



John L. Murnen

August 16, 1928 - June 13, 2009

John L. "Jack" Murnen, of Toledo, the patriarch of a tight-knit family that includes seven children, 18 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and shimmering memories of his late, beloved wife, Rita, died Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Parkcliffe Alzheimers Community, at the age 80. He was born August 16, 1928, in Toledo, and was the son of Ray Sr. and Kathryn Murnen. Jack's life revolved around his family, Rosary Cathedral, which he opened for morning mass every day for more than 25 years; Murnen's Mortgage Investors, a family business he operated with his three brothers; and youth sports. He also was active in the Toledo Diocese, heading numerous sacrificial giving campaigns. Jack served as the athletic director at Christ the King and coached in Toledo for 35 years, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of hundreds of boys and girls who played in CYO and Trilby Baseball Association leagues. The sports he coached included; cross country, track, baseball and his first love, basketball. For years, the basketball court in Jack's backyard on Kingsmoor Dr. was a place where neighborhood children congregated for spirited games of three-on-three. Until he suffered a stroke at age 60, Jack could be found on that court every weekend, juking younger, more athletic players into the air with his favorite "fake underscoop" shot. Basketball was a year-round sport in the Murnen household, with Jack often directing his children in the winter to begin shoveling and deicing the court as soon as they returned from church. Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Rita, parents, his brother, Tom, and sister, Mary Alice and sister-in-law, Helen.

Survivors include his children, Anne (George) Kasbek, Mary Barry, John (Donna), Joe (Kay), Jim, Margaret (Ted) and Beth; and his brothers, Ray Jr., Dick (Ann) and sister-in-law Mary (Tom); 18 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild Friends may visit from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 17th, at the ANSBERG-WEST FUNERAL HOME, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Douglas and Secor Roads). Friends are also invited to visit from 9 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., Thursday, in Rosary Cathedral. Father Charles Singler will officiate. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, in Jack's memory, may be made to Rosary Cathedral or Heartland Hospice. The family would like to extend a personal thank you to Parkcliffe and Heartland Hospice, for the fine care they provided to Jack.

Tribute Wall

TL

“ John, Joe, Jim, Anne, Mary, Margaret, and Beth I am sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He had a big impact on my life as a coach. Even though he was unable to overcome my inability to play sports, he never quit trying or berated me. I sure you will miss him a lot. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry that I did not get to Toledo for the funeral as I just found out about his passing. Take care all of you.

Tom Lynch - lynch.268@osu.edu lynch.268@osu.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Mr. Murnen has touched many lives, and those will continue to pay forward his influence. I have fond memories of him as my junior high track coach at Rosary Cathedral. You are in my thoughts and prayers ~ Cammy (Malhoit) DiPietro

Camila (Malhoit) DiPietro - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Jack, my old Barons baseball teammate of 65 years ago. You've had a great run and have finally made it "home". May GOD bless you and your wonderful family.

Jim Perry - jperry8459@verizon.net jperry8459@verizon.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jack Murnen Family: Sandy and I were sorry to hear of Uncle Jack's passing. While we have been out of town for a few years, we have been aware of your Dad's recent challenges. We will always remember the good husband, father, and uncle; the sports enthusiast interested in all Murnen family sports activities, the dedicated catholic lay person at Rosary Cathedral, as well as an integral part of a successful family business. While we will be unable to attend the funeral, our thoughts and prayers will be with your family at this difficult time.

Mike and Sandy Murnen - mjnmurnen@yahoo.com mjnmurnen@yahoo.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Dear Murnen Family, I was so sorry to hear of Jack's passing and just wanted to remind you that my thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you in the days ahead. Dick, Ann, Ray and Mary, it was so good to see all of you again and want you to know you will always be remembered as special persons in my life. May the peace of God and the God of Peace be with all of you during this difficult time. In His love always, Gloria Lawson

Gloria (Fitzgerald) Lawson - glorialawson61@yahoo.com
glorialawson61@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ joe and family, please accept our heartfelt condolences and prayers for all of your families. your father was obviously a great man and wonderful father. your faith, family and friends will guide you through

scott clarke and family - tokens47@aol.com tokens47@aol.com - February 01,
2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Jack, I wanted to stop and say "good-bye", but I have just returned home from by-pass surgery. I especially wanted to thank you for coaching my son Tim's '78-'79 8th grade basketball season at Rosary Cathedral & my participation in it. So long for now, i hope to see you in the future. Tom Beard '55 CCHS

TOM BEARD - thebeard4@yahoo.com thebeard4@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Our sympathies to Dick and the rest of the Murnens.

Larry and Dottie Mossing - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ John, Sorry about your Dads passing. My condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Rick Gerbeck

Rick Gerbeck - skinstins1@yahoo.com skinstins1@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ John, my condolences for the loss of your farther. Sorry i can not be there.

Jerry Ditmyer - jerry.ditmyer@toltest.com jerry.ditmyer@toltest.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Gary Kupper

Gary Kupper - garykupper@msn.com garykupper@msn.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Murnen family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God be with each and every one of you. Kevin, Mary Jo and Emily

Mary Jo (Fox) Rivest - ikaika92@msn.com ikaika92@msn.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Dear Beth, Our sincere condolences to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Cory and Evie Spencer

Evie and Cory Spencer - spencers2004@sbcglobal.net
spencers2004@sbcglobal.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Beth: My condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers! Love, Dawn

Dawn - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ 4238 Kingsmoor to 4226 Kingsmoor - just two houses apart but much closer than that. Besides being the "paper boy," I was one of those players in the "Kingsmoor Basketball League." What a mentor Jack your father, was. Even when he missed his shot or made a bad play, you could tell that "God" was his guiding spirit. That "Spirit" emanated from Jack to influence all of us. To you Anne, Mary, John, Joe, Jim, Margaret, and Beth - you have my prayers and blessings - From your one-time baby sitter, Sherwood

Sherwood (Woody) Kupper - kupper1511@aol.com kupper1511@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We are very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Our our deepest sympathy to the Murnen family. Jack and you are in our prayers.
Dick and Louise Arman, Dublin, Ohio

Dick and Louise Arman - dublintwo@sbcglobal.net dublintwo@sbcglobal.net -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Murnen were always such good neighbors to us on Kingsmoor. I always wanted to thank Mr. Murnen for building the court and inviting so many bare-chested, sweaty young boys over to perform for me. I hope team "heaven" is ready for some high powered coaching! I'll always remember his smile and friendly greetings. Condolences to all of you.*

Margaret Ann Mann Meyers - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM