



Joe Rider Horn

August 23, 1938 - May 1, 2021

Joe Rider Horn, 82, of Waynesfield, passed away quietly, surrounded by his family at 12:30 a.m., Saturday, May 1, 2021, at Lima Memorial Health System. “Grampa Joe” as he was affectionately known by the many young athletes and adults he coached and taught throughout the state, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on August 23, 1938. The son of Joe A. & Jeanne (DeSilvey) Horn, Joe graduated from Liberty High School in 1956, where he excelled in academics and athletics. He went on to Oberlin College as a recruit to play baseball. He then became a two-time Little All American at wide receiver and as a mid-fielder in lacrosse, and he was also a two-year varsity starter in basketball.

Joe went on to earn his master’s degree in Physical Education from Penn State in 1961 and his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1976. His coaching and teaching career spanned 6 decades, involving elementary school through college scholar–athletes. Perhaps his most notable achievement was being named to the Ohio High School Track and Cross Country Coaches’ Hall of Fame in 2016, having coached numerous boys’ and girls’ state champions in the sprints, hurdles, jumps, and pole vault. He retired from coaching in 2020. His greatest passion was studying the Bible, participating in the life of the New Hampshire Community Church, and following Jesus Christ.

Joe is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean and their two sons, Jay (Jodi) Horn, and Jon (Kitt) Horn. He has six grandchildren of whom he was

immensely proud- Joe (Aly), Jamison (Carrie), Gray, Jaclyn (Jon), Morgan, and Ivy (Shayne). He was also the proud great grandfather of Peter, Arthur, and Nolan. Joe is also survived by his sister, Jennifer (Christopher) Browning. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his younger sister, Zina.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 8, 2021, at the Waynesfield-Goshen High School Football-Track Stadium. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Walnut Hills Cemetery, near New Hampshire. The family will receive family and friends 2-8 p.m., Friday, May 7, at the Waynesfield Chapel of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory. Memorial contributions may be directed to the One Plus God Ministries at oneplusgod.org or send to 2890 Harding Hwy E., Unit G, Marion, Ohio 43302. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
200 E Wapakoneta St
Waynesfield, OH 45896
(419) 780-5050

Service

MAY 8. 10:00 AM.

Waynesfield Goshen High School Stadium
Waynesfield, OH

Tribute Wall

MC

“ To have known this man, a teammate, classmate, friend, was to have learned the scope of goodness in humanity. I cherish that which his friendship conveyed to me and wish his family memories eternal

Manny Caminis

Oberlin '62

Manny Caminis - May 11, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JB

“ Coach Joe shaped my life (any many other I am sure) and who I am today in many ways. He was more than a coach - he was an advisor, a mentor, a leader, a teacher, a friend, a disciplinarian, and so much more. I could not even begin to count the hours and hours we spent together training and learning. He always told it like it was and was tough when he needed to be. He taught me about the importance of hard work, leadership, discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, passion, and I could go on and on. I am proud to have know him and proud that he helped be become the man I am today. Thanks Coach, and rest easy my friend. Josh Barrett

Joshua Barrett - May 09, 2021 at 05:24 PM

GK

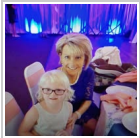
“ I thank the Lord for sending Mr Horn my way he was an amazing Teacher helping me with my Math which was very hard for me I will never Forget him really appreciated him and he even came to my house and left me a graduation gift Sincerely Gina Kennedy Benjamin Logan class of 1993

Gina Kennedy - May 07, 2021 at 08:07 PM

CE

“ *What an amazing man that Joe Horn was. His passing leaves a great void in the Waynesfield-New Hampshire community but also brings to light many fond memories from the thousands of people whose lives he touched. Coach Horn always went out of his way to help any pole vaulter that I would bring to him. It didn't matter that these kids were on a rival team, his goal was to improve the skills of everyone that sought his help. The accomplishments of Jay and Jon in the academic and athletic arena was a testament to his and Jean's nature and nurture. It had to be great for him to see his influence take his grandkids to even greater heights and I'm sure that the great grandkids will be ready soon to carry that torch further. All in all, the world lost one of the truly great and influential people with his passing, but he passed on many of his traits to the world. My condolences to the Horn family on their loss. Chuck Ellerbrock*

