



John Robert Wirth

October 12, 1948 - October 7, 2014

John Robert Wirth, 65, passed away October 7, 2014. He was born October 12, 1948 to Robert L. and Beatrice (Dunphy) Wirth in Toledo. John honorably served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War ultimately achieving the rank of a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves. A graduate of St. Francis DeSales and the University of Toledo, John retired from the Toledo Police Force as a Detective after 30 years of a dedicated law enforcement career. He was awarded numerous commendations and letters that highlighted a life of caring and compassionate service.

John was an avid boater whose outings and Friday nights “party at the park” were a highlight for many who participated. He loved Toledo to the core.

He was a member of many civic organizations to include the Knights of Columbus, Moose, American Legion and Fraternal order of Toledo Police. John enjoyed volunteering at the Toledo Police Museum, American Red Cross and various other associations in Toledo and Florida, where he spent 6 months of the year.

John is survived by his brothers Gary (Nancy), James (Kathi), Glenn (Annemarie) three nephews, 5 nieces, two grand nieces and two grand nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Thomas J. Wirth.

Friends are invited to visit from 3:00pm to 8:00pm Friday at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where FOP and American Legion services will be held at 7:00pm. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10:00am Saturday by Monsignor Michael Billian at Corpus Christi Church. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the John R. Wirth Scholarship Fund at St. Francis DeSales High School. Online condolences may be left at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

NT

“ My husband, Bruce (B.J.), and John were long-time friends and police officers. When John visited Alabama, he stayed with us. Even after Bruce and I divorced, John and I kept in touch several times each year and always remembering to send Christmas cards with letters in them. John was a longtime friend and when I didn't hear from him this Christmas and my card came back as undeliverable I was worried. Just found out he had passed in October and I am devastated with him passing so young. John will be missed but I am sure he and Bruce are in heaven just catching up on old times!

Nancy Turner - February 20, 2015 at 01:36 PM

MK

“ It is with deepest sympathy to the Wirth family, that I extend on the passing of John -- your faithful son, brother, uncle, and great uncle - - the gratitude of our entire community for his generous lifetime of service to others. The words duty, honor, and country define his life.

As a veteran, he carried with him his entire life the burden of war and its aftermath. As a trusted member of our U.S. Military Service Academy advisory committee for appointees to West Point, Annapolis, and Colorado Springs, he distinguished himself as a knowledgeable and fair leader who helped select the next generation of officers from our region for service to our nation.

His service as a detective in the City of Toledo helped our community remain civil and just. He was always ready, always protecting, and always serving.

I shall always remember John's brilliant smile, his kindness, his wit, his keen intellect and insight. He was a strong man.

May God grant him eternal rest and may his strong spirit remain with us as a guide for how to live for others.

*Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
Ohio-9*

Marcy Kaptur - October 11, 2014 at 11:06 AM

JK

“ John was a kind, funny and caring person, and he will be deeply missed. Know that he is in the loving arms of his mother and father, smiling down on his loved ones.

Janet Kulakoski - October 10, 2014 at 10:16 PM

JC

“ I worked with John for many years in the detective bureau. We worked a lot of good cases together. He was a good cop. John also was a good friend to me and my family. On Christmas John would come over to our house dressed as Santa. My three boys always wondered why Santa came over in a yellow Corvette. My condolences to the family. RIP John.

Jim Carnes - October 10, 2014 at 03:36 PM

KD

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. Many good memories of John at Put-In-Bay and also Florida. He will be missed.

Kay Drake - October 10, 2014 at 02:46 PM

CM

“ John was one of the good guys. He will be missed. Rest in peace.

Charlie Moore - October 10, 2014 at 12:53 PM

LF

“ We are saddend by the unexpected passing away of John. He was such a nice person and we fondly remember him and his hospitality on his boat on Fridays in the park. We are sorry that we can not pay our respect to John in person,so we send our heartfelt condolences to you this way.
Louis and Hannie Fitch

louis and hannie fitch - October 10, 2014 at 12:46 PM

AC

“ Glenn, Sending you my deepest condolences to you and your family on the death of your brother.

Archie Cox - October 10, 2014 at 12:41 PM

BS

“ *My prayers are with the Wirth family. May God bless you in your time of sorrow.*

Steve&Bridget Schultz

Bridget Schultz - October 10, 2014 at 12:29 PM

MG

“ *Glenn & family: I am so sorry for your loss and ask that God gives each of you what He knows you need in the days ahead.*

Marcy (Norris) Gifford - October 10, 2014 at 11:31 AM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to John's family. RIH John.*

Mary Beth Stachura - October 10, 2014 at 06:06 AM

NG

“ *COL Wirth and Family, I was so sorry to read about the loss of your brother. Our prayers our with you and your family during this time.*

*With our deepest sympathy,
The Gabriel Family*

N. Gabriel - October 09, 2014 at 02:32 PM

PK

“ *John- may you rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Phil Kulakoski - October 09, 2014 at 11:58 AM