



## John M. Groark

May 23, 1969 - January 8, 2026

John Martin “Jack” Groark, age 56, passed away on January 8, 2026. He was born on May 23, 1969.

Jack was preceded in death by his father, Thomas A. Groark. He is survived by his loving mother, Mary Ellen Groark; his siblings Tom Groark, James Groark, Bridget Espinoza, and Kevin Groark, along with their spouses; and a wide circle of family and friends who cherished him. Jack was a beloved uncle, great-uncle, devoted cousin, and dear friend to many.

For 25 years, Jack worked proudly as a sprinkler-fitter, a career that reflected his strong work ethic and dedication. Outside of work, Jack had a deep and abiding love for sports, especially soccer, and he never hesitated to let people know exactly where he stood on the subject.

Jack was a longtime customer at Mattingly’s, where he was well known for his quick sense of humor and friendly presence. His laughter, stories, and unmistakable personality left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, January 17, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ferdinand Church, 1765 Charbonier Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031. Family and friends are invited to gather for the visitation at 10:00 a.m.

After the Mass, a reception will be at Knights of Columbus in Hazelwood, catered by Mattingly's.

1216 Teson Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042

where family and friends will come together to remember and celebrate his life.

Jack will be remembered for his loyalty, humor, and love of sports. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to St. Louis Scott Gallagher – Living Legacy Scholarship.

St. Louis Scott Gallagher Foundation - Living Legacy Scholarship

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ferdinand Church  
1765 Charbonier Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63031

## Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church  
1765 Charbonier Road  
Florissant, MO 63031

## Reception

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Knights of Columbus  
1216 Teson Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of John M. Groark



Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff - February 02 at 12:57 PM

DJ

“ Jack was a great friend, teammate, and coworker. Above all Always a great friend. His wit and fire will be missed.

Dave Garagnani just Gary to Jack - January 17 at 10:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John M. Groark.



January 16 at 11:50 AM

JL

“ Jeremy & Melissa Lindquist purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John M. Groark.



Jeremy & Melissa Lindquist - January 15 at 03:41 PM

CM

“ Rest In Peace Jack! Prayers to Family & Friends! 🙏🙏🙏

Cheryl Mattingly - January 14 at 06:55 PM



“ I always loved how he could come up with some funny and sometimes off the wall responses so quickly.

May you rest in peace Jack 🙏

Crystal Brown

Crystal Brown - January 14 at 05:06 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John M. Groark.



January 14 at 04:13 PM

AW

“ My sincere condolences to Mary Ellen & all the Groark Family. Rest in Peace Jack.



Anne (Davis) Welch - January 13 at 09:30 PM

CD

“ Mary Ellen - My heart goes out to you and the rest of the family. I am so very sorry. Sending love and prayers.

Cathy Davis - January 13 at 08:12 PM

AF

“ Sending prayers to The Groark family. So sorry for the loss of Jack. Such a funny guy. Hoping well your memories are bringing some comfort 🙏

Ann Ferguson - January 12 at 09:22 PM

KE

“ Keila&David purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John M. Groark.



Keila&David - January 12 at 05:59 PM

TP

“ Prayers to the Groark family. Jack always made me laugh and in Jack’s own words “the best soccer player in the Groark family.” Rest in Peace Jack.

Tom Pardo - January 12 at 04:48 PM

TM

“ Jack was known for his “Irish goodbyes.” Now he’s gone and left us much too soon!

Tom McDermott - January 12 at 03:37 PM

RP

“ Sending love and prayers to the entire Groark family & all those who loved Jack. May he rest in peace.



Rebecca Price - January 12 at 02:56 PM

PP

“ I had good conversations with Jack. Many people did. He was the coolest cat I know.

Pat Price - January 12 at 02:37 PM

LL

“ Lori Vogel Lynn lit a candle in memory of John M. Groark



Lori Vogel Lynn - January 12 at 02:24 PM

LL

So sorry for your families loss. We had fun growing up together in Hazelwood, tent parties, wiffle ball games, etc...Prayers and sympathy to all in the family

Lori Vogel Lynn - January 12 at 02:24 PM

PW

“ Pat Wilson lit a candle in memory of John M. Groark



Pat Wilson - January 12 at 01:17 PM

PW

My deepest condolences Mary Ellen to you and the family. I remember Jack greeting me at the door or running in or out of the house. I watched him grow up and I know he was a bright light in your lives. He was always nice and respectful. I was amazed when I saw his photo. I could recognize him anywhere. Please take comfort knowing that he and his dad are reunited and happy.....🙏🙏🙏

Pat Wilson - January 12 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to the Groark family as Jackson (which I called him) was a good buddy of mine especially soccer games & Blues hockey. He also was my Andy Griffith Show buddy. RIP Jackson. Maceo Simmons

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**Maceo Simmons** - January 12 at 11:38 AM

KS

“ Ken And Archway Memorial Chapel Staff lit a candle in memory of John M. Groark



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**Ken and Archway Memorial Chapel Staff** - January 09 at 11:47 AM