Chuck Ellerbrock - May 07, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *I read about Joe's passing in the Lima News when I read a great article about his story and background. I taught and coached with Joe at Waynesfield-Goshen. I was a young college graduate and Joe was so helpful and so supportive towards me in my early professional days. I will always remember Joe for his kind disposition, sense of humor, (and warm smile). He was always the consummate coach who focused on helping others achieve their full potential. Although I did not stay in education, his impact (and his kind reference) on my career spurred me on to try and focus on the same things he did. Of all the coaches I have ever been around...high school, college.....he was the most genuine I had ever met. Most of all he was real good man. God bless and sympathies to all his friends and family.*
Mike Giesken

Mike Giesken - May 06, 2021 at 06:21 PM

JH

“ Dear Jean and Family,
I was surprised to read of Joe's recent death in the Lima News. A recent column by a man who knew Joe from his tract coach days, which was long, spoke of all the time and effort he spent teaching youth the fundamentals. That is a legacy that will long live in the hearts and minds of those he touched.
He has left his worn out body behind and gone to a better place. I pray those he left on the earth who mourn him will find comfort in their faith and families.

Jane Hankins, Lima Trinity

Jane Hankins - May 06, 2021 at 04:18 PM

DA

“ Jean, so sorry for your loss.
David Campbell

david - May 06, 2021 at 09:22 AM

DR

“ I have fond memories of Joe from Urbana College. He helped me get started in sports media.

Dave Ross - May 06, 2021 at 09:06 AM

MR

“ I was fortunate to work with Joe Horn while I was teaching and coaching at Waynesfield Goshen High School. He was a great individual and was able to help me in many ways. God Bless to the family and friends of Coach Horn Marty Riggs

Marty Riggs - May 06, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Rider Horn.



May 06, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ We met Joe more than 50 years ago on the Oberlin College lacrosse field where Joe, along with Fred Shults, coached the men's lacrosse team. I was new to the game and Heather Partridge, now Oppenheimer, was the first woman manager of a men's varsity sport in the Ohio Athletic Conference. Joe was cool because he was only 10 years older than many of us, a good teacher, extremely patient as we learned the game, and still a great athlete. Joe had a hand in getting our marriage off to a good start. He lent us a charcoal grill for a cookout the night before our wedding so that our families could get to know each other in a relaxed and informal setting. Heather and I married on my graduation day, May 23, 1971. In a few weeks we'll celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary and will fondly remember the part Joe played in our lives. He enriched our lives and we hope that the many amazing memories you have of him will comfort you at this time.

*Marty & Heather Oppenheimer
Surfside, Florida*

Marty Oppenheimer - May 05, 2021 at 11:03 PM

GE

“ You have our deepest sympathy. Joe was a wonderful person in all ways.
In prayer,
Gene and Renee Ewing

Gene Ewing - May 05, 2021 at 03:07 PM

DH

“ Sorry for your loss. Take Care.
Diane Haller, Rhodes State College

Diane S Haller - May 04, 2021 at 07:05 PM

RT

“ Saddened to learn of the passing of this truly good and decent man.
God's blessings to the Horn family. Ralph & Betty Jo Tomassi

Ralph Tomassi - May 04, 2021 at 05:51 PM

NM

“ As a student at Oberlin, I fondly remember Joe's having to learn how to ice skate and how to coach ice hockey. (Oberlin hired teachers first, and then assigned coaching duties.) I regret that he wasn't allowed to teach p.e. classes to the women majors, so I had to observe from a distance. However, I always held him in high regard and admired the strong coaching skills he used as he worked with his teams. Godspeed, Joe!
Nancy Hawley Morrison, OC'67

Nancy Morrison - May 04, 2021 at 02:04 PM

AS

“ *What an amazing teacher, mentor, coach, and man of God!
Condolences to his family and to the thousands of other folks whose
lives he touched in many wonderful ways.*

Art Stormer - May 04, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Joe Rider Horn.*



May 04, 2021 at 09:01 AM