



John J. Dorner

June 26, 1936 - April 17, 2012

On April 17, 2012, John J. Dorner of Wapakoneta, Ohio died peacefully at his home, and surrounded by his family. He was born on June 26, 1936 in Sidney, OH to Rudolph S. and Nora M. (Hunt) Dorner, both deceased. On September 26th, 1959 he married Doris M. Petitjean who survives in Wapakoneta. John is also survived by three children, their spouses, and three grandchildren. They include Jeffrey and Kay Dorner of Wapakoneta, John and Brenda Dorner of St. Henry, OH and Jodie and Eric Stinebaugh of Marina Del Rey, CA. The grandchildren are Drew Dorner of Columbus, OH and Nora and Mitchell Dorner of St. Henry. John's siblings and their spouses also survive, and include Betty and Jim Gaier of Grand Rapids, MI and Tom and Carol Dorner of Sidney, OH. He is also the uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Upon his 1954 graduation from Holy Angels High School in Sidney, John proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, being stationed in both the U.S. and Germany from 1954 through 1956. His career with the Van Dyne Crotty Corporation of Dayton, OH began in 1960, and continued until his retirement as a Senior Sales and Account Manager in June of 2001. He then worked part-time alongside his brother Tom at Bowman Brothers Used Auto Sales in Sidney. John was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Eagles Lodge Aerie 691, the VFW Post 8445 and the American Legion Post 96, all of Wapakoneta. He is a former member of the Wapakoneta Dad's Club and served numerous years on the Wapakoneta City Recreation Board, with one term as it's President. An avid sports fan, one could find John at any number

of professional or collegiate games, but the one's he enjoyed the most were those involving his children and grandchildren. He never missed a contest or recital! John enjoyed golfing with family and friends, and playing all types of card games. He was a true "people-person", and genuinely enjoyed socializing and conversing with everyone. And, although he always loved hearing a good joke, he found true joy in telling them. It was his specialty! A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wapakoneta on Monday, April 23 with Father Patrick Sloneker officiating. Graveside services will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends from 2 to 6 pm on Sunday, April 22nd at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Avenue (SR 501) in Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Rita's Hospice or the Auglaize County Cancer Association.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Aunt Doris, Jeff, John and Jodi ~~ many thoughts and prayers are with each of you, and you your families during the loss of your loved one. Memories, both good and difficult will provide strength for each every one through each of the difficult days which lie ahead.

Love to alll.

Love to each and everyone of you.

Kathy and family.

Kathy Franklin & family - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

BC

“ Doris & Family, So sorry that you have to suffer the loss of a loved one. Will keep you on our prayer list where you have been for the last months since we heard about John's diagnosis. Have not seen you two often since the sixties but when we did we were very entertained by John's stories. We came from Russia to Wapak to see you and also John for the last time. People were lined up outside and we were on a time schedule so we had to turn back and leave. Hopefully we will run into you at St. Henry baseball for our grandson plays for Marion Local. Hang Tough Doris!!

Barb & Augie Cordonnier - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

TJ

“Diamond in the Sky A tribute to Big John Look at any picture and you'll see that twinkle in his eyes, The endearing twinkle that spoke more than words could ever convey. Subtle smiling eyes of wisdom, understanding and always alive with humor. Master storyteller, humble comedian with an endless repertoire of sometimes tasteless, politically-incorrect jokes, spoken quickly with impeccable timing. We laughed along, caught up in the joviality caught up in the love. Magical at the Euchre table (like grandma Nora), knowing the outcome when the second hand was played. And always, with that charm, cherishing his wife, his children, his siblings, their broods; cherishing his friends. Blessing us with his gift - like a diamond in the sky - his love and his light shines through us all now.

The Franklins with Love to Uncle John - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JB

“Mr Dorner! What a wonderful person! Always looked forward to seeing your smiling face and witty jokes. You were always like a ray of sunshine everywhere you went. You always brought a smile to my face. Heaven is pretty lucky to get someone like you!!!! You will be missed!

Jerry & Dodie Bruggeman - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JB

“I am saddened by your loss. May god give you strength during this time of loss. My heart goes out to Aunt Doris & Jeff, John, & Jodie. Uncle John will be missed.

John Burgher - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

TO

“Doris, We are very sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda Smith

The Smith Family in Dayton, OH - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ Sorry for your loss. I'll always remember how positive John was to all of us. He always made us feel welcomed

Tony Emrick and Family - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JM

“ It is with great sorrow learning about John's death. Though it's been many years since seeing John and Doris, I have fond memories of when we were neighbors in Tipp City. One memory that comes to mind is of a halloween party he dressed as Superman, putting the S on the front of his shirt, only to have it backwards from doing it in front of the mirror. Doris, Jeff, John, and Jody, you have my sincere condolences. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Joan Pittenger McKenzie

Joan Pittenger McKenzie - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JS

“ Sorry to here of the passing of your father, sympathies and prayers to you and all your family. John Schoch

John Schoch - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

BE

“ Dorney, Sorry to hear about your fathers passing. He was a great man with many great stories, shared over a Big Boy and coffee. My thought and prayers are with your family! Barry Eilert BGSU

Barry Eilert - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

LB

“ Deepest sympathy to your family. Sending prayers of support your way. Lori Brancaccio @ Crossroad Ingredients

Lori Brancaccio - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DA

“ Dear Doris and Family. It is with a sad heart that I have receive notice of the passing of John! He always had a smile and could make anyone he met smile and laugh! He will be sorely missed my many even those that hardlyknew him!

Donald Abbott - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DE

“ Aunt Doris and family, No words can describe how sorry we are for your loss. Uncle John was a very special man and we will miss him deeply. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

Doug and Elisa - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DM

“ Doris & family, Words can not express our sorrow in the passing of John except that he is now cancer free in heaven. John was a vital part of his family, they always came first as they should; and he will live on in each and every one of you. We are praying for God to give you comfort in this time of grief and in all of the days to come. Love ,
Denny & Marilyn

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