



John R. Colling

October 31, 1942 - August 30, 2022

John R. Colling, 79 of Zanesville, died 5:50 PM, Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at Genesis Morrison House Hospice, surrounded by his family. He was born Saturday, October 3, 1942, in Zanesville, the son of Roy W. Colling and Rhea J. (Hiles) Colling. He married Sherry (Burnworth) Colling on Saturday, April 18, 1987, and was a member of Brighton Presbyterian Church.

John served his country as a veteran of the United States Navy. Upon his return from the service, he worked at Brockway Glass for twenty years. He then joined Ohio Power/AEP retiring following twenty two years of service. After retirement, he also worked with McHugh's driving cars.

John was a member of Lodge of Amity #5, F. & A. M. of Ohio, and a current member of Gage & Gavel Lodge #448, F. & A. M. He was a Life Member of the Amrou Grotto, where he served as a Past Monarch in 1998, and was Grotto Secretary for over twenty years. In recognition for his tireless service to the Grotto, John received the Secretary of the Year Award from the Supreme Council of Grottoes International.

John was an avid golfer, and was an official member of the Tee Jay's Breakfast Club of Knowledge. John was a loving and caring husband, father, grandad and great grandad. He enjoyed the time he spent with his family. He was very active with his grandchildren attending all their activities and sporting

events.

John is survived by his wife of the home, Sherry Colling; five children, Jenny (Joe) Sayles, Jeff Colling, Jay (Amanda) Colling, Wendy (Steve) Ashby, and Lori Hickman; grandchildren, Josh (Kelsey) Middleton, Justin (Lanae) Middleton, Jade Middleton, Jared Middleton, Jenna (Andrew) Moore, Jessica (Kyle Gentil) Middleton, Jacie (Jason Munyan) Middleton, Evan (Megan Sharier) Colling, Dr. Justin (Dr. Morgan Torcasio) Thrush, Bethany Colling, Brooke Colling, Jordan Ashby, and Aaron (Kailey Felumlee) Ashby; great grandchildren, Kameron, Konner, Kace, Reid, Carter, Emmy, Addy, Cale, Delaney and Declan; nieces and nephew, Jodi, Buffy and Scott.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Janet (Harry) Workman.

Friends may call Tuesday, September 6, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where Gage & Gavel Lodge and Amrou Grotto will conduct Masonic Funeral Services at 6:45 PM. Additional visitation will be held from 10:00 AM till 11:00 AM, Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Services will follow at 11:00 AM, with Chaplin Tim Patton officiating. Burial will follow in Zanesville Memorial Park with the United States Navy conducting Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to an athletic booster of one's choice. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
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<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Masonic Funeral Service

SEP 6. 6:45 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Military Honor Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Zanesville Memorial Park
1475 Military Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Colling*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John R. Colling.*



September 06, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *302 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - September 06, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Sherry and family. Mike Kaido*

Mike Kaido - September 05, 2022 at 10:19 PM

SM

Our prays are with the family and friends John was always a good man to work with

Skip Moerch - September 06, 2022 at 03:30 PM

TK

“ *So sorry to hear of John’s passing.
All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Theresa Kanavel*

Theresa Kanavel - September 05, 2022 at 05:10 PM

DS

“ *Sherry, Paul & I were so sorry to hear of
Johns passing. Prayers for you and the family
during this very sad time. We are still in
Florida and just got back from Ohio , but know
that we will be with you in spirit for the funeral.*



Dee Smith - September 04, 2022 at 07:58 PM

AL

“ *Al And Linda Lunn lit a candle in memory of
John R. Colling*



Al and Linda Lunn - September 04, 2022 at 03:13 PM

LK

“ Sherry, Jenny, Jeff, Jay, Wendy, Lori and Families. You are in my thoughts and prayers. John was a great guy with a great sense of humor. He graduated from Maysville with my brother, Mike. John was an usher when Paul and I were married and he rang the church bell after the ceremony for a long time and... he ended up being late to the reception. 😊 We enjoyed seeing John and Sherry at the Grotto functions. He lived a good, full life and made a lot of memories that we will all cherish. We will always have our "John Stories." He will be forever missed but never forgotten. In sympathy and friendship. Linda Kussmaul

Linda Kussmaul - September 03, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of John R. Colling, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Navy Veteran, John R. Colling, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - September 03, 2022 at 03:44 AM

SM

“ So sorry to hear about John. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sherry and the family We were neighbors for 30 years.
Sonny and Kris McGaughey

Sonny McGaughey - September 02, 2022 at 04:06 PM

DW

“ Sherry, Darrell and I are saddened to hear of John's passing. He frequently came into our Donut Shop and always had a smile and kind words for everyone. We are thinking of you at this difficult time and sending our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Darrell and Linda Warne - September 02, 2022 at 01:06 PM

WH

“ Our deepest sorrow goes out to John's family in their loss .
I'll always remember the many conversations we had over the years and the good times at Grotto .
John will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of having known him .

Wood Hardcastle - September 02, 2022 at 10:22 AM

AC

“ Sherry I'm very sorry to hear of John's passing. Prayers for you and the family.

Alan Conner - September 02, 2022 at 08:43 AM

FD

“ So sorry to hear this news about John. We went to school together all 12 years. Thinking of you at this time.
Fred Dodd

Fred Dodd - September 01, 2022 at 04:51 PM

PL

“ I went to school with John 12 years including old Speingfield Grade School and Maysville High. I moved away from zanesville in 1962 but was happy to see John at every class gathering and reunion. John never miss any class reunion and hosted several. He was a good kind person. We will all miss John very much.
Paul R Leasure

paul R Leasure - September 01, 2022 at 03:19 PM

SP

“ Sherry, and family, Our deepest condolences to all of you. John was the nicest man, who will be missed.. *Bob & Stephanie Paul*

Stephanie Paul - September 01, 2022 at 12:37 PM

EM

“ My deepest sympathies to Sherry and the Colling/Middleton families. John and Sherry have been very good to me over the years. He was a true family man. I was always so amazed how he made it to all of his grandkids sporting events. May he rest in peace.

Eric Morrison - September 01, 2022 at 12:34 PM

BF

“ We were saddened to hear that Johns passed. With deepest sympathy. *Tom & Brenda Forker*



Brenda Forker - September 01, 2022 at 12:17 PM

BH

“ RIP John. Condolences and sympathy to all family and friends.

Bill & Judy Helriggle - September 01, 2022 at 10:36 AM