



John Joseph Longmore

March 26, 1930 - January 31, 2016

Mr. John J. Longmore, loving husband for 65 years to Nancy L. (nee Lippert) left this life on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016 at the age of 85.

John is survived by his children, Cynthia (Thad) Beeley, Sandra (Edward) Nowakowski, Melissa (Patrick) Gwynne, Michele (William) Curtin, Lynne (David Dillard) Sherman, and John (Belinda) Longmore; and sisters Geraldine Johnson and Mary Miller. He was the proud and loving grandpa to Jamie, Jodie, Lucas, Mark, Steven, and Christy; Aaron, Megan, Danielle, and Emily; Jonathan and Thomas; Angela, Corrina, and Michael; Chad and Nathan; Chelsea, Morgan, and Drew; and great-grandpa to Cameron, Mitchell, Claribel, Madeline, Eleanor, Leo, Vera, Mary, Anthony, Isabel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Liam, Isla, Lilian, Evelyn, Maira, Will, Violet, Wyatt, Patrick, Chloe, Jacob, Trevor, Cassidy, Kiera, Maxton, Jonah, Kylie, Kaylin, Kamryn, Colton, Hannah, Noah, Grace, and one to be born in the spring. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew D. and Sivilla Longmore, and siblings James and Nora.

John graduated from Central Catholic High School, and attended UT. He worked selling metals for Williams and Company in Toledo; he also worked for Art Iron, and Ciralsky and Associates; he founded Aluminum Cookware, Inc. and is the past founder and owner of Builder's Steel.

John was very active in the community, coaching youth football and basketball, and was a volunteer at Catholic Big Brothers of Toledo. He was very active at OLPH parish, having served as founder and President of OLPH

Parish Council; he also served as lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion; he was a founding leader of OLPH prayer group, and sang with the Servants in Song, a ministry of the MCCR.

Aside from his wife and family, the great love in his life was Huff-A-Long Lodge, a wonderful cabin on St. Joseph Island that he was part owner of for 40+ years. His greatest thrill was teaching his children and grandchildren to fish—helping them land their first golden perch, or trolling them into their first Northern pike. Campfires were times for song, stories, star-gazing, and fellowship. His passion sparked our love of the North, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren after us.

The singer, the whistler, the jokester, the friend to all, the best fryer of delicate perch filets, one who would drop everything to offer help and a prayer to one in need—that was our wonderful husband/father/grandfather. May you rest in peace!

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
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<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Scripture Service

FEB 3. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (ET)

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Funeral

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

CB

“Keep your bobber in the water. Give your line a little slack. Be patient.”

Some of my earliest memories include going fishing with my Grampa in his awesome Whaler on Twin Lakes on St Joseph's Island, Ontario, where I fell in love with up-North and nature. Holding the bamboo rod in a too-big life jacket, I'd watch the bobber, and with his patient direction, the fish was hooked and so was I. Fisherwoman for life. My fingers smelled of worms, the earth, and the lake, and my heart was soaring. The waves lapping on the side of the Whaler talked and laughed with us, and the clouds danced in the sky. The wind played with our hair and the sun encouraged us. Some of the best days of my life. Then in the evening he fried up the most amazing perch. Not to mention his delectable deep-fried french toast in the morning. These are the memories that stay with you forever. I remember going to church with him and Grandma as a kid, and he loved to sing and was exceptionally strong and loud. A beautiful singer, but remember being embarrassed at how loud he was at first. Then I realized everyone around us was singing louder too. Then I was inspired. A stranger to no one, he was a fascinating storyteller, intellect, fisherman, lover of nature, chef, singer, Christian, wiseman, wise-cracker, jokester, friend and lover of life, an inspirational man. With his beautiful wife, my Grandma Nancy Longmore, his bride, they created their Legacy, which includes 6 children, 20 grand-children, and 36 great-grandchildren including one arriving late spring. Look at what you started. And we all love each other and try to keep in touch! I love my huge amazing family. His love for all of us was deep, genuine, rich and unconditional. He set the bar high. I love you Grampa, and I thank you for all of the awesome memories. See you someday, I'll bring the worms

cindy beeley - February 05, 2016 at 02:54 PM

CB

This tribute is from my daughter, John's granddaughter, Jodie Beeley Kania

cindy beeley - February 05, 2016 at 02:56 PM

TR

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. John was a great business friend to me and my father, John was such a gentleman, and was very much a father figure type to me in my early years in the steel business, always taking time to teach and offer his advise and wisdom. I know he was a wonderful family man and I know he will be greatly missed.*

Condolences to all of your family.

