



John F. Wernert

July 2, 1921 - December 20, 2016

John Francis Wernert died December 20, 2016 at the age of 95 in Toledo, Ohio. He was the second born of three children who came from “good German stock”, on July 2, 1921 in Toledo, Ohio to Joseph A and Margrette (“Margaret” G Mersing) Wernert. John loved the Maumee River and spent many hours on his iceboat as a young man. John graduated from Libby High School in 1939, where he competed as a cross country runner. He never lost his love for his alma mater. After John retired he took up running once again. He was a member of the Roadrunner Club, participated in races and marathons, winning countless trophies and medals. He ran well into his 80’s. John’s daily running route was on River Road through Side Cut Park, into Maumee. He was a well-known personality in that area having run this route for years. John was a member, and actively involved, in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He volunteered for St Vincent de Paul and Little Sisters of the Poor.

John married Gracemary A (Brucker) September 3, 1949 at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo. Gracemary preceded him in death December 17, 2001. John is survived by his seven children; Peter J (Mary Kay Toth), North Fort Myers FL; David W (Maureen Turi), Portland OR; Joseph E (Kathleen A Williams, deceased) Toledo; Helen M (Douglas E) Dawson, Ida, MI; Barbara A Wernert (David G Cook), Toledo; Susan M (William M) Wagner, Lambertville, MI; Matthew R (Dee A Rahm), Springhill, Fla., and, twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Sisters, Margaret Jeanne “Jean” Keller and Georgeanna

M Wernert preceded him in death. He is also survived by his dear friends Norm and Dorothy Heydinger.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday December 27th.at 10:30 am.in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church where the family will receive visitors beginning at 9:30am. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff of Astor House and Spring Meadows for their care and friendship. And a special thanks to Bill O'Connell for being a good friend and roommate.

If desired, memorials tributes are suggested in form of contributions to: Sunshine Children's Home, 7223 Maumee Western Rd, Maumee, OH, 43537.Please view and sign the guest registry at coylefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

DEC 27. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Even after all these years, John is always on my mind. My boss, my friend, my mentor. A great loss a loving person. Cathy.

Cathy Smith - May 21, 2018 at 12:05 PM

KS

“ Helen, It was a pleasure to know your dad. He was the sweetest man. I loved hearing you talk of his "antics". I know he was the light of your life and you will miss him terribly, but now he is happy he can run again and is with your mom for eternity. To all the Wernert family my thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of sorrow. Kathy Dawson Sorter and family

Kathy Dawson Sorter - December 27, 2016 at 10:43 AM

MB

“ I wanted to extend my sympathy to your family at this sad time after the loss of your father. I had the great honor of meeting him while working at the Astor House when he was living there. There was not one day that I worked that he did not make me laugh. I loved his quirky sense of humor. He would stop in the office after each meal to chat and it was one of the bright spots of my day. It was a pleasure knowing him. I'm glad he is at peace now and with your mother. God speed John. I wish I could have said goodbye. I will keep all of you in my prayers
Mary B.

Mary Barry - December 27, 2016 at 07:02 AM

GZ

“ We were blessed when John and Grace moved in the house by us. We miss both of them. Your Family was BLESSED with John and Grace as your Parents. They were two special people. Friends always, George and Nancy Zitzelberger.

George & Nancy Zitzelberger - December 26, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John F. Wernert.



December 25, 2016 at 08:36 AM