

John A. Shema Sr.

January 10, 1930 - October 8, 2015

John A. Shema Sr., 85 passed away October 8th after a brief illness. John graduated from West Tech High School in Cleveland, Ohio. During the Korean War, John was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army serving in the Counter Intelligence Corps. John worked as a Territory Sales Manager for Carson Pirie Scott and Co. for twenty five plus years. In retirement, John traveled extensively with his wife, aunts and loving sister, Rosemary. He was an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians and Mud Hens baseball. One of John's greatest joys was watching his grandchildren grow up and he was always there for dance recitals, band concerts, plays, grandparents day, football, baseball, and soccer games. John was actively involved at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, the American Legion and Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stephanie of 48 yrs. John is survived children Ann (Paul) Hebda, Mary (Steve) Wozniak, Michael (Tracy) Shema, John (Teresa) Shema, Jr., Stephanie (Michael) Steigerwald, Karen (Chris) Hoover, and Steven Shema. John will be greatly missed by his 10 grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Sunday, October 11th from 2-8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 12th, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or to St.

Joan of Arc Church building fund.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Funeral

OCT 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joan of Arc
Toledo, OH 43614
<http://joanofarc.org>

Tribute Wall

TB

“ John Shema is a fine Man! Last time I saw Mr. Shema was in May-2014 when he came to Cleveland to say "So Long" to his good friend Bob Baeslack. years ago I remember our families visiting a few times during the holidays. John & Bob & Stepanie & Ruth and us kids. R.I.P. John Shema, an honorable veteran and a good man! God Bless The Shema Family.....The floor covering business will never be the same!



the Baeslack Family

Thomas Baeslack - October 16, 2015 at 12:58 PM

MW

Tom, I fondly remember your Mom and Dad too. I remember visiting your family and thinking, "finally someone with as many kids as our family". Your Dad was my Godfather. May your parents Rest in the Love of the Lord also. Mary Shema Wozniak

Mary M Wozniak - October 16, 2015 at 06:32 PM

MA

“ Mary,
I am so sorry to hear about your dad, my heart goes out to you. I know you were very close. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Marilyn Adams

Marilyn - October 12, 2015 at 08:52 AM

JH

“ Ann,
Words can't express how I wish I could make this great loss more bearable. I know you were very close (a gift in itself) hold tight to all your memories, just as he cherished his of you. May you eventually find comfort in them. You were so blessed to have his love for so many years. Just as he was blessed to have your love and care. He will always be "looking" out for his little girl. All my love to you and your family, Julie & Tim



Julie Hebda - October 11, 2015 at 07:53 PM

AA

“ Karen,

Sonja and I extend our sympathy and condolences to you and the rest of the Shema family at the loss of Mr. Shema. I only had the pleasure of meeting him oncehe quickly made me feel like an old acquaintance and not a stranger. Although many will sorely miss him as a father, grandfather, uncle, or friend, I'm sure that he will continue to fulfill those rolls as he watches over you from above!

Sonja and Andy Andersons

Andy Andersons - October 11, 2015 at 03:36 PM

JT

“ *Stephanie, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences & extend them to your family as well. -James*

James Tredeau - October 11, 2015 at 12:36 PM

TH

“ Toni Hunter lit a candle in memory of John A. Shema Sr.



Toni Hunter - October 11, 2015 at 12:04 PM

TH

Prayers love and sympathy to you my cousins. So very sorry to hear of this.

Toni Hunter - October 11, 2015 at 12:07 PM

MW

Thank you Toni.

Mary M Wozniak - October 16, 2015 at 06:35 PM

RE

“ Steve and family members, I'm so very sad to hear about the loss of your father. I hope that now more than ever, you feel God's embrace as he wraps his arms around you all to give you strength, support, and love. My sincere condolences.

Renee' Micallef

Renee' - October 10, 2015 at 01:22 PM

DK

“ John and I went to Jr. High School and High School together - we have known each other for along time - he came to all of our West Tech Class Reunions - It was always a joy to see him - He always talked about his wife and children - he was so proud of you. Just wanted you to know that you are in my prayers and I will miss him.
Doris (Werain) Kozak

Doris M. Kozak - October 10, 2015 at 08:58 AM

DI

“ My Uncle John was a man who always greeted me when I was younger with a strong hand shake that would make my knees buckle as I tried to free my poor hand away saying, " Uncle John!!" He'd say, "What's wrong?" To this day, this is probably why I still work on my hand/grip strength.
But my Uncle John was also a great man, among a carefully hand-picked group of others, whom made an big impression upon me. As I continue to get older, I always have him and the others on my mind of men whom I do not want to disappoint.

Dave Zupko II - October 09, 2015 at 10:54 PM

MW

Awww, thank you David for the kind words. I remember him squeezing my hand too. In fact, I did it to my kids when they were little.

Mary M Wozniak - October 16, 2015 at 06:38 PM

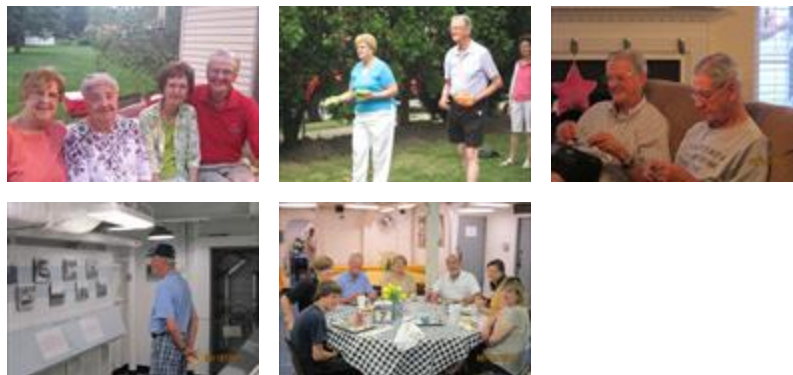
NL

“ Deep sympathy extended to the Shema family from the Lyle family.

nancy lyle - October 09, 2015 at 03:51 PM

AN

“ 7 files added to the album John Shema Sr.



Andrea - October 09, 2015 at 01:54 PM