



John Downing

July 3, 1931 - August 26, 2021

We gratefully celebrate the life of John Edward Downing, 90, Reynoldsburg, Ohio who died on August 26 at his home with his family by his side.

John was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on July 3, 1931 to Catherine and Patrick Emmet Downing and was a graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Art. He worked at Gulf Research in Harmarville, Pennsylvania from 1950-1955 where he met Doris Jean Ristoff. The couple, married for nearly 66 years, were organizing members of St. Pius X parish. John worked at North American Aviation—later Rockwell International—from 1955 until he retired in 1989 as a manager in the graphic arts department. John was a Korean War Army Veteran and his service was celebrated on an Honor Flight to Washington DC in 2014. John inspired positive qualities in his children and grandchildren—social responsibility, creativity, personal best, hard work, faith and loyalty. He neither made nor tolerated negative comments about others. John was an artist who contributed to many community projects such as Briarcliff neighborhood Tomato Festival floats and St. Pius Mardi Gras decorations at Valley Dale. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Thomas Downing; sister-in-law, Irma Downing; son-in-law, Michael Millar. He's survived by his loving wife, Doris Jean; daughters Christine Little (Gary); Patricia Adams; (Kevin); son David (Anne); grandchildren Tyler Little, Adriane Marusic, Brice Little, Mackenzie Earley, Brian Millar, Christopher Millar, Adam Downing, Emilee Downing, Olivia Downing and ten great-grandchildren. A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10am at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1051 S Waggoner Road in Reynoldsburg. Inurnment following at Holy Cross Cemetery. Family will receive friends at 9am prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the St. Pius X Catholic Church Capital Campaign.

The best things in life aren't things!

Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Mr. John Downing.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Catholic Church
1051 South Waggoner Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Service

SEP 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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1051 South Waggoner Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Inurnment

SEP 11 (ET)

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
11539 National Road SW
Etna, OH 43062

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Downing.*



September 08, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Downing.*



September 08, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Downing.*



September 08, 2021 at 10:45 AM

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“ *To the Downing family. Your family is in my prayers. He was always a very kind man to Randy and I when we saw him. What a great legacy he left for his family. May God bless you with peace and love.*



Angie Holt - September 08, 2021 at 09:55 AM

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Thank you Angie!

Anne Downing - September 08, 2021 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Doris, I have fond memories of you both in traveling and at the Senior Ocenter. Will miss my birthday buddy. ❤️ JENNY Walsh*

jenny walsh - September 08, 2021 at 08:43 AM