



Vincent J. Foresta

August 26, 1928 - April 4, 2020

Vincent J. "Jack" Foresta, 91, husband of Mary Jean (Keen) Foresta, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2020 surrounded by his family. Born on August 26, 1928 in Phoenixville, he was the son of the late Anne (Chermak) and John Foresta.

A graduate of Phoenixville High School, Jack attended Gettysburg College before beginning his career at his father's slaughter house. He then went to work for Roberts Meat Packing and later for his uncle at his butcher shop on Church Street. In 1973 Jack opened Foresta's Market at its present location on West Bridge Street.

Jack was an avid golfer, past President of the Phoenixville Jaycees and enjoyed spending time at his home in Avalon, NJ, over the last 40 years. A loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jack loved following the lives of his family. He enjoyed scrolling through facebook, and he and Mary Jean were blessed to celebrate 70 years of marriage in February.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Foresta is survived by his children: Jean Ann Saville, of King Of Prussia, J. Scott, husband of Cathy Foresta, of East Pikeland and Jennifer K. Foresta, wife of Kevin Sterritt, of East Pikeland; grandchildren: Bradley, husband of Kelli Saville, Kelly, wife of Michael Kilian, J. Christian, husband of Ashley Foresta, Mark, husband of Brittany Foresta,

Jacy Sterritt and Geena Sterritt; and great-grandchildren: Laurel, Corinne and Mila Kilian, Chase Saville, and Josephine, Jase, Jackson and Jude Foresta; and sister: Marie Crothers, of Florida. He was preceded in death by a sister: Shirley Dawson.

Funeral Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jack's name to a charity of choice. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Umbach Family lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. Foresta*



The Umbach Family - April 15, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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The Umbach Family - April 15, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PJ

“ *Mrs. Foresta, Jean Ann, Scott, & Jennifer.... just found out about your husband/father's passing & wanted to extend my sincere sympathy to all of you! Each & every time I was @ the Market & he was there , he always smiled & we spoke briefly. Sending warm thoughts & prayers to all of you as I know how very much you will miss him! God bless his dear soul!
Take care , Paula (Baranoski) Jennings*

Paula Jennings - April 13, 2020 at 03:10 PM

YF

“ *Yiaski Family lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. Foresta*



Yiaski family - April 11, 2020 at 10:17 PM

JD

“ *John & Rosemarie Dettra lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. Foresta*



John & Rosemarie Dettra - April 09, 2020 at 09:37 AM

MP

“ *Sending our sincere condolences to you all for your loss of a great man. Bless.
Marian (Ambrose) Potts*

Marian Potts - April 09, 2020 at 09:11 AM

ED

“ *My Sympathy to a wonderful family.
I discovered the store in 1975 when I moved to Yellow Springs and have been a fan ever since. Prayers and God bless. from Earl Duff*

Earl Duff - April 08, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RW

“ *The Foresta Family - our heartfelt sympathy on your loss. Mr. Foresta will be missed. Prayers for strength at this time. Mary Jo, Bill, and Ruth Sparano.*

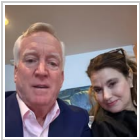
Ruth Sparano Weeks - April 07, 2020 at 03:02 PM

HE

“ SCOTT MS.JEAN JEN N FORESTA FAMILY

SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER HE WAS A GOOD MAN. HE ALWAYS TREATED ME NICE N THEN WORKING THERE SAW HOW NICE N KINDHEARTED HE REALLY WAS. R.I.P MR. FORESTA N MAY THE LORD BLESS N KEEP ALL OF YOUR FAMILY IN THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.?

