



## Mr. John L. Buttino

March 8, 1937 - March 28, 2021

John L (Jack) Buttino, 84 of Cortland passed away suddenly on March 28, 2021. He was born March 8, 1937 in Cortland NY, the son of the late John A. Buttino and Lillian (Cole) Buttino. Jack was a lifelong resident of Cortland and graduated from Cortland High School in 1955. After graduation he enlisted in the United State Air Force and served from 1955 to 1959 and was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi Mississippi as a Technical Instructor.

He was employed at SUNY Cortland in 1963 retiring after 30 years in 1994 as an Instructional Support Technician. Jack is survived by his wife Mary (Stevens) Buttino, several cousins, nephews, nieces, and many very special friends who will miss him greatly. Many thanks to the staff at the Hollywood Restaurant where he ate lunch almost every day for over 20 years.

An avid car enthusiast Jack collected special interest autos for over 50 years and was a member of several auto clubs, but his passion was with Chrysler cars, especially Chrysler "300" letter series autos and attended many shows and meets. Jack also loved music, especially pipe organ and was a member of the Empire State Theatre and Musical Instrument Museum in Syracuse and was their Program Director for over 10 years. He was also a lifetime member of the Cortland Elks club.

There are no calling hours, a private burial will be held at a later date.

Contributions in Jack's memory can be made to the Cortland SPCA, Wounded Warrior Project or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Jack was my Dad's lifelong friend, and therefore I had known him my entire life. We often visited John, Jack, and Mary when we returned to Cortland to visit family. John, Jack and my Dad sure did love to joke around and tell tales; it was so enjoyable watching them laugh and kid around. They truly were such fun visits for all of us.

*I remember returning to Jack and Mary's as a young adult, and newly married. We were welcomed in, enjoyed a wonderful tour of Jack's car collection, and hung out in the most amazing attic space. To say we were treated to music, lights, and drinks and lots of great conversation ... is not nearly saying enough. I thoroughly enjoyed our visit. This is a special memory for me; I hold it dearly.*

*With love,  
Pamela Charland  
(Daughter of Dick & Laraine Davis)*

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**Pamela Charland** - April 04, 2021 at 03:20 PM

PR

“ We couldn't wish for better neighbors. Jack was a good man and Mary you are a lovely woman. Such a wonderful example of marriage and partnership. Sending much love!

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**patty romer** - April 01, 2021 at 04:05 PM

DD

“ Yes, It was "the Old Butt". I also grew-up with Jack. We tented in his back yard, (for over a year), and had to stop when the twelve inches of snow over whelmed us. In August,we took our army cots out to the drive-way to watch the shooting stars. Over the many, years I had the privilege to experience the great comradship as all others. Being accepted to Jack's (uncles and grandfather), I had the invite to working with the making of his families FIREWORKS business. There are so many more days, "also witnessed by others", I had FUN WITH LAUGHTER AND LOVE, knowing Jack Buttino.

*Mary; We can not thank you enough, for keeping us up-to-date throughout Jack's treatments.*

*Dick and Laraine Davis April 01, @ 10:00a.m.*

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**Dick Davis** - April 01, 2021 at 10:03 AM

GS

“ Hi mary. My friend jack and all the memories of helping him with his cars and many fun times at jackdanielsons and lots more will sure be missed.love to both of you. Garry slack.

Garry Slack - March 31, 2021 at 09:47 PM

CS

“ Jack, the 'Old Butt' as his emails always came through as, will be terribly missed by myself and anyone who had the distinct pleasure to know him. Jack and Hollywood guys became my stand in Grandpa's over the past 12+ years, I will always treasure the memories made at that table.

Chelsea Slade - March 31, 2021 at 06:06 PM

JG

“ Our most fond memories of our cousin Jack are from the Sunday dinner gatherings in the 1950s at the home of our grandparents, Patsy and Mary Buttino, at 40 Pomeroy Street in Cortland. During those years, Patsy had a fireworks business, and many family members were involved in producing the fireworks and participating in the extravagant display programs at various events in central New York. Jack was a teenager then; and with his parents, John and Lillian, he worked in the business. As the youngest family member involved, Jack learned a lot from Patsy who also taught Jack to make his special recipe of a hot and spicy tomato sauce they called forte. With Jack's passing, we've lost the last direct family tie to the fireworks and to grandpa's sauce. Sincere condolences to Mary and many thanks for her wonderful care of Jack during his illness.  
Joan Buttino Giansante on behalf of my sisters and brother

Joan Giansante - March 31, 2021 at 04:18 PM

JB

“ Farewell, beloved Cousin. We we're more like brothers over the last several decades and we shared so many good times, it's taking time to recall even some of them. From cars to Disneyworld, from "luck" to family eccentricities (mostly Jack's of course, though he never really agreed with that), movies, politics... and then there were the gatherings and fine food, whether in new york or Florida.

