



John R. Ayling

January 4, 1944 - March 22, 2024

John R. Ayling, 80, of Perrysburg, OH, peacefully passed away on Friday, March 22, 2024, with his children by his side. Born January 4, 1944, at Toledo Hospital, to Russell and Elaine (Teufel) Ayling, John was a graduate of DeVilbiss High School (1962) and the University of Toledo (1966). John was well known in the community for his involvement in high school and college basketball. He led the All-City league in high school for scoring, averaging 25 points per game.

John was a member of the ROTC and, upon graduation from college, went on to serve his country in the US Army at Fort Hancock. After becoming a 1st Lieutenant, he travelled to Vietnam (1967) and was stationed in Chu Lai and Duc Pho base camps as quartermaster.

Following his time in Vietnam, Mr. Ayling took his business degree and worked as a stockbroker for various brokerage firms. He was also an entrepreneur who started many Toledo businesses, including Arnie's Saloon and Silver Moon Soda Grill.

During his lifetime, John had various interests and hobbies. He loved travel, photography, attending sporting events, and spending time with family. He was a long-time member of Grace Church and Cedar Creek Church in Perrysburg and donated much to charity.

Surviving Mr. Ayling is his son, Adam (Sonia Balejko) Ayling of Perrysburg; daughter, Erica (KC Brewington) of Montana; their mother, Cindy Covington; sister, Barb (Ken) Carmon of Bloomville; nieces and nephews; and loving partner, Nancy Smythe. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends are invited to visit on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 3 - 7:00pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH, where funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 1:00pm. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio (800 S. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH 43609) or Grace Church (601 E. Boundary St., Perrysburg OH 43551).

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Memorial Service

APR 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ John played basketball for my father at DeVilbiss. My dad always had the highest respect for John . My condolences to his family.

Tom Inman JR - March 29, 2024 at 11:05 AM



Hi Tom, that's so great to hear! I never met any of my dad's coaches but I heard lots of stories about his time at DeVilbiss. He loved playing basketball and carried his passion for the sport through out his whole life. Thank you for your kind words ❤️

Erica Ayling - March 31, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SG

“ My deepest condolences to Ayling family. I meet John working for him at the silver moon. He was a wonderful Boss, he always treat me like a family always listen our point of views and he was always willing to help us at any time. He will be miss by many. 🙏🙏

Santa Gusman - March 27, 2024 at 10:06 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words. So glad you enjoyed working for dad. He would have loved to hear that ❤️

Erica Ayling - March 31, 2024 at 04:39 PM

PW

“ John and I go way back to elementary school at DeVeaux. We shared the honor of performing(John:Uof T basketball and me: Dancing Rockettes) at Madison Garden, NYC. The team beat NYU who were 1st in the nation. At DeVilbiss class reunions we sought each other out for a quick hug and chatting a out our lives. I am saddened about his passing and share condolences to his family and clise friends. RIP big guy! Phyllis Kangas “62, “66...

Phyllis Walters - March 26, 2024 at 06:41 PM



Hi Phyllis, thank you so much for sharing! This is Erica his daughter. My brother and I love hearing these stories about dad. Sounds like you knew dad through most of his life, that's amazing! He was very proud of his time at DeVilbiss and UT. Thanks again for your words.

Erica Ayling - March 27, 2024 at 11:20 AM

MM

Erica and Adam

Sorry for your loss. Your dad was a good man. Our families had many a good time together.

Mike McGill - April 01, 2024 at 10:32 AM