



Mr John E. Fisher

August 31, 1930 - November 11, 2022

John E. Fisher, born John E. Koefeldt in Hopp, Montana, died peacefully after a chronic illness at Mercy Ridge in Timonium, Maryland, on Friday November 11, 2022, surrounded by his four children and their spouses. Jack, as he was known, recently lost his wife of 68 years, Joanne Mary (nee Duffy) on September 4, 2022.

He and Joanne spent their entire married life in the Cockeysville/Timonium area, and were members of St. Joseph's, Texas, MD parish for many years. Jack was the first Montanan to graduate from Johns Hopkins University in 1952. He was also an Army Veteran, and during the Korean War he worked in the forensic pathology lab at Walter Reed Medical Center. He spent his career in sales of various pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, and later in life, Jack and Joanne started a business, Cardinal Robe Company, supplying robes and other garments to choirs, church personnel and judges in the mid-Atlantic area. Work was important but working together brought Jack and Joanne the greatest joy. He enjoyed playing tennis and rooting for the Orioles and Ravens. He was instrumental in the formation of the youth lacrosse program at Cockeysville-Springlake Recreation Council in 1969 and achieving a lighted playing field at the County Home Park. Many of the children who began their lacrosse careers in Cockeysville went on to play in college and were even on NCAA Championship teams. He had a curious mind, always tinkering and creating gadgets to make life a little easier. Popular Science and Popular Mechanics subscriptions continued throughout his life.

Jack and Joanne began their married life and were quickly blessed with children. Those children were educated locally, and all became successful in their chosen careers, and all remain in Maryland, so family bonds are strong and supportive.

Jack is survived by his children, Judy Funk, Michael Fisher, MD (Karen), Mary Rykiel, BSN, MPH (Scott), Betsy Fisher, BSN, MA, CWOCN, grandchildren Gregory Funk (Kristen), Aidan Fisher (Caitlin), David Funk, Natalie Rykiel (Mads), Graham Rykiel, Nina Thompson (Conor), and Haley Rykiel. He and Joanne had many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews too. Besides his wife, he is predeceased by his mother Josephine Fisher, father Joseph Koefeldt, brother Donald Fisher and sister Nancy Koefeldt.