Jack and his group, in which I was fortunate to be a member for so long, shared the Hollywood lunch experience for decades. I met so many people there, and his list of guest attendees was seemingly endless. Those who knew him also knew he had his own special "way". He was loved by so many not in spite of that, but because of it. He was a unique character, a beloved relative, but most of all, a cherished friend.

Mary, all who knew him, and I will miss him terribly. In looking forward, we will eventually traverse the grief, knowing that we will later rejoice in the opportunity we had to know and love him. Farewell Cousin. Farewell, Brother.

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**Jim Buttino** - March 31, 2021 at 02:19 PM

 Lynda Sweet

“ I was saddened to read of Jack's passing. I remember lots of chuckles with him while at SUNY Cortland. My deepest condolences to you, Mary, and the rest of Jack's family!

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**Lynda Sweet** - March 31, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JO

“ RIP Brother Elk. Sincerest condolences to family and friends. When I see him next I want to know more about the night the sound at the Drive-In shut down.

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**James Ochser** - March 31, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Just heard last night from another dear friend of mine from New York, and I am extremely saddened. Rest in peace my friend. I will always remember Jack with great fondness! I will always cherish our trips from Virginia up to New York to visit with Jack and Mary and see the Daytona. He was really a great man and an old world kind of gentleman. He was a man of his word and you could count on that. There aren't many men like Jack left in this world. I am still to this day greatly appreciative to Jack and Mary for allowing me to buy their beloved Daytona from them way back in 2021. I will always remember you Jack. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to Mary and all of Jack's family. You will be missed more than you will ever know. God speed Jack and God bless.

Randy Obringer

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Randy Obringer - March 31, 2021 at 11:30 AM

FW

“ Rest in peace my dear friend. I will always treasure the many years we shared in close friendship. Words can not express what this loss means to me.

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Frank Waltman - March 31, 2021 at 08:19 AM

BS

“ Jack will live forever in our memories. His smile lit up any room. The "party" times we shared in his old home with numerous friends were classics. Always a welcome respite from day to day living. And we will always remember his rabbit who sat up for mint GirlScout cookies. Rest in peace, Jack. Our love will follow you always. Barb Sickmon

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Barb Sickmon - March 30, 2021 at 09:10 PM

AP

“ Jack was one of the most interesting people in Cortland and beyond. He was our go to guy to fix the sound system at the Airport Drive In Theater in the good old days. His collection of cars was pretty awesome and a ride was always a ear to ear grin treat. Warmest wishes to Mary and Jack's family. His memory is a treasure I'll always carry.

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Andrew Palm - March 30, 2021 at 08:12 PM

DP

“ We just talked last week. Great mind, now gone.

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Doug Perkins - March 30, 2021 at 08:06 PM

LM

“ So very sorry to hear of Jack’s passing. I remember him fondly from my bartending days back in the 80’s. I will always remember his laugh and his huge heart. Prays for his family and friends .

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**Lori Looney Moeller** - March 30, 2021 at 03:32 PM

SL

“ This is truly a sad day. I have known Jack my entire life. As a kid, he happily entertained our family in the music room on Broadway. We attended many drag races in Cicero. If we needed a tv repair, or any type of audio help, Jack was always there. When he and Mary, moved to Starr Road, he kindly let me store my antique cars, conversion van and boat in his garage.

In retirement, I enjoyed many lunches at the Hollywood, with Jack and long time college friends. Jack kept everyone together. Always a story; always a laugh. Annual “Old Timers” dinners at the Elks Club, that Jack treated everyone too. He was a traditionalist if there ever was one. Jack did things his way. His generosity was unmatched.

My sincere sympathy goes out to Mary, and all the Buttino family.

Rest easy my friend. You will be missed.

Steven Lundberg

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**Steven Lundberg** - March 30, 2021 at 03:29 PM