



John Robert Ross

November 14, 1951 - March 7, 2026

John Robert Ross, age 74, of Willowick, went home to Jesus with his faithful companion Patty by his side on March 7, 2026. John was born on November 14, 1951, in Cleveland, to the late Joseph and Pauline (nee Longano) Ross. He was a graduate of Mayfield High School class of 1970. He was also a graduate of Lake Erie College in Painesville.

John was a United States Navy Veteran stationed in Edzell, Scotland and was the founder of the Edzell Navy Reunion Group. John was a United States Postal Employee and worked as a Letter Carrier, a Custodian, and an Electrical Technician in the Cleveland area before retiring. John was also a Freelance Writer. John became an active member and Trustee at Calvary Assembly of God.

John was an avid baseball and softball fan following the Cleveland Indians at an early age and the Lake County Captains. John would con an unwitting friend to stand in line with him for 2 hours for Captains opening day tickets. Following his retirement John had an unsuccessful run for a Council position in Willowick, and performed in at least five of The Fine Arts Association plays in the Euclid and Willoughby area. John was fascinated with everyone he met as if he was obtaining information for an article he was going to write. John enjoyed animals, especially his latest dog Badger.

John was the beloved husband of Karen (nee Zaffuto) Ross for 37 years before her passing. John was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sister Theresa and her husband Thomas Brhel, and his brother in law Allen and LoriAnn Zaffuto, and his nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank the Veterans Hospital in Cleveland and Heroes Harbor Hospice of the VA for their exceptional care of John. In lieu of flowers or contributions please consider donating to a Veteran Service organization of your choice or Calvary Assembly of God Global Missions in Willoughby Hills.

Friends and family are invited to gather on Wednesday, March 18, 2025, from 9:30am till 11am at Calvary Assembly of God, 28870 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092. A Funeral Service will be held immediately following the visitation at 11:00 AM at the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Assembly of God
28870 Chardon Road
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - March 17 at 08:03 PM

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“ *First met Johnny when he delivered mail to my office on 200th street in Euclid, back in 1995. John and I have been buddies ever since. Loved our talks about sports, going to lunch or breakfast whenever we could, not to mention the visits to the casino to blow a couple hundred dollars. He will be missed for sure. John was more like a brother than a friend. Always in my memories brother.*

Matt

Matthew DeMore - March 16 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Very sad to know that JR passed. John was one of a kind: always close with his peers in the Navy, and with his colleagues and family.*

He will be sorely missed.

May he rest in peace.

Paul St.Maur

PAUL ST.MAUR - March 13 at 06:09 PM



“ Our deepest condolences 🙏 My Husband an I met John an patty at church. John was one of the COOLEST guys. He had a personality plus so full life. He was a great asset to our Calvery family along with wonderful Patty !!! We Will miss your generous heart an your adorable smile an spirit We'll see you in heaven brother mush love to u Patty 💔 family an friends .. JESUS LOVES YOU ALL 💔
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Cynthia Colombo - March 13 at 05:18 PM