



## John 'Jack' Knotz

August 15, 2017

John Knotz 1938–2017 Faribault—John "Jack" Knotz, age 79, of Faribault, died at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, Faribault, after receiving hospice care for pancreatic cancer. A memorial service will be held at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Faribault, on Monday August 21, 2017 at 11 a.m. with Kevin Kenney presiding. Interment will be at a later date. Visitation will be at Divine Mercy at 9:30 a.m. the day of the service. A luncheon will immediately follow the memorial service. John was born February 9, 1938 in Minneapolis, MN to Urban and Beatrice (Bruers) Knotz. He grew up in Chaska, Minnesota where he met his future wife at a very young age. John, "Jack" as he was known to his friends, married his childhood sweetheart, Ruth Stege, in June of 1960, eventually settling down in Faribault, MN. Jack was a teacher at Faribault Senior High School for nearly 33 years. He also coached both girls and boys tennis teams for many years, including several after his retirement. Jack was an avid athlete in his youth, excelling in basketball and baseball. He played for the Chaska Cubs town ball team for several years. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially at Swan Lake near Mankato, MN. He bowled many years in Faribault, enjoying men's league with his friends. Jack loved following the Minnesota Vikings and Twins, as well as local high school sports. He hosted a "round table" after games with his closest friends; the late Mike Morrissey, Coach Burt Bardahl, Ron Else, and neighbor Dennis Glynn. He loved those late evening chats! Jack was renowned for his amazing cooking and baking talents. Those who knew him always enjoyed stopping by the

house for fresh baked cookies or brownies. He held an annual lasagna dinner at his residence in December that had friends visiting no matter the weather! Jack is survived by his wife Ruth; three children, David of Marshall, MN, Susan of Memphis, TN, and Jane of Maplewood, MN, three grandchildren, Haley, Kenzie, and Ellie Gess. Jack has a sister, Joan (Clapp) of Chanhassen, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Barb (Dellwo) of Shakopee, MN. Also, Jack will be deeply missed by his beloved yellow lab Cassie. Jack's wit, wry humor and wisdom will be remembered by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to your favorite animal charity in honor of Jack Knotz. Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel. 952-920-3996. [www.washburn-mcreavy.com](http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com).