



Jack Badie Sinunu

May 15, 2020

Jack Badie Sinunu was born a Palestinian Christian on March 25, 1924 in Jerusalem, Palestine , which was a British Mandate at the time.

He attended the German Evangelical School in Jerusalem until World War II broke out and then transferred to St. George's, an English school. Jack graduated from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon in 1947 with a BA in Economics. He immigrated to the United States in early 1948 and worked as a salesman in New York City for his uncle's giftwares company. In 1952 he joined Campbell Soup Co. as a salesman in New York City and in 1954 was promoted and transferred to Campbell's headquarters in Camden, NJ. It was Jack's background and knowledge of languages - he could speak four languages fluently - that made him a valuable asset to Campbell Soup and he spent the rest of his career as an executive in the International Division responsible for marketing Campbell products worldwide. In the process, he traveled extensively and visited 77 countries on six continents. He retired in 1990.

Jack was a long time resident of Moorestown, NJ since 1954. He was an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Moorestown Field Club, where he was Chairman of the Golf Committee for a number of years. During his retirement he volunteered for the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross, Virtua Memorial Hospital, and Tender Care.

Jack was well-known for his wit and sense-of-humor. Always ready with a laugh, he had a joke or a rib-poke for everyone from his youngest grandchild to his oldest friend. His humor was most often met with laughs, sometimes an eye roll, but was always intended in good fun.

Jack's family was first and foremost in his life. From his immediate family to his large, extended family residing all over the world, Jack loved them all fiercely. He was the glue that held everyone together and nothing made him happier than when he was presiding over a family gathering with good food and a martini. Jack was a loving and devoted father to his four children: Nancy, Michael, Elizabeth, and Michele, providing many, many hours of lectures, suggestions, and analogies to help guide them in their lives. He would say his advice paid off with his children marrying lovely spouses which created even more opportunities and avenues to provide advice. Through these unions, nine grandchildren

were added to the family who were the apples of their Grandpa's eyes.

Jack was blessed in life to be married to two special women who learned the way to his heart was through his stomach, learning to prepare many of Jack's favorite Arabic meals. Jack was married to his first wife Jean for 17 years before she passed away from cancer. Jack met his second wife, Rumiko, while on a business trip to Japan and they recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Jack would often quote the poem, "Drinking From My Saucer," reminding his children of how blessed he and his family were in life and how important he felt it was to give back to the world through charitable giving and volunteer work. Jack led by example throughout his life by giving generously to various charities, volunteering at the Church and hospitals, and being a good neighbor in word and deed. To the end Jack knew he was "drinking from [his] saucer cause [his] cup has overflowed."

Jack was predeceased by his first wife Jean Lerch Sinunu and his brother Alexander Sinunu. He is survived by his wife, Rumiko and his children Nancy Sinunu Kyle and her husband Donald Kyle, of Amelia Island, FL, Michael Sinunu and his wife Karen Sinunu, of Summit, NJ, Elizabeth Sinunu Kohm and her husband Shannon Kohm, of Fairfield, CT, and Michele Sinunu-Menzies and her husband Nicolas Menzies, of Jamaica Plain, MA. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Jordan Kyle, Rory Kyle, James Kyle, Christopher Sinunu, Matthew Sinunu, James Kohm, Jackson Kohm, Simon Menzies, and Hazel Menzies.

Due to social distancing guidelines, a memorial service will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, 101 Bridgeboro Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057 or Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice, 5 Eves Dr., Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Cemetery

Presbyterian Cemetery

101 Bridgeboro Rd

Moorestown, NJ, 08057

Comments



“ I have nothing but lovely memories of Mr. Sinunu. I can truly say he was one of my favorites. He was always so kind and appreciative. I will miss his voice messages.... Hello Rebecca, it's Jack Sinunu and I loved how he called me "dear". I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Rebecca Germano

Rebecca Germano - May 27 at 02:22 PM



“ Jack and I worked together at Campbell Soup for decades. I lived in Mt Laurel and he in Moorestown. We shared experiences raising children, selling soup and how to make our lawns look greener. He was a wonderful, kind, extremely intelligent man who was the consummate professional. I was always so fortunate to call him my friend. He came to my 85th birthday party 5 years ago and had everyone laughing with his stories. He loved his family very much and so proud of his children and grandchildren. He will be missed. Albert Blank

Albert Blank - May 23 at 05:59 PM



“ Jack and Marie McChesney moved to 2nd and Stanwick in 1957 not too long after I was born. The Sinunu's whom at the time also lived on 2nd St. were consequently part of my memory as far back as it goes. Jack S. and Jack M. were members of a local poker club; in later years Rumi and Marie were in the same bridge club. Jack S. was renown to us McC kids for his humor and mild pranks, laughter and good nature. Always an impressionable sort, when I was perhaps 10 years old I saw the film Lawrence of Arabia and fixated on Lawrence as my Halloween costume. I don't recall how Jack S. got wind of this but he showed up just before Haloween with garb and appurtences that adorned me to rival Peter O'Toole in his role as Lawrence! I truly felt - and looked - authentic and worked the neighborhood for treats while taming the desert from evil intruders. Thank you Jack for being such a delight - your warmth and generosity will be sorely missed.

Dennis McChesney - May 21 at 04:42 PM



“ A long time ago Jack and I did volunteer work for the American Cancer Society. He was a dear man who gave generously of his time and good spirit. I first met him just before he married Rumi. He was so excited to meet such a wonderful woman as he never thought he would have another fulfilling relationship after his first wife passed. I did not see him for many years after that and wish his wife and all the family my

condolences. How lucky you are to have had him in your lives.

