



## John Patrick Fogarty

December 24, 2016

FOGARTY, John Patrick, 96, of Teaneck, died peacefully on December 24, 2016 after a brief illness. Jack was born on October 23, 1920 in Liverpool, England, the son of the late James and Catherine (nee Patterson) Fogarty, both Emigrants from Belfast, Ireland. The family immigrated to the United States in September, 1926 and settled in Manhattan. Jack proudly served three years in the United States Army during World War II in the Pacific at the 98th Evacuation Hospital. He earned numerous decorations and citations including the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. Jack worked as a longtime member of the Communications Office of the Archdiocese of New York and liked it when his family told him that he lived a “Straight-A” life – as an Author, Actor and Artist. Jack wrote his autobiography entitled “Little Boy – Short Trousers – Elton Cap” which was published in 2005. His acting career spanned several community and church productions and progressed to a professional career in summer stock, off-Broadway, radio, television and motion pictures. Perhaps his greatest passion was his artwork, with hundreds of portraits and landscapes done in both water color and oils, that he loved to show off to friends and family and have them displayed at many local exhibitions. Recently, a collection of his illustrated envelopes have become part of the Smithsonian Postal Museum’s permanent collection. Following the museum’s acquisition, Smithsonian Magazine published an interview entitled “A Memorial Day Memory” which can be found

online.

Jack was pre-deceased by his brothers and sisters Grace, Mary, Ellen, James, Catherine, and Joseph. He is survived by his loving Sister Josephine Carroll, of Teaneck and by his devoted niece and nephews Judy Bishopp (Robert), Michael Carroll, Philip Carroll, Steven Carroll (Cindy).

Family and friends are invited to visit on Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9pm at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck.

Funeral service Friday 9am from the Volk Leber Funeral Home, then to Holy Trinity Church, Hackensack for a 10am Mass of Christian Burial.

Interment to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, NY.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
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## Funeral Mass

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity RC Church  
34 Maple Ave  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

# Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Patrick Fogarty



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - December 27, 2016 at 02:13 PM

LJ

*I only met Jack a couple of times but he was such a charismatic gentleman! Thank you for being a wonderful uncle and friend to my good friend Judy and her family. Through Judy, i got to know Jack and his many accomplishments and funny stories! Especially the cruises and searching for his favorite chocolate.*  
*Linda James*  
*A long life-well lived! RIP Jack.*

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**Linda J** - December 30, 2016 at 05:20 AM

PW

*My friendship with jack started sharing a table at dinner in a cruise 1999 but felt he had been a lifelong friend quickly. He was cautious in his friendships but opened soon to Paul and me and we enjoyed the warm relationship from then til now. He was a faithful correspondent and we had a number of great cruises together from then on. I'll miss hearing his voice on the phone planning our next cruise. It s so hard to lose a friend with such shared varied interests and such a charismatic charming personality!*

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**patricia wright** - January 04, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ John Patrick Fogarty

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October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *John Patrick Fogarty*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *John Patrick Fogarty*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



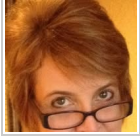
“ *Jack and I first met when he worked in the Communications Department of the NY Archdiocese and I worked as a TV producer for WPIX. We become friends with a lot of laughter along the way. We shared the same birthday and remained friends over 20 years - even though we lost touch when I relocated a couple of times.*



*When I was unpacking one of a couple hundred boxes (yes 200 boxes) about 6 years ago, I came across an invitation to an art show at his house that I had saved even though I could not attend due to my work in news. I called and we picked up like no time had passed at all. That was Jack - delightful, engaging, sharp, witty and full of life!. We stayed in touch and shared thoughts about his work as an actor, his artwork, his book and plans for another book. Late last year I hoped he was on another cruise or fabulous vacation when I did not hear from him for so long.*

*I miss my dear friend - John Patrick Fogarty, actor, author, artist, gentleman.*

