



## John T. "Jack" Roddy Jr.

November 11, 1942 - February 6, 2021

TOWNSEND: John T. "Jack" Roddy, Jr.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of John "Jack" Roddy, Jr. on February 6, 2021.

Jack was the beloved husband of Gloria (Gagnon) Roddy with whom he shared a home in Townsend for the last 50 years, and the cherished father and grandfather of their family.

Jack was born in Lowell on Veterans Day, November 11th, 1942, to Mary (Sousa) and John Roddy, Sr. He was the oldest of three children and loved sharing the stories of their fascinating childhood with his own children. Jack graduated from Lowell High School and was enrolled at Lowell Tech until he was drafted for the Vietnam War in 1964. He bravely and proudly served in the U. S. Army, 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red 1 Unit.

After returning home from Vietnam, Jack helped to found the Roddy Foundry Company with his father and brother, which later became Granite State Casting Company. As a lifelong foundryman, Jack was an experienced and knowledgeable metallurgist who enjoyed working with his hands. He spent long days working hard at the foundry honing his craft and forging a living for his family. Outside of work, Jack enjoyed figuring out how things work, spending time in his bountiful garden and making pickles, beans and breads.

Jack was a humble, gentle man who enjoyed simple pleasures - the love and company of his family especially holding and singing to his grandchildren, the refreshment of a cold beer, the entertainment in watching the Red Sox and Patriots play on his big screen TV, and the exhilaration he felt with the wind at his back in a bicycle or motorcycle ride around town. It seemed that to Jack, there was nothing finer in this world than love and freedom.

Jack is survived by his wife Gloria, with whom he celebrated their 50th Anniversary last July, his brother and best friend James Roddy of Pepperell; his sister Maureen and her husband Tom Dalton of Litchfield, NH and his four children who treasured their father: Amy Roddy of Worcester, Kathryn and her husband Francis Roussin II of West Townsend, John III and his wife Kristine of Leominster and Rebecca and her husband Joshua Machado of Leominster. His grandchildren, whom he adored, are: Mary Roddy, Frankie, Autumn and Grace Roussin. Jack also leaves his brother-in-law Nelson Gagnon and wife Eileen of Tyngsborough, an aunt and uncles and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours for Jack will be held on Friday, February 12, at Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St. (Rte 119) Townsend Center from 4-7 pm. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday February 13, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 1 School St., Townsend. Burial will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, Jack would ask that you treat yourself to a hot coffee and warm donut, or an ice cold beer in his honor.

A Livestream of the Funeral Mass can be viewed at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/thesaintjcollaborative//> then click "Watch Mass Online" at the top of the page.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church  
1 School Street  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Tribute Wall



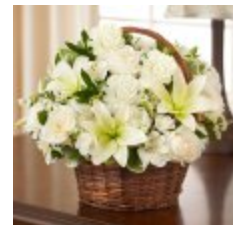
“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John T. "Jack" Roddy Jr..*



February 12, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *Edward & Nancy Nieves purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of John T. "Jack" Roddy Jr..*



**Edward & Nancy Nieves** - February 09, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *The Bernazzani Family purchased the Red Rose Fireside Basket for the family of John T. "Jack" Roddy Jr..*



**The Bernazzani Family** - February 09, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of John T. "Jack" Roddy Jr..*



February 09, 2021 at 09:50 AM

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“ Gloria I have no words to express how sad I am. Every memory I have of Jack is at a party or gathering of family. Jack always had a ready smile. He will be missed by all. Love you all. Fran Dalton

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**Frances Dalton** - February 09, 2021 at 08:46 AM

DM

“ I have such fond memories of Jack. As a child I liked to tag along and listen to the banter as Jack and my dad would share a beer and inspect each other's gardens and discuss their techniques. I would watch him hop on his motorcycle and think when I get bigger I want one of those.

As a teenager when my parents would go to the Cape, the list of rules and things that we weren't supposed to do while they weren't home were ignored. Your parents never turned us in. One time I remember your dad coming over, while I was picking up outside, with a big grin on his face saying well that look like a hell of a time.

As I got older I enjoyed the interest and questions he had about me joining the army national guard, and my own motorcycle. I would also ask about his work projects. He was so knowledgeable and proud of his work and business.

In more recent year I have not seen a lot of my old neighbors.

Whenever I did without skipping a beat it was like turning back time talking with an old friend, but now about children and grandchildren. Well this was long-winded, but there's so much to say about a man I admired.

Stick together, love each other, support each other, and stay strong.  
"RODDY" Strong.

Much love

Dave Meehan

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**David Meehan** - February 09, 2021 at 05:12 AM

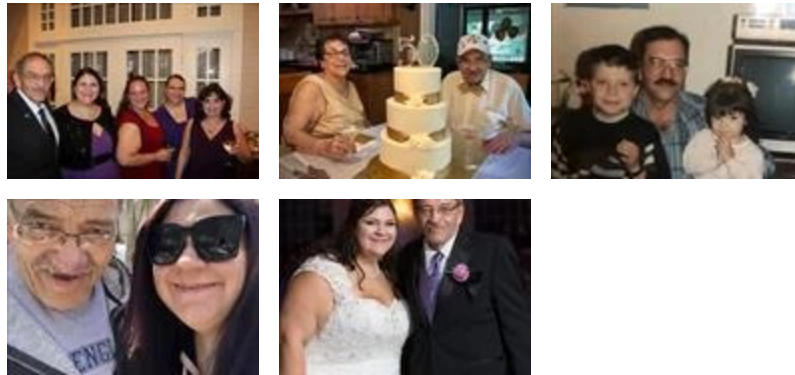
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*Thank you Dave for all of this. All nice memories. Dad loved all you meehan kids. I imagine him and your father are together now Ana spending much needed lost time together going back to the good old days*

**Becky Roddy Machado** - February 09, 2021 at 06:54 AM

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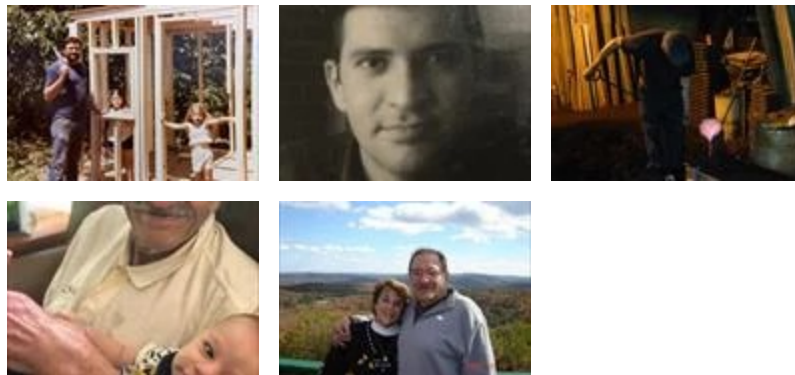
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**Becky Roddy-Machado** - February 08, 2021 at 10:36 PM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



**Kate** - February 08, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Dear Gloria and family.  
My heart hurts for you.  
Jack was such a good man.  
You are all the best neighbors we could have asked for, 50 years  
and counting.  
We've been through a lot together, please know that the whole  
Meehan family is here for you.  
With great love, Kathy. (Hi-ya Jack)*

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**Kathy Goreham** - February 08, 2021 at 02:45 PM

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*Thank you, Kathy ❤️*

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**Kate** - February 08, 2021 at 09:10 PM