn Ahearn posted:

Uncle Jack you will be missed.. It was always great to have you for Thanksgiving. Denny said he will never forget when we csme to visit. You sat in the chair of our place looking at Pearl Harbor. May you rest in heven..sympathy snd prayers Aunt Ellen snd Bob and family.

January 14 at 7:03 AM

DA

Dawn posted:

Uncle Jack you will be missed. Always enjoyed when you came to Thanksgiving. Denny said he will slwsys remember when we visited in Hawaii. You sat in our room overlooking Pearl Harborand stared out saying how beautiful. Then had a steak dinner for us. May you rest in heaven. Love you

January 14 at 1:12 AM

DE

Dennis posted:

Jack you were my hero, living and loving life till the end. It was a pleasure to know you and share good times. You will be missed by all that knew you. See ya later, aloha.

January 13 at 11:58 PM

HY

Hyman Mark Young posted:

To a good friend that anybody has ever had, you will be missed, love Hyman Mark Young

January 13 at 12:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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