



Rev. John Edward Dodds

August 14, 1935 - February 3, 2023

Rev. John E. Dodds, 87, of St. Marys, OH, died 6:06 a.m., Fri. Feb. 3, 2023, at Otterbein-St. Marys. He was born Aug. 14, 1935, in Hardin Co., OH, the son of the John O. & Myrtle M. (Tracy) Dodds, who preceded him in death. On Oct. 24, 1954, he married Patricia Joan Lones, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

5 children, Charlotte (Frederick) Brown, Westerville, OH,

Dr. Jonathon (Kim) Dodds, Chicago, IL,

J. Mark Dodds, St. Marys, OH,

Benjamin J. (Cynthia) Dodds, Wapakoneta,

Daniel (Jayma) Dodds, Anna, OH;

18 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild, siblings, Molly Shroyer, Wapakoneta,

Denzil (Kay) Dodds, League City, TX,

W. Michael (Carlotte) Dodds, Sidney, OH,

David (Deanna) Dodds, Jackson Center, OH,

Aaron (Deanece) Dodds, Lakeview, OH,

numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by a great grandchild, Myrlis, and 3 brothers, Myron, Patrick, and Phillip Dodds.

John's life was dedicated to the service of others, officiating at countless weddings and funerals. He was an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, and served full time for over 50 years. He pastored Churches of

the Nazarene in Indian Lake, Paulding, and Cridersville. He later served as director of the Nazarene Church Camp (Cross Oak Camp and Conference Center) St. Marys, and was very involved in the development of their current facilities. He was a graduate of Stokes Local High School, Lakeview, OH, and attended the Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, IL. He also drove school bus for the Wapakoneta City Schools, and served as chaplain for the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Dept. for a number of years. He was active with the Nazarene Camping Assn. He traveled throughout the state as an evangelist and guest speaker. John also helped farmers in the area. He enjoyed flying, sailing, and traveling.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. Feb. 11, 2023, in the auditorium at the Cross Oak Camp and Conference Center (Nazarene Church Camp) 272 Jack Oak Point Rd., St. Marys, OH, with Dr. Geoff Kunselman officiating. Burial is to follow in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, near New Hampshire, OH., where John's brother, Rev. Denzil Dodds will officiate. The family will receive friends 3-7 p.m., Fri. Feb. 10, and 9:30-10:30 a.m., Sat. at the Cross Oak Camp and Conference Center, St. Marys. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Nazarene Church Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Hill Cemetery

St. Rt. 385
New Hampshire, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cross Oak Camp and Conference Center
272 Jack Oak Point Rd.
St. Marys, OH 45885

Visitation

FEB 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ Sending our condolences to the entire Dodds family at this sad time...Sincerely, Steve and Beverly Wood & Family

Donald Steven Wood - February 15, 2023 at 12:49 PM

OF

“ Our Sympathy and Prayers are with each of your family. Good Memories through the years. Love From John Opperman Family Craig and Judy Opperman, Phil and Alice (Opperman) Fisher and Family

Opperman Family - February 08, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. John Edward Dodds.



February 07, 2023 at 11:23 AM

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“ (in card mesage) purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Rev. John Edward Dodds.



(in card mesage) - February 07, 2023 at 11:20 AM

SS

“ Justin,
So sorry to hear of your loss and heaven's gain! We are here for you always! Sending love!
Sarah Scott

Sarah Scott - February 06, 2023 at 12:37 PM

BG

“ Very caring man When my husband was in an accident in 1969 Pastor Dodd sat with me at the hospital during surgery Such a comfort Prayers for the family Beverly Grant

Beverly Grant - February 06, 2023 at 11:12 AM

WB

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family! We will miss seeing John on his golf cart at campground and his warm friendly smile and coming to snack shack anytime it was open to get ice cream and popcorn! What a great man of God! Woody and Toni Bricker

Woody and Toni Bricker - February 06, 2023 at 07:07 AM

DC

“ Prayer for the family on the loss of John. I remember his love of God, dedication to his work and the great help and guidance he gave us as we began Royal Family Kids Camp. Of course I also remember his great sense of humor. I one of many blessed by him.

Denise Cook - February 06, 2023 at 06:18 AM

TD

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. I remember many good times with John at the camp. He was a great father-in-law and we shared many fun times and good talks. Looking forward to seeing him in heaven.

tricia Dodds - February 05, 2023 at 09:20 PM

MP

“ Mike & Kathy Pyles lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Edward Dodds



Mike & Kathy Pyles - February 05, 2023 at 07:46 PM