



## John Tillman

February 28, 1935 - June 7, 2022

John F. Tillman, Sr., age 87, of Maumee, OH passed away peacefully at home on June 7, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was born on February 28, 1935 to George A. Sr. and Hildegard (Woelfle) Tillman in Toledo, OH. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1953. After 12 years of night school at the University of Toledo, he graduated in 1965 with a B.S. in Chemistry. He went to work for Owens-Illinois in 1955 as an analytical chemist. He worked his way up to Senior Chemist (group leader) retiring in 1992. He also worked for Glass Container Division, responsible for raw material quality and glass chemistry and glass color. After retirement, he worked part time for Monarch Laboratories, West Pharmaceutical and American Glass Research until age 85.

He was a past member of the American Chemical Society and Research Society of America. He co-authored several published papers on analytical chemistry.

John enjoyed spending time with his family for yearly bowling tournaments and family gatherings at the lake. He loved to play cribbage and other card games. John was very devoted to his faith and was a leader of many rosary groups at St. Joseph's Toledo, St. Joseph's Maumee and St. Patrick of Heatherdowns.

John married Mary Jo Leahey in 1957 and together they raised six children, Diane (John) Whelton, Julie Tillman, John, Jr. (Brenda), Susan (Jeff) Klein, Caroline (Scott) Hofmann and Gretchen (Ardy) Holloway. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Jo of 56 years, and brother George A. Tillman, Jr. He is survived by brothers James (Bernice) Tillman, Paul (Patricia) Tillman, David (Janet) Tillman and sister Mary Ann Zeller. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and friends.

John would be happy to know that Masses were said for the repose of his soul. In lieu of gifts, please consider having Masses said for John. Donations can be also be made in John's memory to the Ability Center and Hospice of Northwest Ohio or the charity of your choice. Special thanks to Hospice Aids and Nurses, Lynn Huepenbecker, Stacy Bennett and Michael Zeller.

Friends may visit at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, June 12 from 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 7 p.m. The funeral will begin at Coyle on Monday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery. Please view John's video tribute and leave a condolence message at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Vigil

JUN 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral Ceremony

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH



# Tribute Wall



“ John was a beautiful soul and a great Catholic, always with positive things to say about everyone. Terri Jankowski

Theresa Ann Jankowski - June 14, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Tillman.



June 11, 2022 at 06:05 PM



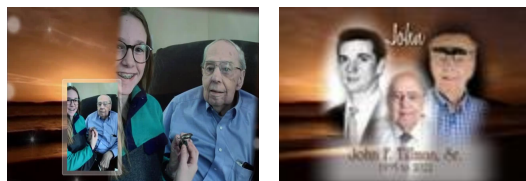
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Tillman.



June 11, 2022 at 01:57 PM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - June 11, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ John was a colleague and mentor for me at Owens Illinois from 1969 - 1979. He was one of the kindest, most gentle and humble man I have ever known. I treasure the time I spent with John and offer my deepest condolences to his family.

*Dave Alderson*

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**Dave Alderson** - June 09, 2022 at 03:28 PM

DM

“ Loved so much to wait on John's family .so sorry for your loss ,prayers and love our with you.Dawn mocek.Big boy Reynolds love to all the family.

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**Dawn Mocek** - June 09, 2022 at 02:21 PM

RM

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. Even though I haven't seen him in years I remember the fun conversations we had when we did run into each other. His family is in my thoughts and prayers

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**Ruth McGuire** - June 09, 2022 at 01:39 PM

WM

“ Wendy Miller lit a candle in memory of John Tillman



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**Wendy Miller** - June 09, 2022 at 06:50 AM

WM

*My sincerest condolences for the Tillman family. John, Brenda, Ronnie and Ben may you find comfort and peace with each other and the family as you remember all the best times you shared with your Dad/Grandpa. Sending much love and prayers.*

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**Wendy Miller** - June 09, 2022 at 06:54 AM

TW

*So sorry to hear of John's death. Sincere condolences to his family. He was such a kind person and friend who was a part of the original St. Joseph daily mass goers and Frisches breakfast club. God Bless him and may his soul rest in peace.*

*Therese Wylie*

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**therese wylie** - June 10, 2022 at 04:41 PM