**Elna Seabrooks** - March 21, 2017 at 09:51 PM



“ *In all the places I've lived throughout my life, in all the things I've done, being able to work with Jack within the Office of Communication at the Archdiocese of New York in the late 90's was a stand-out. Jack not only was a co-worker, but became a dear friend. This "ancient mariner"--whom I teased was oddly preserved by tea and stale "crumpets" and not much else--was a soulful character, talented artist, handsome former actor...The list is long. I grew to love Jack's antics, as much as I sometimes found them annoying. I was fortunate to keep up communication with him after my family and I moved from NYC. I looked forward to his latest watercolor and tales from his adventures on the high seas. I will miss our correspondence. I will miss Jack. Because of his robust faith in Christ, I know he is having his greatest adventures yet.*

*Holly Harrell Manry Gonzales*

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**Holly Gonzales** - February 17, 2017 at 09:02 AM

DK

“ Jack became friends with my dad, Jack mac Donald during the war and from then they were lifetime friends . He was a huge fan of my mom Mary and wrote to her throughout the war Adding watercolor paintings on all the envelopes which are the ones that are in the Smithsonian. He was also a large part of our family growing up and as kids we always loved when Jack was coming over because it then became a party!  
After my parents passed away we still kept in contact, and I never got over how he didn't seem to age never seemed to lose any energy , was just full of life.... i'm just grateful that he did not have to suffer and now he's with his parents his siblings and all his old friends .... Judy and her family and his sister Josie my heart goes out to you I'm sorry for your loss .  
Best, "Di" mac Donald/ katsikas



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**diane katsikas** - January 25, 2017 at 08:25 PM

EP

“ What a heavy loss for all of us, Jack's long time friends. We had shared many plays we put on in NYC thru the years...he was such a good actor and writer and artist and just a well rounded, joy-filled human being...seeing the world thru his lovely cruises and his caring for human beings...dear Jack lead a real worthwhile life and I treasure his presence in my life...thank goodness for our memories.  
Rest in Peace dear Jack.

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**Elizabeth Ploger** - January 16, 2017 at 08:48 PM

SF

“ *Stephen & Nancy Pluta and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Patrick Fogarty.*



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**Stephen & Nancy Pluta and Family** - December 29, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Patrick Fogarty.*



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December 28, 2016 at 05:30 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear about Jack. He was such a pleasure to visit with and I loved having tea and scones with him. God Bless him and his family. He will be missed but I will think of him every time I have a tea and scones.*  
*Cindy Wagner*

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**Cindy Wagner** - December 28, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ 123 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - December 27, 2016 at 02:03 PM

CB

“ Tribute to Jack Fogarty

*I have many fond memories of Jack visiting my childhood home in Bayside, NY (as another and the oldest of the Pluta siblings). There are many “flashback” memories that are coming to my mind, and some of them are these:*

*\*definitely his laughter – hearty and frequent*

*\*he loved his pot of tea and sweets after dinner*

*\*he was very engaging and interested in people & their lives, from young children to teenagers to adults*

*\*something he wrote in my 8th grade graduation autograph book – “Be bright. Be smart. Don’t break every heart. Love, Brokenhearted Jack” – which I puzzled over at the time, thinking, “Gee, did I break his heart?”*

*\*being able to see him from time-to-time when I worked for the Archdiocese of New York, my first post-college job – same building, different department*

*\*his acquiring 2 tickets for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral for myself and my (then) fiancé, Robert Bonvento*

*\*his annual Christmas cards, some of which had his own artwork as the illustration*

*\*and of course, being amazed by his boundless energy as he continued his many travels and cruises well into his later years.*

*Jack, you will be missed. Thank you for the joy you brought to so many people and for embracing life so fully.*

*With love & appreciation,*

*Cathleen (Cathy) Bonvento*

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**Cathleen Bonvento** - December 27, 2016 at 10:16 AM

DP

“ Jack was a lifelong friend of my parents, Stephen and Nancy Pluta. I am one of their 7 children. Jack used to come to our house for annual holiday celebrations and as a kid I have such fond memories of him. He was always so much fun and interactive with all of us. And that infectious laugh. And such a talented artist. I remember him sketching a picture for me of one of my favorite rock stars back in the '70s when I was in my early teens (and he didn't like rock music). I also remember proudly pointing out to my friends and family of Jack's appearance in Oliver Stone's "Wall Street" movie. Such a gentle and loving man, he touched my life and undoubtedly many others. Rest In Peace Jack Fogerty and thank you for being a part of my life and such great memories.  
Dan Pluta

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**Dan Pluta** - December 26, 2016 at 08:14 PM