Tommy and Jim Rogers

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Tommy Rogers - February 05, 2016 at 04:57 AM

JU

“ *Dear Melissa and Family,*

Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your loving Father and Grandfather. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

The Unsdorfer Family

Jane Unsdorfer - February 04, 2016 at 02:54 PM

ME

Thank you so much, Jane.

Melissa - February 04, 2016 at 05:28 PM

RP

“ I will truley miss John so much he and his wife came to Bob Evans every Sunday after church he was everyone's favorite I'll miss his crazy jokes making everyone smile I really wish I could be there with you all to say my final goodbye I'll keep you all in my prayers I love you John



Raysheona Patrick - February 04, 2016 at 08:38 AM

ME

Thank you so, so much for your kinds words about my Dad, Raysheona. You and all the other wonderful people at Bob Evans were the ones he looked forward to seeing and joking with every week. Thank you most of all for your kindnesses to him, which meant so much to all of us. May God bless you for all you have done for my Dad and my Mom.

Melissa - February 04, 2016 at 05:28 PM

ML

“ I'm sorry to hear about John. My grandmother (Nora Sheahan) always spoke very highly of her brother and he was always very funny and happy when he we saw him. Prayers for the family.

Mike Lagger - February 04, 2016 at 07:34 AM

ME

Thank you for your prayers, Mike. Hopefully they and the other family members who have passed away are now reunited.

Melissa - February 04, 2016 at 05:30 PM

JK

“ John has been a part of our spiritual journey since Cursillo. What a wonderful Man of God May he rest in peace.
Denny & Joanne Karl

Joanne Karl - February 04, 2016 at 07:22 AM

ME

Thank you so much, Joanne

Melissa - February 04, 2016 at 05:30 PM

CB

Thanks, Joanne and Denny! Happy to see you yesterday 😊

cindy beeley - February 05, 2016 at 06:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Joseph Longmore.*



February 03, 2016 at 06:39 PM

AS

“ Dear Longmore family, I know I've told Linnie this but I'm not sure if she shared it with all of you. Way back in the early 1970's Mr. Longmore did something for me that resulted in the happiest week in my childhood. He talked to my dad and asked him if I could go with all of you to the cottage up north. The thing was, I was the oldest of 5 girls and my dad who emigrated from Cuba was extremely over protected so, of course, my Papi said NO. Back then he always said NO -- it was his default response to nearly every request on my part. I remember the two dads standing in our front yard talking and talking -- Mr. L countering every objection my dad put forth but just wouldn't take 'no' for an answer. Finally - my dad relented and I got to spend the best week of my childhood with Linnie and family. I remember Mrs. Longmore singing every morning "Rise and shine and give God your glory glory." I remember lots of card playing; walking into town with Lynne; and I remember swimming, campfires, and toasty marshmallows. But more than anything else, I'll never forgot how Mr. Longmore advocated for little me -- I mattered. He made me feel important and special. Over the years I can't tell you how often I thought about the week up north and it always gives me a warm, happy feeling despite the trip to the cute little hospital to get a fish hook out of my shoulder. I know Mr. Longmore is with all of you and will be your best advocate in heaven.

Lots of love and prayers,
Alicia Perez Searle

Alicia p Searle - February 03, 2016 at 02:59 PM

ME

Alicia, thank you for sharing this story about my Dad, and also seeking me out at the funeral home. I find that I am at a loss for words after reading this, it just touches me so deeply. I'm happy for you that you got to go and spend time in the beautiful St. Joe's Island with our family. I'm happy that you were the recipient of my Dad's caring and generosity. You are a very special young woman. It brought me so much joy to talk with you.