HENRIETTA - April 05, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ *So sorry to read the passing of the great Jack Foresta. The 10 Kershner's grew up with his love and hospitality and could fell his love throughout our entire lives. He was a great man and is in a place of peace with the Lord our God with his great friend Claude Jr. Love and forever grateful for our friend from out roots in Pheonixville!*

Claude III

Claude Kershner - April 05, 2020 at 08:47 PM

GT

“ Scott and family, I'm so sorry to hear this. Your dad was a fine man in so many ways. I remember fondly how well he treated us kids over the years by letting us use the cabin by the store, letting us fix it up and putting shingles on it so we could use it to play cards...and drink a bit 🍷

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Gary J. Turner, Alaska

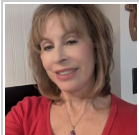
Gary J. Turner - April 05, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. The whole community will miss him and the pleasant chats we would have when meeting up with him in the market. He was a special person. May all your happy memories of him bring you all comfort. Prayers for you all.

Mary Jo and Mike Gaydos

mary jo gaydos - April 05, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ I went to High School with Jack and enjoyed running into him at the store every once in a while. It was nice to reminisce about the good old days. He was a gentleman and a friend. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. My deepest condolences and prayers to his family at this sad time. Rosemarie Paczok Cote. Phoenixville High School Class of 1944.

Jamie Cote - April 05, 2020 at 04:22 PM

BC

“ So very sorry for you all. My entire family will remember you and Jack in our thoughts and prayers. Barbara Caffrey

Barbara T Caffrey - April 05, 2020 at 03:43 PM

DD

“ with deepest sympathy to the family, will be missed

denny dellaquila

denny dellaquila - April 05, 2020 at 02:30 PM

JN

“ We offer the entire family our sincere condolences for your loss. We have know May Jean & Jack through our parents, attended schools with their son, Scott and enjoyed the loving hospitality of their homes. May God bless your entire family and keep them safe. We will keep you in our prayers,
Jeff Novak, Marcia Graten Novak & Family

JEFFREY MICHAEL/ MARCIA GRATEN NOVAK - April 05, 2020 at 12:48 PM

NA

“ Jack always made you feel like his best customer. Our prayers are with your family during these difficult days.

Don & Nancy Carter

Nancy - April 05, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JN

“ *JEFFREY MICHAEL/ MARCIA GRATEN NOVAK lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. Foresta*



JEFFREY MICHAEL/ MARCIA GRATEN NOVAK - April 05, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. He was the kindest man ever. Black Mike's daughter*

Irene Woloszanski Cushman - April 05, 2020 at 12:30 PM

SS

“ *Foresta Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Keep your memories close to your heart.

Ed and Sharon Strzelecki and family

sharon strzelecki - April 05, 2020 at 11:33 AM

AZ

“ *To Scott and Family,*

Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Losing a loved one is so very difficult and even more so in these trying times. Thoughts and prayers to you as you navigate the days ahead.

Alma Zadrejko and family

Alma Zadrejko - April 05, 2020 at 10:18 AM

GD

*Rest in peace loyal and faithful servant.
Glen Douglas*

Glen Douglas - April 05, 2020 at 11:38 AM

CM

“ *My thoughts, prayers and condolences to an amazing family at such a hard time. Mr foresta was a great man just like the rest of the family but there is one thing I surely knew about him and Mrs foresta.. if they come to the shop GET OUT OF THE WAY! They held it down and created quite a family and establishment. You will be greatly missed.*

*CJ Meyer
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CJ Meyer - April 05, 2020 at 10:17 AM

JK

“ *Jack was always so nice to our family through the years. He often provided soup bones to my Baba when times were tough. He helped my Aunt Becky and Uncle Alfie by delivering groceries when they did not drive. He was always so generous with the community and will be missed so very much. He and Jean raised a beautiful family. Frank and I plus our whole family sends our condolences. The Pasko and Kollar family*

joanne kollar - April 05, 2020 at 10:11 AM

LT

Our sincere sympathies to the entire Forresta Family. Our prayers are with your beautiful family at this difficult time.

Luba Tufillaro - April 05, 2020 at 10:16 AM

ML

Sincere sympathies to the entire Foresta Family. Many a great meal on our family's table originated from Foresta's Market.

