

John Schreiner

October 10, 1949 - August 28, 2024

John Schreiner, 74, a Toledo musician best known as the bass guitar player of popular oldies band, The Watermelon Men died Wednesday, August 28, 2024 in his home. John's passion for music began as a kid when he took drum lessons at the former Bleckner's music store in Toledo's historic Pythian Castle. Although he always maintained a day job, John performed in Toledo and area clubs beginning as a teenager. He and three high school friends first formed a group called Ronnie Dee and the Destinations and, with their small set list, found jobs playing high school parties and sock hops. Good luck and word of mouth soon landed them a gig at the popular Peppermint Club in downtown Toledo. By then they were known as the Hard Tymes and opened for some nationally known performers including Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry. Though he never learned to read music, John had innate talent, a good ear, and a natural ability to sing harmony. When the need arose for a bass guitar player, he switched to bass from drums and never looked back.

Although an entertainer at heart, John was a family man and always kept a "day job," spending 32 years on the corner of Conant and Dussel in Maumee, first at Hatfield Olds, and later Jim White Honda.

John had a contagious enthusiasm for life and a curiosity for all that it offered. He loved vacationing with his wife, Casey, including short winter getaways in Florida, hiking the western national parks, and quirky road trips when opportunities came up. Most of all, he loved New Orleans and the annual fall trip, often with family and friends, to enjoy favorite restaurants and all the

music the city has to offer. But the small joys of living were no less important to John, family time, outdoor grilling, long bicycle rides, and just enjoying every day. A cancer diagnosis in 2022 did not dampen his zest for life or his ability to enjoy any occasion with family and friends, all of whom will miss him terribly.

In addition to his wife, Casey, he is survived by 1 daughter Jacqueline Schreiner of Columbus, Ohio; daughters Andrea (Brian) Pero, Jill Schreiner, both of Maumee, and their mother Sue Weglian; sisters Patricia Green of Traverse City, Michigan and Laura (George) Stamos of Toledo; brother-in-laws Bill Gotthart and Phil Skeldon; sister-in-law Missy (John) Holden, and many special grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Antoinette Schreiner; brother-in-law Merritt (Tim) Green, and sister-in-law Gretchen Gotthart Skeldon.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Saturday, September 7 from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. There will be a "Sharing of Memories" service at 3:00. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Sunshine Foundation. Leave a condolence message and view John's video tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Sharing of Memories

SEP 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

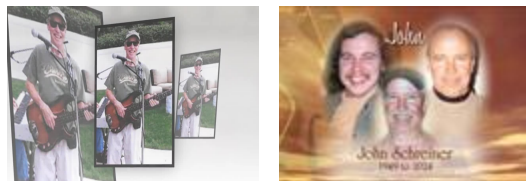
TS

“ John, Thank you for all of those wonderful nights at benney's south and the shade tree lounge. Tom Sandlin

Thomas Sandlin - August 08, 2025 at 10:39 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - September 04, 2024 at 08:04 PM

JB

“ Now that I'm in my 80's I don't know ONE WORD to any song that I hear while watching the "younger generation" singing along to whatever is playing.....but BACK THEN when John was playing I do believe I could have won a karaoke contest!.....just sayn!!!
You brought so much joy to so many people, John.
Bless you, Mr. Schreiner, Casey and family
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Judy Bowles - September 03, 2024 at 11:32 PM

GF

“ John and I were best friends for years in our teens. We had some great times together. Always tried to go see him play. Going to miss him a lot. Keep rocking buddy!! Greg Feltman

Greg Feltman - September 03, 2024 at 02:45 PM

“ Dear Casey and Children,
I am Laura and George's old friend from 1971. I met John then in '72. My group of pals used to go to Mr. Entertainer (a dance club and bar then) to listen to John's band and dance the night. it was electric! So much fun. John had a personality that was infectious. He was always joyful and filled with cosmic energy. He was a special human being. Although the years have passed and I haven't seen him for many of them, I remain a constant closeness to his sister, Laura and Brother in law, George. I have heard from them his struggles with cancer and John has remained in my prayers since his initial diagnosis. Many nights I got on my knees in prayer for Laura, George, Patty and John. And for each one of you to have the strength to see this through the end. There are no words of comfort from me that can ease the grief and loss of your Husband, Father and Brother. My only contribution of sentiment is that my memories are sweet and as I hope yours's are from a lifetime of love that you gave to him. Rest in peace, Dear John. The struggle and pain are over.

With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Diana GamoG

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*With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Diana Garno*

Diana Garno - August 31, 2024 at 12:53 AM

DG

“ *Diana Garno lit a candle in memory of John Schreiner*



Diana Garno - August 31, 2024 at 12:17 AM

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Diana Garno - August 31, 2024 at 12:41 AM