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**L**amb, John R. "Jack"

A loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away May 18, 2020. Jack was a dedicated public servant, contributing 57 years of his expertise and leadership to the education of all children especially those with special needs and for the betterment of our community.

Jack is survived by his loving wife Nora (of 62 years); his children Debbie Arias (Carlos), Paul Lamb (Priscilla), and Tommy Lamb; grandchildren, Ashley Ledo (RJ), Kalyn Arias, Hector Lamb (Lauren), and Lindsey Lamb; great-grandchildren, Gianna Ledo, Elijah and Alden Lamb.

The family would like to thank Diana Vazquez, Jack's caregiver, for her unconditional care that she gave Jack. Also, they wish to acknowledge the Hospice Staff for all their help especially Sandy Dettori (home health aide) and Sara LaRose (nurse).

Due to COVID-19, a private funeral will be held in Jack's honor. A celebration of life in Jack's memory will be announced at later date.

As an expression of sympathy, in honor of Jack's dedicated service to children in our school system, contributions can be made to Lamb Elementary School at 6274 South 78th Street, Tampa, FL 33619.

Jack Lamb was elected to the Hillsborough County School Board (District 3) in 2000, serving as chair in 2006. He is one of seven members responsible for making policy decisions and overseeing a budget of \$2.3 billion for the 9th largest school district in the nation and the county's largest employer with 30,000 employees. His support of the Arts stems from his love of music and an understanding that it is important to educate the "whole child". During his re-election in 2008, Dr. Lamb ran unopposed. He donated all of his campaign funds to the music programs of Hillsborough County.



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Dr. Lamb has served as executive director of the Hillsborough County Association of School Administrators, an adjunct professor at both the University of Florida and Nova Southeastern University, an intern supervisor at Nova Southeastern University and as a teacher and administrator for Pinellas and Hillsborough County public schools. He taught in the areas of elementary, adult, and exceptional student education. He has also served as a consultant to school districts, universities, and organizations in 10 states and Ontario, Canada.

He earned his B.S. in elementary education from the University of Tampa, his M.Ed from the University of Florida, and his Ed.D. from Syracuse University. He taught music in the early 1950's at Orange Grove and Mendenhall Elementary Schools.

Dr. Jack Lamb's music interests begin at Zephyrhills K-12 (population 300). He played tuba in the band and later received a music scholarship to the University of Tampa. During this time, he performed with the University ensembles, played in a German band with James Crosby (fellow inductee), was a member of the Tampa Philharmonic, and President of Kappa Kappa Psi (Honorary Band Fraternity). He also played with a dance band (drums) on the weekends to help supplement his income.

Jack Lamb served as the 2005-2006 president of the Florida School Boards Association. He also served as a member and officer of the Florida Association of School Administrators; Florida Association of Instructional Supervisors and Administrators; Council for Exceptional Children-local, state, and national; Council for Administrators of Special Education-state and national; and Phi Delta Kappa. He is co-founder, and has served as secretary/treasurer of the Florida Coalition for the Education of Exceptional Students.

Dr. Lamb also has extensive community involvement, including the MacDonald Training Center; Lighthouse for the Blind; Ybor Chamber of Commerce; Greater Tampa Bay Special Education Consortium; and the Ybor City Rotary. His wife, Nora, is a retired Hillsborough County schoolteacher, and his daughter is an administrator in the district. He and Nora have three children.

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ML

**M. Beth Langley** posted:

To the family of Jack, "Dr. Lamb", I was so saddened by his passing. I have thought of him so often over the years and followed his amazing career after he left Pinellas County. Jack was a wonderful mentor, leader, and educator. He always had time to listen and advise and his leadership made me a better teacher. He was supportive of and celebrated the achievements of his teachers, letting us know that he appreciated us. His attendance at daily Mass was inspirational and his huge heart and passion for addressing the needs of children and youth with disabilities was second to none. As a resource teacher for the most impaired students, I often was at his office on Arcturas to take and to pick up paper work. On one occasion, late in the afternoon, I was at the Arcturas annex with my then foster child. Eric was six at the time and had multiple and severe disabilities. I sat him in a chair next to the secretary while I complied paperwork for the week in an adjacent room. When I returned, Eric was happily sitting in Dr. Lamb's lap! I was so touched and grateful for his attention to Eric. Jack told me being with the children was the best part of his job. Jack left lasting impressions on all with whom he came in contact. I pray that you all find joy and healing in knowing how special he was to so many. God Bless You All Beth Langley and Eric

