



John J. Yagoda

August 28, 1934 - May 12, 2021

John J. Yagoda Sr., age 86, of Willowick, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2021. He was born in Lilly, PA, on August 28, 1934, to the late Walter and Blanche Yagoda (nee Krawick).

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. John proudly served in the US Marines. He went on to graduate from Penn State University. After 42 years of dedicated service, he retired from Bailey Controls in Wickliffe. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers' fan. John brought joy and happiness to many children and families as Santa Claus for over 30 years.

John is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lucille Yagoda (nee Myers), children Sharon (Eugene) Vasilevicius, Marlene (Michael) Seifert, John (Terese D'Amico) Yagoda Jr., Mary Beth (Alan) Wagner, grandchildren Michael (Leah Myers) Seifert, Zachary Seifert and John Seifert, brothers Barry (Cathie) Yagoda, and Ronald (Lyla) Yagoda. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and adopted grandchildren Jonathan, Annie, Grace, Maggie, AJ, and Avery.

He was also preceded in death by sister Helen Giblock and brother Billy Yagoda.

Visitation will be on Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 4 to 7pm at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 11am at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 32114 Vine St, Willowick, please meet at the funeral home at 10am for a procession. A private burial will be held at a later date in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of John can be made to Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, 29777 Fairmount Blvd, Pepperpike OH 44124.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Church
32114 Vine St.
Willowick, OH 44095

Tribute Wall



“ John Yagoda is the best example of a "man for all seasons." If you, whoever you are, had a need John was there for you. Our best bet in paying tribute to him is to continue his ministry -- being present to whomever we observe is in need of our assistance. Sister Martha Mooney, osu.

Sister Martha Mooney - May 19, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J. Yagoda.



May 16, 2021 at 01:06 AM



“ Yagory families please except my deepest sympathy in your loss. I will pray to the Lord to give you strength in your time of great sorrow. God Bless!

Billy Balante - May 14, 2021 at 04:31 PM



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Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - May 14, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John J. Yagoda.*



May 14, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J. Yagoda.*



May 14, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of John J. Yagoda.*



May 13, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Heaven certainly gained an angel yesterday, I feel very blessed to know John and his whole family. God bless you all. Love you.*

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“ John was the greatest guy in the world! Besides all of the wonderful and delicious food he brought to our house while helping us out in our dental lab, my favorite memory is when he picked my niece, Celia Woodie, to receive “the first gift of Christmas” at St. Mary Magdalene School. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Yagoda family. Diane and Jim Tomsick

Diane and Jim Tomsick - May 13, 2021 at 06:25 PM