



## John Mason

July 3, 1939 - July 22, 2025

John Mason, 86, of Maumee, Ohio, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, to Leonard Sr. and Emily Mason. John served with the Toledo Police Department for 24 years, rising to the rank of Police Chief in 1980. He held that position until his retirement in 1987.

John is survived by his loving wife, Patricia; children Shari, Jeff (Becky), and Kristi (Mike Sarns); grandchildren Renee Lewis, Joshua Schwind, and Stephanie Saunders; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Leonard Jr. and Kenneth. John was preceded in death by his infant son, parents and six siblings.

Friends and family are invited to visit at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd, on Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Catholic Church, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, Ohio, at 11:00 a.m. The family will greet guests from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the Mass. Please sign the online guest registry at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Visitation

JUL 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

## Funeral Mass

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall

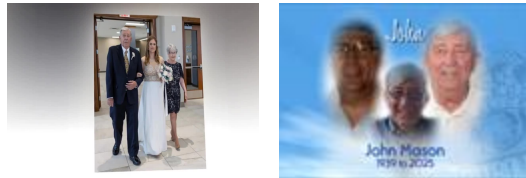
CG

“ Lived across the street from him on Meadowlark. Very kind neighbor always ready to help anytime!

Carol Grohnke - July 27, 2025 at 08:53 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 26, 2025 at 11:26 AM

RS

“ Russ and Leigh Smith purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of John Mason.



Russ and Leigh Smith - July 25, 2025 at 08:11 PM

RS

“ Russ and Leigh Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Mason.

Russ and Leigh Smith - July 25, 2025 at 08:11 PM



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



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July 25, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ *Fun memory: As a Stenographer working with Chief John Mason, I shared that I had received a citation from a Police Officer for not renewing my license plate sticker. His response, "Well, it only took six (6) months to catch you" with a laugh. I paid the citation also with a laugh. Our office crew: Sgt. George Thabit, Beverly, etc. was blessed to work under John's leadership and laughter, and now welcome John to our eternal home. Save a spot for me, John's crew.*

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**Magdalena Skiles** - July 24, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ *from Sgt Bumpy Baumgartner: Hearing of John's death brings great sadness but meaningful memories. I had known John for over 70 years, and he is the one who talked me into becoming a Toledo Police Officer. I can't thank him enough for that. He was always a straight shooter and one who knew how to direct an investigation. He would say "there is never a perfect crime, just an imperfect investigation". He will be missed.*

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**Robert Baumgartner** - July 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM



*Well done good and faithful servant!*

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**Kathleen Miller** - July 25, 2025 at 11:49 AM

JJ

*A true professional with an eye for detail who possessed compassion and the best sense of humor at just the appropriate time. A little about the humor:*

*I met John when I was a young police officer working for another police department. I was friends with John's sister (Ruth Ann) and her husband Dave. While at his sisters house, John said to me, " I hear you are also a blacksmith, and have experience with horses, as well as knowing the proper horseshoes they need when they are used as mounted police horses. We are going to start a mounted police unit and I could really use your help at the onset of the program. I have selected Sgt. George Gerken and Sgt. Skip Markland to lead our unit, they have experience with horses." Several days later, I found myself sitting at a round table with five other T.P.D. officers in the Toledo Police Department Planning and Research Department. John asked each of us to go around the table explaining our extensive experience with horses while also introducing ourselves. John asked me to start and I explained my background, and my training at the Eastern School of Farriery in the State of Virginia. Next was Skip, and he said, " I rode a porcelain one when I was a kid in front of the dime store." George wasn't much better.." I watched a friend of mine ride one once." And about the same came out of the mouths of the rest. I looked at John and said, "I thought you said they had experience with horses?" John was quick to give that smile starting from one side of his mouth until he was in full smile mode and quickly responded, " I didn't say what kind of experience, you need to listen better." My love to the family, he was a great man!*

*J.D. Justus, Retired Sergeant, Perrysburg Police Division*

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**J.D. Justus** - July 26, 2025 at 07:06 PM