



John A. "Jack" Gollan

April 10, 1932 - May 16, 2022

John A. "Jack" Gollan passed away on Monday, May 16, 2022. Jack was born on April 10, 1932 in Buenos Aires, Argentina to John A. and Julia H. Gollan.

He lived with his parents and younger brother, Thomas, in Buenos Aires until December 1940, when the family moved to Toledo. While in Argentina, John attended the American Belgrano Annex of Collegio Ward School. Upon arrival in Toledo, he attended Washington Township, Lucas County schools, graduating from Whitmer High School in 1950. At Whitmer, he participated in numerous athletic programs and was the starting center on Whitmer's underrated championship football team in 1949.

Upon graduation, he joined the US Navy. There he went into the Naval Air Service. He attended schools leading to becoming a Combat Air crewman in Anti-Submarine Squadron VS-22 that was part of the Atlantic fleet. With the end of the Korean War, he was returned to the ready reserve in Toledo.

In 1954, he enrolled in the University of Toledo, from which he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1958. While at UT, he was active in many campus organizations. He was President of the social fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1956-1957, Business Manager of the Blockhouse (the University's yearbook), Vice President of the Student Government Association in his senior year and held other student offices. In

1958, he was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

In 1959, he married his longtime college sweetheart, Iva E. Barnhart, whom he had met on the Blockhouse staff. They were married in Monroe Methodist Church. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Birmingham, MI.

After graduation from UT, he was employed by Refiners Transport and Terminal Corporation, a bulk motor carrier based in Detroit. This was a relationship that was to last for 37 years, including the ownership of the company in later years. During that time, he held many different positions, including Traffic Manager, Vice President, Traffic Executive Vice President and President/CEO of the company. In 1965, the company was acquired by Leaseway Transportation Corporation of Cleveland, OH. Leaseway was a "Fortune 500" holding company. In 1977, in addition to his position with Refiners Transport, he was named a Vice President of Leaseway. In 1979, he was promoted to Group Vice President in charge of twelve other companies that comprised the Buck Group of Leaseway.

In the 70's and 80's, in addition to his corporate responsibilities, he held various positions in state and national trucking associations. These included the Presidency and Board membership of the Ohio Bulk Carriers. The Wolverine Carriers, Inc. and this Illinois Bulk Carriers. In addition, he was a Board Member and President of the Bulk Carriers Conference, a national rate mailing organization of bulk carriers. He was also a board member and officer of the National Tank Truck Carriers of The American Trucking Association and held memberships in the Chicago and New York Traffic Clubs.

In 1986, he was one of a number of senior executives of Leaseway that purchased the company. In 1988, he, along with four other former Leaseway Executives, purchased the bulk group of companies from Leaseway and formed a new company, Bulk Materials, Inc. He retired from BMI in 1994.

In addition to corporate responsibilities, he was active in the Toledo community. He was a board member of the Toledo Boys and Girls Club for 26 years. He also served on the board and as President in 1985-86 of the University of Toledo Alumni Foundation. He was a life member of both the University of Toledo and Ohio State University President's Clubs.

He was a 50 year member of the Hinsdale Illinois Lodge No. 945 of the free and accepted masons. He was a charter member of the Zenobia Temple Mariners as well as a member of the Valley of Toledo Scottish Rite and Zenobia Temple. Social memberships included the Catawba Island Club, The Toledo Country Club and The Rockwell Springs Trout Club.

In retirement, he and his wife, Iva, enjoyed extensive travel going to Europe, Africa, South America and numerous Caribbean Islands. In recent years, they spent winters in a Fort Pierce, FL condo. They were long time Ohio State University football season ticket holders, only rarely missing a game.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife, Iva; brother, Thomas (Sharon) Gollan and nephew, Chuck Barhart. Jack is survived by nieces, Kelly (Jeff) Sabol and Stacey Slagel; nephew, John (Pauline) LoCascio, great-nieces and great-nephews, Joey Sabol, Sarah Sabol, Alley Slagel, Nate (Breanna) Slagel, Torey Slagel, Andrew Barnhart and George Barnhart. He is also survived by sister-in-law Janet Barnhart; cousin, Maria Mercedes (Hector) Condoni and lifelong friend, Tod Roemer.

The family would like to thank Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek, especially Amy, Tasha and Linda, as well as Hospice of Northwest Ohio for all of their support and for taking great care of Jack.

Friends and family are invited to visit on Monday, May 23, 2022 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave. Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 11:00am at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Boy's and Girls Club of Toledo.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was a nephew of his father, Juan Agustín Gollan. Many years ago, I wrote a very large letter to Jack, telling him about her father in Argentina: my memories, his costumes, his way of life, including dreads of the house where he lived with his three single sisters. My regards to Jack.

Julio de la Torre Gollan - May 25, 2022 at 06:16 PM