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John Watson (Jack) Talbot

1921 - 2015 LA JOLLA CALIF. John Watson (Jack) Talbot died from pneumonia and congestive heart failure on March 13. Up until a week before his death, he was his old self walking the hills of La Jolla and doing his route downtown every day. He had an enthusiasm for life right up to the end. Jack was born in Washington D.C. on September 4th, 1921 to Mildred Watson Talbot and Leland Crowell Talbot. Leland Talbot was secretary to Congressman Allen Treadway. When the stint was up, the family moved back to their home in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. As a youth, Jack was an active Boy Scout, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout as a teen. During his time as a scout, he helped cleared the slopes for what was to become Bousquets Ski Area. Jack was an active young man playing tennis, golf, skiing and playing hockey. He later was a member of the semi-pro hockey team, The Highlawn Jerseys, and taught hockey at Darrow School which he himself had attended. One of his students was Pete Conrad, future astronaut. Jack graduated from Williams College, majoring in geology and hockey team. He was tickled several weeks ago when, at age would like to be on the team for this year's alumni game. captain of the LCS (L) (3) 13 boat in the Pacific. The member 1995 for the assistance they offered to the USS Braine - DE attacked by enemy fighters. After the war, Jack became a life the Berkshire Life Insurance Company. He was general agent Agency in Pittsfield as well as a Chartered Life Underwriter, and Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow. He was top producer for many years. Jack was an active member of the Berkshire community, serving on the boards of Darrow School, The Country Club of Pittsfield, The Richmond Congregational Church, and the Pittsfield Kiwanis Club. He won the golf tournament at the Pittsfield Country Club in his 20s and went on to win the PCC tennis tournament several times. He loved to organize hockey games with the members at the Pittsfield Country Club in the winter. In 1975, he and his wife, Angela, packed up and moved to La Jolla, Calif. where Angela had lived during high school and where much of her family lived. At age 55, Jack started the first agency of the Berkshire Life Insurance Company west of the Mississippi in San Diego and later became an independent broker. He kept his license active until his death. Jack was just as active in La Jolla and San Diego as he had been in western Massachusetts. He joined the Kiwanis Club of La Jolla, serving on the board and as President and as a delivery person for Meals on Wheels until two weeks ago. He was an active and beloved member of the Congregational Church of La Jolla. As a member of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, Jack competed in many tennis tournaments. It was his goal to play in the over 80s tournament, but macular degeneration kept him from achieving that goal. He and his family loved to roller blade on Mission Bay and to snorkel in the ocean on a regular basis. At many La Jolla Christmas Parades, Jack and his friends and family could be seen roller blading for Meals on Wheels. Two books were written by Mr. Talbot. Marketing Insurance in Six Decades published in 1991 and, Angela, about the life of his wife, in 2009. He leaves behind his son, John (John) Talbot, daughter-in-law, Sondra and his wife, Use your keyboard arrow keys to view Next / Previous obituaries too! onal Church c 1 in Massachusetts sometime next fall. Donations may be given in his name to the Kiwanis Club of La Jolla.

Jack and I would go on over San Diego talking insurance...."

- Rick Gutierrez

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