Warmly,
Gina Zegel

Gina Zegel - May 20 at 04:01 PM



“ Jack was always one of my favorite people. He loved to tease me about my high Golf Handicap. Just a great guy to have a beer with. The last time I saw him was at a party. We both had Martinis. He will be missed by all.

Rob Kastner

Rob Kastner - May 19 at 02:52 PM



“ Your. Dad was absolutely one of my favorite people! He and his brother Alex used to spend many weekends with my family in Forest Hills and I loved having them there. You could hear Jack's laugh throughout the house as he and my Dad, John Saleh Sununu, would talk about God knows what in Arabic, and then burst out laughing.....not just laughing, but you know that real belly laugh that I think is a trademark of Middle Easterners.

I was so happy to have had the chance to see him and Rumi in CT. a while ago and to speak to him this March after his birthday. We had quite a long chat, over twenty-five minutes or so, and he so surprised me by not missing a beat....a true joy to hear him still laughing. One of a kind...a true gem of a soul....May he still be laughing as he sees the face of God.

Love to you all...you were truly blessed... Alexandra (Sandra, to Jack) Sununu

fAlexandra (Sandra) Sununu - May 19 at 02:12 PM



“ Absence on earth, Presence in heaven. May your years together here bring you all comfort till you're together again there.

Gayle Roberts Payne - May 25 at 08:24 AM



“ My parents, Jack and Marie McChesney, moved to the corner of 2nd and Stanwick in 1957. I was an infant at the time, but growing up the Sununu's whom lived on 2nd St. are present in my memory from as far back as i can recall. Jack was a member of a poker club of neighbors and friends along with my Dad, and the Sununu's were definitely dear friends of the McChesney's. Jack was always a notable presence - and I particularly loved the way he graced attention on us kids with jokes and pranks. I was long an impressionable sort and seeing the film Lawrence of Arabia set my course for Halloween when I was say, 10 years or so. I don't know or perhaps recall how Jack got wind of this, but he arrived before Halloween with an array of garb and

opportunities that dressed me to rival Peter O'Toole's character! I remember so well how magnificent I felt as I knocked on doors up and down 2nd St., seeking treats while believing that I was liberating the desert lands from the bad ones. I'm sure that this Jack, and our Jack and Marie are all partying on with martinis and whatnot just like the old days with laughs, jokes, and no shortage of heartfelt comradery. All live forever in our hearts and our memories. Dennis McChesney

Dennis McChesney - May 18 at 04:57 PM



“ Only shared Kohm family events with Jack over the years but I knew he was kind, hilarious, content & shared his joy with all. His face was all smile & glee (plus he was a cutie pie)!
He was such a good person.

Anne Treichler - May 18 at 04:21 PM



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Elizabeth Sinunu Kohm - May 18 at 11:55 AM



“ Dad was the best Grandpa. He tried to go to as many of James' hockey games as he could and he was always giving advice to Jackson on his golf game. The boys loved playing poker with Grandpa and listening to all his advice! :)



Elizabeth Sinunu Kohm - May 18 at 11:31 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Jack's passing, he was a real professional at work and a real gentleman to know. I was fortunate to have worked with Jack. You have much to be proud of.

Win Taylor

C. Winston Taylor - May 18 at 11:25 AM



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Michele Sinunu - May 17 at 06:56 PM



“ Rumi and family
What beautiful writing about such a wonderful man. Rich loved his sense of humor and joking around about things like golf. We will miss him very much and are so Heartbroken for you all.
Prayers
Susan Gillece

susan - May 17 at 12:55 PM



“ This is how I always think of Jack...one of the “elder statesmen” of the church, always “holding court” in those red chairs in the lobby. My dad had great conversations with him in English & Arabic. He & Jack always called each other “the old curmudgeon” with much love.



Rebecca Neindorff - May 17 at 12:52 PM



“ How well I remember Jack from our Campbell Soup days. Such a nice guy. Went on a few golf trips with him and others-such fun! My sincere condolences to Jack’s entire family. RIP Jack.

Mike Lyons - May 17 at 11:33 AM



“ Jack was the oldest cousin in our family and we have fond memories of him. He was always inquiring about all members of the family whenever we spoke, concerned about each and every one of us particularly when there was trouble in the region (Middle East). He always kept craving for Middle Eastern food and we could sense that he was drooling when we talked about his favorite recipes. His smiling face and sense of humor were contagious, making everybody around him at ease. When we spoke with him ten days before his eternal rest we felt that he was very weak and tired and yet he was thankful for all the comfort that was given to him. Jack you were a great man and your departure will be greatly missed. Rest in peace with our Lord dear cousin. We love you.
Teddy & Diana

Teddy & Diana Abdo - May 16 at 08:54 PM



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Teddy & Diana - May 16 at 08:00 PM



“ NANCY I remember you from Church. It's been over 50 years. I very sorry for the loss of your Dad. What a great example of a life he led. You must be so proud to be his daughter. What a blessing he was to so many during his life. I pray that God gives you and your family the peace and comfort you need during this sorrowful time. Nancy I pray that u will maybe have a faint memory of me. In Gods Love, Linda Kampf Porst

Linda Kampf - May 16 at 04:44 PM



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Michele Sinunu - May 16 at 03:29 PM