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Phoenix - John Winslow Howarth Gushée (Jack), 86, died peacefully on November 29, 2018 with family by his side in Phoenix, Arizona. Jack was born on September 24, 1932 in Detroit. He attended boarding school at Kent School in Connecticut. Jack was Class of '54 at Williams College and, after two years in the Air Force, received his MBA from Stanford University in 1958. After graduate school he returned to Detroit where he met his wife, Sarah (Sally) Valade, to whom he was married for 58 years.

Jack loved the outdoors and had a passion for the West. After starting his career at the Bank of Detroit, he and Sally seized the opportunity to move to the then small city of Phoenix. He joined the Arizona Bank in 1962 where he enjoyed a decade's long career in commercial lending and corporate finance during the phenomenal growth years in Phoenix. In his latter years at the Bank, Jack started the National Accounts division and then left in 1990 after the bank was acquired by Security Pacific Corp.

But Jack had too much energy to retire, and started a new chapter at the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) charged with reconciliation of the Savings and Loan crisis. The work started in Phoenix but soon led to Washington, D.C. Consulting work followed with USAID that took Jack to Bosnia after the war to rebuild the banking system. He loved his time in Bosnia and appreciated the land, culture and people there. After the second Gulf War, Jack worked in Iraq on banking recovery, flying around the country in C-130 transports with the coalition soldiers. He also spent time in Ghana and Sri Lanka on development projects.

Jack was active in his community. He served as Chairman of the United Way of Phoenix and was on the board of Memorial Hospital. Among other board and leadership positions, Jack was active in the Phoenix Art Museum, Schemer Art Center and was a member the University Clubs of Phoenix and Washington D.C., as well as the Williams Club in New York. Jack and Sally were also members of the Phoenix Country Club for more than 40 years.

Jack was fond of skiing, hiking and fishing and enjoyed playing tennis, golf, hockey and lacrosse. He is famous for enduring record Phoenix heat during a PCC tennis tournament where he was carried off the court after winning the tournament. An executive by day, Jack played in the National Novice Hockey League after hours. Jack's team won their regionals and went to the playoffs in California. One of the oldest in the NNHL, he had a reputation throughout the league as a tough and tenacious player.

Jack spent his retirement years traveling with Sally and they split their time between Jackson Hole in the summer and Phoenix in the winter. He loved Wyoming and it was the backdrop for visits from friends and family and became the place where Jack most celebrated his life as a husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He is survived by wife Sally and two children, Geoffrey (Saran Kadeka) of Johannesburg, R.S.A. and Stephen (Jessica Moran) of New York City, and two wonderful grandsons, Christopher and William. He was predeceased by his oldest brother, Richard B. Gushée and his younger brother Stephen H. Gushée; he is survived by his brother Edward T. Gushée, sisters-in-law Kitty and Mary, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Celebration for Jack with family and close friends will take place towards the end of December, 2018 with details to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center [barrowneuro.org](http://barrowneuro.org) or Phoenix Art Museum [phxart.org](http://phxart.org).

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