



John S. Ross

April 1, 1932 - February 26, 2014

John S. Ross of Jackson, Ohio and Yuma, Arizona passed away at 7:55 am on February 26, 2014, at Otterbein- Cridersville after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. John was born April 1, 1932 in Williamsburg, Ohio to the late Russell and Leona (Doyle) Ross. On August 5, 1957 he married Dorothy Lea Alexander who preceded him in death. They were married 53 years. John served in the United States Navy from 1951-1954. He was aboard the USS Hobson DMS -26 when it was accidentally hit and sunk by US Navy Carrier Wasp CV-18 at night in the North Atlantic Ocean. John was one of 61 survivors from that shipwreck. John retired from the Ohio State Highway Patrol as Chief Radio Technician at the Jackson, Ohio post after 30 years of service. Additionally, John and wife Dorothy were the proud owner-operators of Rozetti's Pizza in Jackson, Ohio for many years. John enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling the country on his Honda Goldwing with Dorothy. Together they rode their motorcycle in all 50 states and most of Canada. He was a longtime member of the Honda Goldwing Riders Association. John was also a lifelong amateur radio operator, woodworker, and in his later years, created wooden pens for friends and family members. John and Dorothy lived most of their retirement years in Yuma, Arizona in the foothills where they made many friends. John is survived by two daughters Robin Greene of Vandalia and Becky (Brian) Smith of Lima and son Ron (Barb) Ross of Orange Park , Florida. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild. John is also survived by 3 sisters Eileen Blessing

(Columbus), Liz (Carey) Alexander (Dayton), and Janice Ferguson (Hillsboro), and one brother Tom Ross (Hillsboro) and numerous nieces and nephews. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.bayliffandeleyfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Rita's Medical Center Development Fund (stritas.org) or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (michaeljfox.org).

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I'm glad I read his obituary. There was so much I didn't know about your dad's bravery and service. He was such an interesting man and he had the right woman to enjoy his pursuits in traveling and living a purposeful life. Mom and Gene also send prayer and thoughts. They loved your mom and dad and they were so nice hospitable to them.

Jill Jarrell Downard and family - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

KB

“ John was a great man and someone that every man should want to be like. He loved his family and would do ANYTHING for them. He was loved by everyone that ever met him. RIP John. You will be missed.

Kevin Burns - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

TD

“ I have been blessed to have had the pleasure of having such a special man in my life. It breaks my heart to know how much he will be missed by everyone that knew him. I wish he wouldn't have had to endure the pain of Parkinson's. He is now back with Dorothy and that helps to ease the pain of losing him. Thank you John for always being so kind to me. Love, Teresa

Teresa Davis - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

RG

“ He was the most wonderful dad anyone could ask for. I miss him so much it hurts

Robin Greene - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

MS

“ I was saddened to hear of your families loss. Please except my heart felt condolences. I lost my husband in July of 2013 after 48 years of marrage. I know the grief you all share. Marjorie Fussner

mcfussner@gmail.com was saddwned - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

AT

“ So sorry for your loss, Robin. By the same token, I'm so glad you have such wonderful memories as well.

Annie Veneer-Maxwell & Tucker - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

NH

“ John Ross was a good man. I worked as a dispatcher at the Ironton Patrol Post and called John "friend". The Ross family will be in my thoughts and Prayers !!!

Norma Hughes - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JL

“ I am sad to hear of his passing, a wonderful person and great family. His family members are in my thoughts and prayers. John and Clara Lockhart

John Lockhart - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

DF

“ Robin,Becky and Ronnie,
So sorry to hear of your Dad's death. I had heard that he wasn't well but didn't know how bad. John and Dorothy were two of our favorite people. Dean hasn't gone to a class reunion since Dorothy died. We enjoyed our time visiting with them. Your Dad is right where he belongs now. With your Mom. Our thoughts are with you all.

Dean & Marilyn Fender - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

KF

“ Ron, Robin and Becky, Our hearts go out to all of you. Only when you have been there, do we know what you are going thru. John was like no other, Keith looked up to him so much. We got to visit him and he had to give us a tour of the assisted living home there in Jackson. A very special man. Love & prayers to all.

Keith & Judy Ferris - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

DC

“ I am sorry I was not able to see him before he left Jackson. I enjoyed visiting him in Yuma.

Denver Conley - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

CP

“ I would like to express my sincere sadness and sympathies to you and your family at this difficult time on behalf of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences at this most difficult of times and please pass these feelings onto the entire Ross Family. Respectfully, Colonel Paul A. Pride Ohio State Highway Patrol

Colonel Paul A. Pride - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

EW

“ Robin,Becky and Ron, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Have so many memories of all our motor cycle days riding together , we had such good times and many laughs. You had great parents who loved all of you so much. Take care of each other and remember what a Blessing it is to have had good parents. Thinking of you

Ed & Sharon Wolfe - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss.

Tomm & Carol Wallace - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, Robin. As a kid, I have many wonderful memories of your Dad and Mom's pizza shop Rozetti's in Jackson. Friday night pizza in the Rozaetti's parking lot was always a treat....still the best pizza I ever ate. Many thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Your Standpipe Road neighbors, Brian & Rhonda Moore

Brian & Rhonda Moore - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

GM

“ I just wanted to thank Mr. Ross for his service to our country and to the people of the state of Ohio and to the people of Jackson County. May God bless and comfort the family. AMEN

George McLean - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JS

“ Prayers for Comfort & Strength ?? God Bless ??

Jim & Diana Sims - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JP

“ Robin ..Becky and Ron ...so sorry for your loss...but your parents were great people...your dad and my John sure did enjoy the radio together....

JoAnn. Pedigo - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

DW

“ Robin and family, I am so sorry to hear of your dads passing. Times like these are terribly hard. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debbie Wills - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

AH

“ We are thinking of your family. John was a great person to have as a friend.

Alice and Fred Hill - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JS

“ John was a great person. We were blessed to have him be part of our extended family.

Jeff,Christy, Erica, Amy Smith - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

LR

“ Fairwell Dad. You were a strong, honest man who was loved by all. Thankyou for letting me fill that gap in my life. I will dearly miss you. May all you oceans be calm ones. RIP.

Larry Ross - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM