



## John David Ritner

January 28, 2009

? John David Ritner, 46, passed away suddenly in his home in Findlay, OH on Wednesday, January 28, 2009.? He was born in Toledo on September 28, 1962.? He was preceded in death by grandparents, Alex and Mildred Baronas and John and Julia Ritner; uncles, Ronald Baronas and Fred Fontana; aunts Jeanette Weichelt and Eileen Otersen.? ? John was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Findlay for the past 13 years and also taught at Tiffin University and Owens Community College.? He was an avid world traveler, spoke many languages, was very fond of literature, old movies and fine wine.? He loved cooking and trying new recipes.? John was a kind, loving and wonderful person and will be greatly missed by everyone. ? Surviving are his loving parents, John and Jeanne (Baronas) Ritner; brother, Michael; special nephew C.J.; aunts and uncles, Ana Fontana, Mary Baronas, Michael and Phyllis (Baronas) Buzene, David and Nancy Barones and many cousins. ? Services will be 5 PM Sunday in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue where the family will receive friends after 1 PM.? Any tributes may be made in the form of contributions to Oxfam America, 226, Causeway St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA, 02114 ([www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org)). ? ? ? ? ? ?

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Mr. Ritner, It's been two years and I still think about you all the time. You're the best teacher I've ever had. Beyond that, you're the most brilliant mind I've ever known and one of my heroes. Your class changed the way I view the world and the way I think about everything. I wanted to email you yesterday to ask if Sartre was a hard determinist. I couldn't remember. I wasn't wondering because I'm taking a class. I was just sitting at home thinking about philosophy. You did that for me. I still had so much to learn from you. You're greatly missed. To the family, please know that Mr. Ritner is still thought about and loved by those whose lives he touched. My condolences are still with you. -- Jackie*

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**Jackie Carpenter - sidneyandjackie@gmail.com sidneyandjackie@gmail.com -**  
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ *I am so sorry to hear about John. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Deepest Sympathy Brooke Vance (BMV)*

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**Brooke Vance -** February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *I am filled with extreme sorrow at your loss. Professor Ritner was my teacher at the University of Findlay and he made me look forward to going to his class every single day. My heart goes out to you and your family. He was truly something special and he will be forever missed. I pray that God will give each of you strength and love in this time of sorrow. God bless you and Professor Ritner.*

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**Tegan Wood - woodt@findlay.edu woodt@findlay.edu -** February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son, John. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Pam and Jim Kwasniak

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**Pam and Jim Kwasniak** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear John and Jeannie, We extend to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your son, John. We know that he was a great source of pride and comfort to you. Our prayers are with you and your entire family. We always go to the Bible for comfort at times like this. Psalm 30:5 says--" weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." The hope that one day you will be re-united with your son is the joy that you must hold on to. May God bless you and strengthen you. We Love you, Mike and Linda

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**Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Lawniczak** - mwlawn@aol.com mwlawn@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear John, Jeannie, & Michael Our most heartfelt sympathy to all of you at this time of deepest sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers. John David was truly a remarkable person, someone to be proud of and remembered by all who knew him. He is gone far too early in this life.

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**Carol & Jim Abele** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Professor Ritner was a great teacher; I am a philosophy major at the University of Findlay partly because I took his Intro to Philosophy class, and I always wished that he taught more classes here. He was the first professor I spoke to regarding my desire to be a philosopher, and I can remember the conversations we had both in class and out. He will be missed here at the university.

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Adam Houser - [houseram@gmail.com](mailto:houseram@gmail.com) [houseram@gmail.com](mailto:houseram@gmail.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Family of John David Ritner Very sorry to read of the passing of your dear loved one John. It seems that life is such a precious gift and yet so short-lived for the time we exist. I am writing to share a few words of comfort and encouragement from the source of truth the bible. God holds out a wonderful hope for all those in the grave. At John 11:25 Jesus said "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE THAT EXERCISES FAITH IN ME, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES, WILL COME TO LIFE." Gods greatness is evident in the resurrection of his son Jesus. Moreover, that great act is a guarantee that the resurrection of others is possible. The bible gives nine accounts of ones who were resurrected. That should strengthened our faith that God can bring back to life the billions of dead person he holds within his perfect memory. (John 5-28,29) What a blessed reason to hope in God! As you and your start to heal the memories of John will bring you great joy. I hope these few words have lightened your grief strengthened your faith in our heavenly father. (PSALMS 83-18) AGAPE M.L.Hurt

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M.L.Hurt - [MHurt11@cfl.rr.com](mailto:MHurt11@cfl.rr.com) [MHurt11@cfl.rr.com](mailto:MHurt11@cfl.rr.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *John and Family- I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. I know how proud you were of him. He touched many lives and I know you have lots of special memories to hang on to.*

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**Marilyn Miller- Castillo** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Family of John Ritner I am sorry to hear of the loss of your son and brother. I would see John occasionally while he was teaching at the University of Findlay. He was extremely kind and respectful to others. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Jane Bender Administrative Asst. The Social Sciences, Religious Studies and Philosophy*

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**Jane Bender** - [bender@findlay.edu](mailto:bender@findlay.edu) [bender@findlay.edu](mailto:bender@findlay.edu) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Family of John Ritner, I am very sorry for the loss of John Ritner. He was my professor for both philosophy and ethics, two classes that I had expected to dislike. But he made the subjects interesting and he quickly became one of my favorite teachers. I looked forward to going to class because of him. He will be missed by a lot of students. I know that I will never forget him.*

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**Erin Savial** - [skittledewzoo@yahoo.com](mailto:skittledewzoo@yahoo.com) [skittledewzoo@yahoo.com](mailto:skittledewzoo@yahoo.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Six years ago, I had the pleasure of being a student in one of John's classes. I was so upset to hear the news of his passing. He will always remain one of the best instructors I've ever had at any level as a student. He was bright, funny, and engaging with the class. John encouraged discussion and kept the material interesting... Owens has definitely lost one of their finest professors. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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**Kelly Wagner - a8wagz@aol.com a8wagz@aol.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I had the pleasure of taking one of John's philosophy courses at Owens my freshman year of college 10 years ago. I thoroughly enjoyed his class and he exceeded what I've ever expected of a professor. He was extremely intelligent and humble, truly believed in his work and students, and made us all ponder life and what we believe in. John was fair, considerate, and dedicated to his profession. Each student in my class had an equal opportunity to participate and he made respect the foundation of our class. The respect and kindness continued after the semester ended. John was one who would smile, wave, and continue to talk to his former students. I looked forward to seeing him throughout my college experience. I recommended him to other students and to my two sisters who attended Owens as well. We all feel lucky to have known him and had him as a professor. John made a difference in many lives, and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

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**Katy Savial - ksavial@yahoo.com ksavial@yahoo.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM