



John C. Ballmer Sr.

November 8, 1934 - October 6, 2021

John C. Ballmer, Sr. the gentlest, humblest and kindest husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle went home on October 6, 2021 at the age of 86. He was the best friend and loving husband of Irene C. (Miller).

John was born on November 8, 1934, to Carl L. Ballmer and Donna R. (Mohler) Ballmer in Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1953 and briefly attended the University of Toledo. Although not very fond of the water, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserves for eight years.

He was an active and faithful member of Augsburg Lutheran Church for over sixty years. John's faith was instilled in him at an early age by his parents and was the bedrock from which everything else flowed in his life.

John was a giant in the automotive parts industry, working as Parts Manager for many iconic Toledo-area auto dealerships; Jim White Chevrolet, Suburban Chevrolet, Bob Eddy Buick, George Ballas Buick, Papenhagen Olds, Yark Olds and Clift Pontiac in Adrian. He eventually concluded his illustrious career, at the age of 85, working many years for Auto Value. He endeared himself to his customers, as he did with everyone he met, with his character, honesty, and integrity.

Dad had that special gift of being able to diagnose a problem with a car in minutes, by just listening. His attention to detail in giving driving directions was legendary, he was the original Google Maps. He had perfected the art of engagement in talking to complete strangers, by simply getting them to talk about themselves. His life was a model of selfless love.

His three children were blessed to call him “Dad” and they lived a charmed childhood because of the love he and Mom provided. He rarely missed a sporting event or special activity of his children or grandchildren. He was involved, and knew nearly all his children’s friends, and as the children grew into adulthood, Mom and Dad were at their children’s parties, because they were wanted.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Irene; his children: Greg (Lisa Bachmayer) Ballmer, John (Stephanie Hendrix) Ballmer, Jr., and Heather (Larry) Meyer; by his grandchildren: Nicole (Jason Wegman) Dembski, Brandon Ballmer, Grant (Becky Woo) Ballmer, Christian (Libby) Ballmer, Allison (Ryan) Schoonmaker, Haley Ballmer and Ella Meyer; and his three great-grandchildren: Michael, Matthew, and Lily Dembski.

Additionally, he is survived by his brothers-in-law Ken Miller and Peter LePage, his sister-in-law Judy Desko, several nieces and nephews, and former daughters-in-law: Brenda Ballmer, Linda Schippa and Cathy Ballmer.

He was predeceased by his parents, parents-in-law Wilbur and Edna Miller, sister Kathryn LePage and sister-in-law Sharon Murphy.

A visitation will be held at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo, Ohio, on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM. A funeral service will be held at Augsburg Lutheran Church, 1342 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio on Monday, October 11, 2021 starting at 11:00 AM. Burial

will immediately follow the service at Toledo Memorial Park, 6382 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio.

The family would like to thank the staffs of ProMedica Toledo Hospital and ProMedica Ebeid Hospice Residence for the loving and wonderful care they gave our Dad.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider Augsburg Lutheran Church or ProMedica Ebeid Hospice Residence.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Augsburg Lutheran Church
1342 W. Sylvania Ave.
Toledo, OH 43612

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ John always loved coming into Roosters for his haircuts. You will be missed!!!
-Melissa

Melissa Jensen - October 11, 2021 at 01:02 PM

GW

“ John, sending spritual support to you and family during this time of loss and sadness. You are certainly in our prayers. Gary and Chris Walkowiak Dallas, GA.

Gary and Christine Walkowiak - October 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM

BL

“ Mrs. Ballmer and family, we share in your sorrow at the passing of a husband and father. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May your faith give you comfort and peace in the days to follow.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Brian & Beth Lohmann

Brian Lohmann - October 09, 2021 at 06:09 PM

RC

“ John and I worked together many, many years at Toledo Auto & Truck Supply. Over the years we became good friends and shared many successes. John was always pleasant to everyone. John made the world a better place.

*Rich Campbell
Tucson, AZ*

Richard Campbell - October 08, 2021 at 11:28 AM

DB

“ Greg and family, our deepest sympathy for the passing of your dad. May you find comfort during this most difficult time. Dave and Linda Bilius

Dave & Linda Bilius - October 08, 2021 at 07:42 AM

GE

“ My condolences to Irene and your family. I worked with John at Auto Value. He was a great friend and co-worker. Gloria Estell

Gloria Estell - October 07, 2021 at 09:30 PM

ML

“ We send our love and deepest sympathy to Irene and the Ballmer Family. As former members of Augsburg Lutheran Church we knew John as a friend, but most of all as a kind and loving father to Gregg, Heather and John. John will be dearly missed by his family and all those who knew him, especially his former business associates. We are praying that you will find peace knowing that John is in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father. As you grieve, God has promised that comfort will come, that peace will be restored, and that tears will eventually cease.

*Sincere Sympathy,
Larry & Marilyn Lohmann*

Marilyn & Larry Lohmann - October 07, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DH

Heartfelt sympathy to you and your family Irene. I pray that you find comfort surrounded by love from your friends and family.

*Keeping you in my prayers,
Diane Honsberger*

diane honsberger - October 08, 2021 at 10:20 AM

KM

“ Our hearts ache for such a wonderful man & his family. Moving from Florida 5 years ago, our only regret is that we did not know John longer. We are blessed for the memories we have. Our prayers, thoughts, hearts & love are with You, Irene, and your beautiful family, “The Moncriefs, Kirby, Lynda & Leigh

Kirby & Lynda Moncrief - October 07, 2021 at 04:06 PM

KS

John and Irene were my neighbors on Densmore Dr. I feel very blessed that they were part of my life! John put together a new vacuum that I had ordered! He kept it in storage in his garage while We was traveling! He was always ready with a smile and a kind word!

Kathleen A. Shea - October 07, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JP

Heather, my deepest condolences on the passing of your dad. May the lord be with you & your family. May he look upon you with favor & give you peace....

J. Pizzato - October 11, 2021 at 12:14 PM