May 28 at 4:46 PM

SB

**Sandi Broida** posted:

We are so saddened by this news. Jack was an awesome leader and friend to all of his staff. His motto was children and families come first! He would not let the politics of the District dictate his decisions---especially if they involved his staff or families. When I think of the years we shared in Pinellas, I smile because we really enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to develop outstanding program services. May his memory be a blessing for all of his loved ones. May this GENTLE GIANT rest in peace. Always Sandi and Joel Broida

May 28 at 1:16 PM

JK

**Janet Pace Kaufmann** posted:

My sincere sympathies to the Lamb family, and may God's peace be with you. I worked for the school district as a teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing. I remember Dr Lamb as a genuinely caring person with a true heart for special needs students. He was always available to listen and follow through to help with what ever was needed. Jack was a gentle soul. Janet Pace Kaufmann

May 27 at 2:20 PM



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JK

**Joseph Kurdell** posted:

Dearest Nora & Jack Lamb Family Member's Your loss is also our's, for both you and Jack made us feel as we were a part of your special family. Our prayers can be counted on in the coming days in hopes that Our Father will guide all of you, through these coming days. Please feel free to call us 24/7 if we can be of any help whatsoever. Carol & Joseph Kurdell

May 27 at 7:56 AM

CI

**Charlie Ippolito** posted:

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Jack. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Nora and family. We love you. Charlie and Pearl Ippolito

May 26 at 12:10 PM

BY

**Barbara Yadley** posted:

Dear Nora and family, My deepest condolences go out to you. Jack was a great man, and we are all better for having known him. Best, Bobby Yadley

May 26 at 5:17 AM

JD

**Joseph Diaz** posted:

Dear Nora and Lamb Family, It was with sadness that I found out of your great loss. My thoughts, prayers, and emotions are with you at this time. Joseph F. Diaz, DDS

May 24 at 11:12 AM

JP

**John Palmeri** posted:

Debbie Arias and Family, Kindly accept our deepest sympathy and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless you! Always, Sandra and John Palmeri

May 23 at 12:01 PM



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**Frank Cisneros** posted:

Nora and family We are so sorry to learn of Jack passing. What a great person. Friendly and always willing to help. Can't forget when he assisted our daughter Anna with some educational matters, many years ago. Jack will be missed. Rest in Peace, Fondly, Luisa and Frank Cisneros

May 23 at 6:03 AM



**Connie Urso** posted:

Dear Lamb and Arias families, please know that we share in your sadness, sorrow and heartbreak. Jack was a true friend, champion for children, and all round fun Irishman. We will always remember the fun times, especially the debutante ball, with the krewe of Sant Yago. We will always cherish your friendship, and hope it continues for years to come. All our love, Jamie and Connie Urso

May 21 at 12:33 PM



**Dorrie Murtagh** posted:

Dear Sweet Nora I am sending you and your family our deepest sympathy and love. Your darling Jack has always been very special to me and I will cherish his wise words and his kindness towards me - since the very first day we met in Tommy's office. What a brilliant man. His devotion to you and your family was so evident- he lived for all of you. May you find peace in knowing that Jack is in Paradise!! Love and Peace, Dorrie Murtagh and Family

May 21 at 3:40 AM



**Fernando Posada** posted:

Great memories of your Family growing up and eating great food. Besitos to all of you. Jack was simply the best. Fernando

May 20 at 5:22 AM



**John Maceovsky Jr.** May 21 at 8:33 AM

Nora, My deepest sympathy to you and your family . John Maceovsky Jr.



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Lamb family.



May 19 at 7:11 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lamb family.

May 19 at 4:23 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lamb family.

May 19 at 1:45 PM



**Irene Phillips Couchman** lit a candle in honor of John.

Nora & family. I am so sorry. I miss his quick answers, his kindness & smile. Besides that all, he did so much good for so many. You all know he loved all of you very much and was very proud. God bless you all. You shall be in my prayers.

May 19 at 1:44 PM



**Anthony S & Irene C & Entire Rotary Of Ybor City** sent a Heart's Companion Bouquet to the Lamb family.

May 19 at 1:35 PM



**Katrina Lopez** posted:

Such a kind and gentle soul. I know he will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Much love and hugs for you Mrs. Nora, Debbie and his caregiver. You will be thought of in the days and months ahead.

May 19 at 9:53 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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