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Ms. Barbara Heyde
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Dear Barbara:

Thank you very much for sending Jack's final thoughts to his "friends & family" just before his passing on June 3rd. As a member of the Class of '61, Jack will always be included in both the "friends" and the "family" categories. I am planning to include a portion of the letter in Jack's Class obituary for the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (Nov./Dec. 2009 issue – long lead time required).

Enclosed is what appears to be the original of Jack's final letter, which I'm sure the family would want to retain. Thank you again for sharing it with me.

Very truly yours,




Victor S. Rich, Senior Partner (semi-retired)

Enclosure

Cc: Roger McArt, Class President

Vsr/letters/heyde.barbara

*Barbara,
Am also sending Jack's last
letter to our class webmaster
to put into our class of '61
online section and also to
our class newsletter. Editor
to reprint complete in our
class of '61 bi-monthly
newsletter.*



Dear Friends & Family:

Well...I'm off on another trip! Although I knew I would make this one, one day, I didn't quite arrange the timing. None the less, I want you all to know that I make it without having experienced the fear, anger, self-pity, and other emotions that it is said accompany news of such pending trip by many pending travelers.

For those of you who don't know, in 1982, at the age of 42, when I had four young children and my wife, I faced a battle with a very high grade malignancy, completely unrelated to my recent mesothelioma. It was clearly an imminent life or death situation, which I miraculously won, but during the period of deepest doubt about my ability to survive the attacking tumor and the effects of the chemo and radiation treatments that I was undergoing, I prayed a single prayer. That prayer was that God give me the time to see my children finish their education (a bold request, under the prevailing circumstances at that time). That request was granted to me, with many years to spare, and I have seen all of my children graduate, enter the business world successfully, marry, and give Barbara and me 5 beautiful and wonderful grandchildren. All of those extra years have been filled with wonderful experiences of watching our family grow and become a unified unit, despite logistical challenges and the occasional relationship issues that are a part of most families our size.

So...I can take no issue with the timing of making this trip, that I could easily have made 27 years ago. I make it with a feeling of gratitude for all of the extra time that was given me and the joy and rewards that accompanied it. I'm sure I have been booked first class and that the destination will exceed my human expectations. I plan to stay in touch with each of you, so keep your eyes and ears open for my visits.

I thank each of you for your friendship, support, and loyalty. Please help my family manage the difficult transition to life without my immediate physical presence, as they know that I will remain with them spiritually, whether it be as husband, father, or "Grand Jack" forever,

May God be with you and bless you all for the contributions you have made to me and my families' life.

Jack

Letter written by JH 5/31
JH died 6/3
Letter discovered 6/10