



## John Spencer Tolford

May 25, 1943 - September 7, 2021

John Spencer Tolford, age 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, on September 7, 2021. He was born on May 25, 1943 in Tiffin, Ohio to George K. Tolford, Jr. and Anna E. ( Nordholt) Tolford. He graduated from Swanton High School, class of 1961, proudly serving as class president. John attended the University of Toledo, and joined the National Guard for 10 years. He was in sales most of his professional career, retiring from the USDA. John was an avid Ohio State Football fan, and enjoyed golfing. He was past president of Valleywood Country Club. John loved a good martini and a good old Western movie. Mostly, he loved spending time with his daughter, Johanna and his family.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers George III and Jeff Tolford Sr. He is survived by his daughter Johanna Spencer Tolford, sister Joan Abrams, brothers Steve (Cindy) and Tom Tolford; sister in laws Jeanie Tolford and Patricia Tolford, and many nieces and nephews.

Please join John's family for a Celebration of Life at Loma Linda's Restaurant, 10400 Airport Hwy. Swanton, Ohio on Saturday, September 18, 1:00 -4:00 p.m. Memorial contributions to help with funeral expenses are appreciated, and accepted by Johanna Tolford.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Contributions

SEP **18.** 1:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ It's tough to lose a good friend...and John certainly was a good friend! He was a charter member of our UT social circle, a group that celebrated with many festivities and get-togethers over the past 50+ years. John brought so much laughter to our gatherings as he always had a joke or a funny story to share. He was a kind man with a big heart, a warm smile and a twinkle in his eye. Even as life took us on different paths, we were able to keep in contact via email and the occasional football game and/or dinner, and it was always a pleasure to see him. We're "thirley" going to miss you, Tully!  
Brian and Beth Roe

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**Brian and Beth Roe** - September 13, 2021 at 04:58 PM

CF

“ John was a true friend, and always thoughtful and kind to everyone. With an ever present smile, and gentil manner, he made everyone feel comfortable at a gathering.  
I met him and brother George shortly after High School, and we became very good friends at UT, and we enjoyed many great times whether at UT games, Christmas parties, or birthday celebrations. When George played football at OSU, I can recall a game in Ann Arbor when we made a large banner and held it up in Michigan Stadium, which read, " Go Tully Go", and we hoped it woud get on National TV. I think it did, and we all celebrated. The Tolford family home in Swanton, was a great place to visit and enjoy a day or evening with a special family. Judy and I will miss a very good person, and wonderful friend. Chris and Judy Finkbeiner

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**Chris Finkbeiner** - September 10, 2021 at 10:07 PM

DM

“ John Tolford was a terrific guy and good friend since the early days of us attending the University of Toledo together. John was one of a group of eight of us guys who probably had more fun than we deserved. Although significant distance between us for many years, John always stayed in touch via emails like many of us do. John always had a smile on this face when greeting me or anyone else. Just an incredibly kind, friendly, and welcoming demeanor. Everyone was his friend.

Probably my best memory of John was during attendance at a Bowling Green/Toledo football game at BG. A bunch of us were together. As it was, some drinking was involved. The blood mary mix was used by me. Unfortunately...and maybe in a compromised thinking capacity...I neglected to screw on the bottle cap tightly. Next up was John who immediately shook the bottle. Not a good scene for sure. I remained quiet in this regard....

Just will miss his history and presence with me and so many of us.

Doug McPhail

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Doug McPhail - September 09, 2021 at 10:51 AM

TS

“ Loved seeing and talking to John at Jo,s Softball games. He was a wonderful man and father. My prayers are with Jo and family. John you will be missed.

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Traci Suchocki - September 09, 2021 at 09:00 AM