



John "Jack" Chester Mudek, Jr.

January 10, 1939 - September 27, 2024

John Chester Mudek, a respected business owner and a pillar of strength, passed away on September 27, 2024.

John was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota, with an indomitable spirit. John's life was marked by his entrepreneurial ventures and deep personal relationships. He was the founder of Mudek Trucking and the J&J Recycling Center, innovative businesses that reflected his strong will and dedication. After the untimely passing of his son, John David Mudek, their legacy in the business world continues through his grandson, Brandon Mudek.

Known for his relentless work ethic, John was always seen in his signature blue Dickies, ready to tackle any challenge. His passion extended beyond his business; His love for restaurants rivaled most in the twin cities. Lindey's Steak house, Manny's, Ruth Chris, Mancini's Char House, and Stuart Anderson Cattle Company to name a few. He cherished his lake home in Northern Minnesota, where he spent peaceful times with his giant Cane Corso dogs, Conan and Bruno. An avid outdoorsman, John relished fly-in fishing trips in Canada, embracing the tranquility of nature.

John's personal life was enriched by his loving family and his high school sweetheart, Julia, whom he married and with whom he shared numerous global adventures. His knowledge of the Bible was profound, and he enjoyed

engaging in spirited debates about God and conservative views with friends and family.

Throughout his career, John also made notable achievements, including meeting President Ronald Reagan twice. He started as a line mechanic at Buckingham Trucking and later became the owner of three franchise restaurants before founding his trucking and recycling business.

John is survived by his daughters, Marie, Patty, and Peggy; his brothers, Tony and Chester Mudek; and his sister, Marge Mudek, Many Grand children and Great Grand children. He was preceded in death by his parents John P. Mudek and Margaret Mudek(Dyczkowski); his wife, Julia Mudek; brother, Robert Mudek and his son, John David Mudek.

Contributions in memory of John Chester Mudek can be made to the Ronald Reagan Ranch, honoring his admiration for the former president and the principles he stood for. John's life and legacy will remain a guiding light to all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)

2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Jackie(John) as I knew him. My father and Jackie were very close. After the loss of my father in 2016 Jackie was there for me to help guide me I will always be Thankful for his and Julie's guidance. Rest in peace John. Sending my condolences Dawn LeTourneau

Dawn LeTourneau - February 17, 2025 at 06:05 AM

CT

“ To John's family....I just saw this thinking about Tony. This is Chris Thoemke. I worked for Tony out of Highschool and knew John as well. My condolences on John's passing.

Chris Thoemke - January 16, 2025 at 02:54 PM

JF

“ oh all Mudek familiily i just found this i am so so sorry. i and Jackie,were cousins. same age i got to see him a few tears ago on one of his trips when he was in tenn. the memories will now be even more special again so sorry God be with you Love his cousin Joyce Mudek Faughn

joyce P Faughn - October 10, 2024 at 02:30 PM

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“ John was a pillar. I met John when I was an asst. manager at the KFC at 1318 So. Robert St WSP. On his route he would always come in if he seen my car. We would chat about different things, especially John's business ventures. He would always ask, why are you working here? Why aren't you on your own? I always carried that thought with me and a few years after that I was on my own. What a TREMENDOUS MAN! John you will never be forgotten!!! Thank you for ALL your inspirational input! Your friend Steven Saunders

Steven Saunders - October 06, 2024 at 11:46 AM