Melissa - February 04, 2016 at 05:35 PM

CB

Beautiful, Alicia! You have a special dad, too!

cindy beeley - February 05, 2016 at 06:42 AM

DK

“ *Sending our sincere sympathy to the Longmore Family. Always enjoyed his Pre-Mass jokes in which he had us chuckling. His joyful musical voice made us smile. The hug after Mass was so special. We know he will be greatly missed but what a gain for Our Lord!*

God Bless,

Darlene and Jim Koval (Keating)

Darlene Koval - February 03, 2016 at 01:00 PM

EL

“It's funny that I never put two-and-two together that John was Cindy's Dad and Jamie's grandfather. As a teenager, in the 80's, I was in Servants in Song with him. I just loved John. He radiated the love and confidence of Christ, and he made me feel special at an awkward time (when is being a teenager not awkward!) just by being encouraging and giving me the occasional grandfatherly hug. Fond, fond memories. I look forward to catching up with Him some day in that land on God's celestial shore, where we can worship the Lord together again!

*"You have given me
the oil of gladness,
a garment of praise
instead of mourning,
a shining crown instead of ashes,
and glory in the face of despair."*

~ Erin (Lewinski) Lahey

Erin Lahey - February 03, 2016 at 10:23 AM

CB

Thanks, Erin!

cindy beeley - February 05, 2016 at 06:44 AM

CS

“ John sang this song almost every day and I will think of him every time I hear it!
"Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away."



I'll miss his jokes, his smile, his singing, and his daily stops at my office. John was a very special man who was loved by many.

Love you John!

Carleen Sweet

Carleen Sweet - February 03, 2016 at 10:11 AM

 Tina
Lowe

“ Sandy,
How do you put into words all that the heart wants to say, so I will make it simple.

I am thinking and praying for you and your family, as you lay your daddy to rest - and know that even though I cannot be there with you in person my heart always is.

Love you girlfriend,

Tina

Tina Lowe - February 03, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ California Healthy was purchased for the family of John Joseph Longmore.



February 02, 2016 at 03:48 PM

LB

“ *Linda Glaser Bueno lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Longmore*



Linda Glaser Bueno - February 02, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Joseph Longmore.*



February 02, 2016 at 01:14 PM

JS

“ *John was my father-in-law during the 70s & 80s. I was married to his daughter, Michele. I have many memories of time spent with John. Most memorable are the times up on St. Joseph Island. This is where he taught me to catch fish, clean fish, watch him cook fish and finally eat fish.*

My first fish was a big Northern Pike, big fish for your first one. I was proud to catch it and I know he was happy and proud watching me.

John was a good man and will surely be missed.

My sympathies to the family.

Love, John Spencer

John Spencer - February 02, 2016 at 12:16 PM

LS

Thanks, John! It was great to see you. Lynne

Lynne Sherman - February 08, 2016 at 10:02 AM

LS

“ Love Servants in Song purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Joseph Longmore.



Love Servants in Song - February 02, 2016 at 11:50 AM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about Johns's passing. I know it's hard at this time but try to remember the good fun times and there were many. God Bless prayers for all of you. Love to you all. Sally Speelman

Sally Speelman - February 02, 2016 at 09:55 AM

GS

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Ginny Sussman - February 02, 2016 at 09:48 AM

ME

Thanks, Ginny! Love this picture. All the beautiful smiles. This was a good day for all of them.

Melissa - February 02, 2016 at 10:02 AM

CB

Thank you for sharing this, Ginny! Again, so happy you and your Mom could join us for their 65th anniversary dinner. Love you! Cindy

cindy longmore beeley - February 02, 2016 at 01:35 PM

FJ

“ I send my condolences to Nancy & her children in the loss of John. He shared his singing talents in the Servants in Song. I remember he and Nancy sang at my 50th Anniversary of my Ordination.

Padre Jerry Nowakowski

Fr Jerry - February 02, 2016 at 09:14 AM

ME

Thank you, Father Jerry.

Melissa - February 02, 2016 at 10:02 AM

MR

“ Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of John Joseph Longmore.



Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal - February 02, 2016 at 08:43 AM

ME

“ 1 file added to the album Dad, January 26, 2015



Melissa - February 02, 2016 at 05:58 AM

CH

“ I knew he and his wife through church..and respected him highly..but knowing the family values is being sisters in Christ with 3 of his daughters. Being Cindy.,Sandy and Lynn. Thur the in their beautiful ways with kindness and love and how they treat everyone with much more through the love of God and the beautiful and spiritual way to live. Bless the entire family..Christina Hulbirt

Christina Hulbirt - February 01, 2016 at 09:10 PM

BC

“ My wife (Lorey) and I are so saddened to here of John's passing. John and Nan became a quick favorite relative of Lorey's even before our first child was born. Then when they popped in our Fort Wayne IN hospital to congratulate us on our first born there was no question on were they stood in my wifes eyes as awesome relatives she married into (I couldn't agree more) no matter they were already visiting my mom and dad (Donald & Pat Cape only about 35 miles from us.

John and Nan always made you feel like old trusted friends. I loved to talk to John about anything from sports to his old stories of growing up, he was someone it was easy to do more listening than talking. Then there's all the memories of John and Nan bringing all or part of their tribe to mom and dad's farm. We (my 9 siblings and I) couldn't figure out why they thought a barn full of hay, straw and a bunch of dairy cows was so interesting and occasionally dangerous right Micky.

One thing I'm sure of is john is in a much better place with our Lord and Savior. We didn't get to visit John (and family) near as much as we wanted to yet you all have a very special place in our hearts. We pray for God's blessing on you all.

Bill Lorey Olivia & Will Cape

Bill Cape - February 01, 2016 at 09:01 PM

ME

Some of our best childhood memories are the days spent with all of you, our cousins, in Edgerton and that great big barn full of hay! To city kids, that barn was the most amazing playground we'd ever seen. Thank you so much for your beautiful words about my Dad. I love hearing everything about him. I also have great memories of your loving parents. God bless you and your family. Love, Missy

Melissa - February 02, 2016 at 06:19 AM

CB

We loved going to Edgerton as much as going to the lake. Such a special part of our childhood! Thanks for sharing your special memory.

cindy longmore beeley - February 02, 2016 at 09:34 AM

MC

Thanks for sharing this, Bill. We loved visiting and rambling and exploring with you guys. And yes, it was occasionally quite dangerous! Love to all of you!

Micki Curtin - February 02, 2016 at 10:30 AM

DF

“ *Donald Cape and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Joseph Longmore.*



Donald Cape and Family - February 01, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Joseph Longmore.*



February 01, 2016 at 06:55 PM

DL

“ Janet and my family were so blessed to join together with the Lippert/Longmore/Grindle reunion in Toledo this past summer. It was a chance for my children and grandchildren to get to know their relatives. It is our desire to let you know you are all in our hearts and prayers at this time. Love to you all. Rev. David and Janet Lippert.

david lippert - February 01, 2016 at 06:14 PM

LY

Thank you so much, Rev. David.

Lynne - February 03, 2016 at 07:52 AM

CC

“ I always enjoyed seeing your Mom and Dad at OLPH. They were the cutest couple!
Cathy Nadeau Clark

Cathy Clark - February 01, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Joseph Longmore.



February 01, 2016 at 05:55 PM

MM

“ Missy, I only met your Dad once. He was one of the most delightful people I have ever met!!
i pray the Lord's peace be upon you and your family! I grieve with you the loss of your father, but not without hope! You will see him Again!

Marty Mrch - February 01, 2016 at 03:42 PM

ME

Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. He really enjoyed meeting you, too.

Melissa - February 02, 2016 at 06:20 AM

BR

*Nancy and family, Jim and I have you all in our prayers. Seeing you both in the front seats at OLPH meant we were in the right place! May the Lord hold you all in the palm of His Hand.
Jim and Barbara Rose*

Barbara Rose - February 03, 2016 at 08:09 PM

MG

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Melissa Gwynne - February 01, 2016 at 03:34 PM