



## John Vrba

February 11, 1935 - October 25, 2021

John Vrba Beloved Husband of Viola “ Vi” . Loving father of Deborah Gurke, Tamra (Charles) Lee and Jacqueline (Larry) Larsen. Doting grandfather of Adam (Gabriela Salas) Gurke, Katharine (Jacob Fisher) Gurke, Savannah Lee and Victoria Lee. Great Grandfather of Emile. Dear uncle of Maryann and Bob Given. John was a proud member of Berwyn Eagles and Retired Eagles Activities Club (REAC). Visitation is Thursday 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave.(55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation on Friday at the funeral home from 8:30 AM until time of Celebration of Life Service at 10 AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating blood and/or donate in John’s memory to the American Red Cross, 2200 W. Harrison St. Chicago, IL 60612. Please offer your thoughts and condolences to John’s family on his personal tribute website at [www.foranfuneralhome.com](http://www.foranfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

OCT **29**. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“Where to begin...Uncle Jack was always there for me as far back as I can remember. He was my mother's favorite sibling and their bond was very strong. That bond transferred to me as well. When I think of Uncle Jack, I recall his many interests. He loved fishing so much that he even made his own exotic lures. He enjoyed bowling and golf and he truly enjoyed food. He would try unusual meals as well as the traditional ethnic fare. I remember him for his creativity. He was the "mixologist" at our family Thanksgiving and Christmas parties, creating new and tasty "adult beverages" that you couldn't find anywhere else. Years ago he would make beautiful posters for the Berwyn Eagles promoting their upcoming dances, fundraisers, and other events. Many, many years ago, he bought a mandolin and I was trying to learn to play the guitar. On Fridays after school we played "duets" with neither one of us really knowing what were doing and definitely not playing any real songs. Another example of his creativity was his love of woodworking projects. He made lawn ornaments as well as smaller items and all were beautifully done. Another important part of his life was the Berwyn Eagles He was so devoted to this organization and made so many life-long friends among its members. Even though he worked nights most of his younger life, he still found time to become a Trustee and never missed an Eagles' event. That included out-of-town bowling tournaments each Spring (he bowled on my father's team) and the numerous holiday dances. Later he became very involved with REAC and worked the weekly bingo nights where we would get to see each other and "catch up" every Wednesday. All through my life Uncle Jack never missed a dance recital, school program, or graduation of mine. I have so many treasured memories of him. There are few people in this world as generous as he was with his time and talents. He was very special to me.

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**Maryann** - October 27, 2021 at 02:15 PM