Michelle Gappa Lampkin - April 05, 2020 at 01:55 PM

TM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Foresta family. Thank you Jack for working so hard and creating one of the best things about Phoenixville. Rest peacefully.*

Tina and Matt Miller - April 05, 2020 at 07:24 AM

JM

“ *Prsying for the Foresta family during this difficult time.*

Joanne Stecz Milasus - April 05, 2020 at 07:13 AM

CW

“ *So sorry about the loss of your Husband Dad;andGrandfather;I will keep you in my prayers.*

carol woloszyn - April 05, 2020 at 06:43 AM

MK

“ *To the Foresta family, I am so sorry for your families loss, I remember Jack since the family had their store on Church Street. Wonderful family and I know he will be missed. Prayers to you all.*



Mabel Kelly - April 05, 2020 at 05:43 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I've known the Foresta's all my life not only from the business but from Sacred Heart Church/School! He was always kind and would accommodate any family who needed help without asking! He was raised in the same generation as my parents. They didn't come much better than that! RIP Jack Foresta! Thank you for being you! Cookie Onder Giera

Cookie Onder Giera - April 04, 2020 at 11:40 PM

JT

“ We are sorry for the families loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Joe and Cyndi Tornetta

Joe Tornetta - April 04, 2020 at 09:56 PM

PQ

“ Dear Foresta family: My thoughts & prayers are with you during this sad time. May the Grace of our God give you comfort.



Patricia Quinn - April 04, 2020 at 09:53 PM

IS

“ Irena Struk lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. Foresta



Irena Struk - April 04, 2020 at 09:14 PM

JR

“ My deepest sympathy to the Foresta family! My memory of Jack was when Scott and I were roommates at Millersville! Scott would come back on Fridays to work and come back Saturday night with groceries for the the week. Much to our surprise one Saturday Scott came back to school with filets stuffed with lobster because Jack would've had to throw them out as they were at shelf life. So we college guys lived high on the hog because of the generosity of Jack. I knew Jack as loving father and generous man for a short time in the mid-1970's but it was obviously how he lived his life! You who knew him all your lives have truly been blessed! My FIL passed away on 3/23/20 so I know you'll not be able to give Jack what you'd really like too but God knows what's in your hearts. Peace be with you.

Jon Rankin - April 04, 2020 at 08:25 PM

LH

“ Sending love to you all ... Mary Jean, Jean Ann, Scott and Jennifer. Feel your grief. He was so special in so many ways. Praying for your peace. And may he rest eternally the same..Know that he will be welcomed not only by his Savior, but many friends: Erv, Joan, Edie, Dottie & Jack. So sorry for your loss.
- Laurie (Graten) & Tom Hesser

Laurie Hesser - April 04, 2020 at 08:06 PM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of Jacks passing. A very special man, so glad I had a chance to see him recently. Prayers for all. Cheryl Messere

Cheryl Messere - April 04, 2020 at 07:10 PM

BH

“ Our sincere sympathy to all the Foresta family. I just spoke to Mr. Foresta months ago in the store. I talked about two of his great grandchildren and he mentioned them all with pride! What a dear man who gave us a great resource in this community w his wonderful market. Our caring thoughts are with you! Harold and Brenda Honig and Family

Brenda Honig - April 04, 2020 at 07:08 PM

MA

“ To the Foresta family I am so sorry for your loss . I always enjoyed having conversations with Mr. Foresta when he would be in the store ,he would always greet you with a big smile . We used to have long conversations about plants ,which I believe was a hobby of his at one point . My sincere sympathy. I will keep your family in my prayers
Mary Lynn August and family

mary lynn august - April 04, 2020 at 05:58 PM

TM

Our deepest sympathy to the Foresta family on the loss of your patriarch. Mr. Foresta was a true community man who's presence, smile, and kindness will truly be missed. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Tom, MaryAnn Mirabile and family

Tom and MaryAnn Mirabile - April 04, 2020 at 07:44 PM

LM

My condolences to the family. Have been shopping at the store for a lot of years. Such a great group of people!
Luba Martyniak & Ken Wise.

Luba Martyniak - April 04, 2020 at 09:30 PM

CL

Cannot say enough about Jack. Always had a smile and a kind word for everyone

Charlie Lapella - April 05, 2020 at 07:49 AM

PL

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. God Bless 🙏. Ed and Pam Lantzy

Pam Lantzy - April 04, 2020 at 05:45 PM

FC

“ The Foresta family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely from Frank & Juanita Coover (Franks Fine Swine & Beef)

Frank Coover - April 04, 2020 at 04:33 PM

SL

“ Mary Jean, Scott, Jean Ann and families. We were so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was a great man and always a pleasure to see when he was in the store. Our sincere sympathy is coming out to your whole family! Sandy and Bob Lawrence and family

Sandy Lawrence - April 04, 2020 at 04:05 PM

JK

To the Foresta Family, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Foresta's passing. He was a super nice guy and always had a smile on his face. He will be truly missed. Judy McGee Kraft

Judy McGee Kraft - April 04, 2020 at 06:20 PM

JU

“ Jean Ann, Kelly, Mike, Brad, Kelli and family, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad/grandfather. Sending our sincere condolences, love, and hugs during this sad time. Love, Julie, Rich, Nick, and Alyssa Adinolfi

Julie - April 04, 2020 at 03:28 PM

EM

“ To MJ and all the Foresta family - I am sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Foresta. I have a ton of fond memories working with him years ago!!! I am sending prayers and love to you all from me and the entire Malonoski Family! RIP Jack

Ellen Malonoski - April 04, 2020 at 02:37 PM

DA

“ Scott and Cathy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Jack was a great man and always so much fun to be around. I always enjoyed talking to him whenever I would be at the market picking up an order. He will be sadly missed for sure. God bless you all. You are in my prayers.

Denise Aquilante - April 04, 2020 at 02:25 PM

TC

“ A very humble man with a wonderful family ! He will be greatly missed ! I'm glad I got to know him. My sincere condolences to the whole Forests family .

Tom Christman - April 04, 2020 at 02:21 PM

JB

Uncke Jack was like my second father. My second home growing up was the Market. Having the priviledge to work side by side my uncle taught me a work ethic and the meaning of service. He was both bold and reserved. He could communicate with one look.

Love & Manhattans
John

John bilyk - April 04, 2020 at 04:55 PM

KY

“ Such a great man who will be greatly missed. ❤️

Kelly Yeager - April 04, 2020 at 02:07 PM

LN

“ You will be missed Uncle Jack. I love you.

lynn naftzinger - April 04, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JR

“ Heartbreaking. Our family has been friends and customers for over 60 years. Jack & Mary Jean are the kindest, sweetest people, such a wonderful, blessed family.

JoRose Rawding - April 04, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. My mother Addie Wheatley always enjoyed shopping at your father's store. May God be with you all as you celebrate his homegoing service.
Pastor Sidney D. Wheatley
Greensboro, North Carolina.

Sidney Wheatley - April 04, 2020 at 01:35 PM

CW

Dear Mary Jean and Family, Friendships like ours never die they always remain in your heart. I can. See Jack looking down and laughing, he finally got me to use Facebook. We will miss you Jack. Our prayers are with you all, Connie and Doug.

Connie Weiland - April 06, 2020 at 11:20 AM

BV

Our prayers are with all of you. Your dad will be missed by so many. May he rest in peace.

Barbara Vontor - April 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

BN

Dear Mrs Foresta, Scott and family the Hughes family would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all if you during this heartbreaking time. Jack always had a smile and would often stop to chat at the store and ask how mom (Jenny) was doing ! We know how hard it is to say goodbye to your husband, father and grandfather we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers

May he rest in peace

Sincerely Jenny, Joanne, Barb, Laura and Joseph Hughes

Barbara Nelson - April 10, 2020 at 04:32 PM