



John J. Yencha Jr.

JAN 4, 1951 - MAR 18, 2021



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John J. Yench Jr. 70, passed away on March 18, 2021. He was born on January 4, 1951 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late John J. Sr. and Florence (nee Landa) Yench. John was a sales manager for Conrad's from 1973-1999 and went on to retire from Dealer Tire in 2018. John filled the silence with his talented drums skills, contagious laughter, and his love for music. When he wasn't drumming, he was cheering on all Cleveland sports teams. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Kathleen (nee Phelan) Yench of 47 years. John was a wonderful dad to Sarah (Fuad) Shoman, Michael (Rachel) Yench, and Shannon (Robert) Kosmatka; cherished grandfather to Ramzi, Alaina, Zaila, and Xavier Shoman, Carolyn Yench, and Stella Kosmatka; dear brother to Kathryn (Robert) Uniack; Uncle John to many nieces and nephews; and dear friend to so many. A celebration of John's life will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Please meet at 11:30 AM at the front entrance of Sunset Funeral Home, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070. Reception to follow. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.sunsetfuneralandcemetery.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in John's honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or The City Mission, 5310 Carnegie Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.sunsetfuneralandcemetery.com.




Events

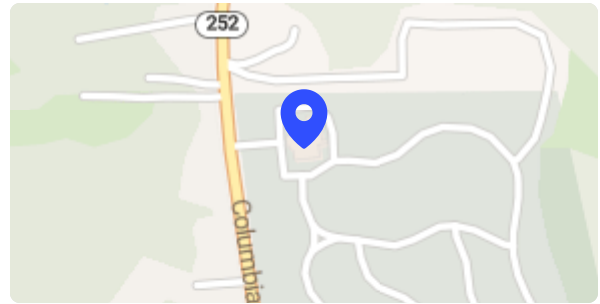
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Please meet at the front entrance of the Sunset Funeral Home


 **Saturday**, July 31, 2021


 11:30 AM ET

 **Sunset Chapel**
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

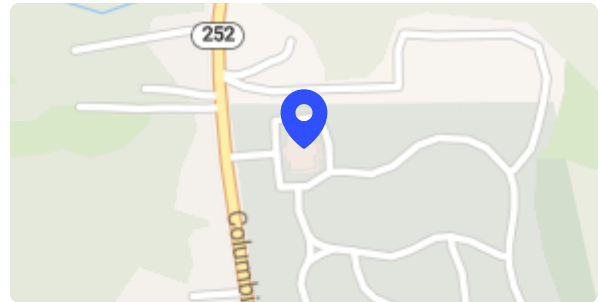


Graveside service

 **Saturday**, July 31, 2021


 12:00 PM ET

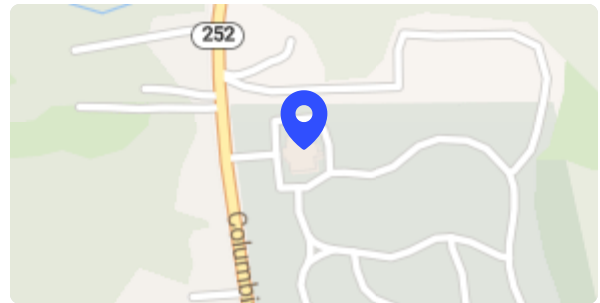
 **Sunset Cemetery**
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070



Cemetery Details

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 **(440) 249-6256**





Tribute Wall

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James Breiner posted:

Today's memorial service was very moving, especially the words of John's daughter and son, and his classmates. John's example should inspire us all to bring joy, humor, and music to our lives and to those of our friends and family. -- Jim Breiner, Ignatius, class of 1969

July 31 at 4:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Yencha family.



July 30 at 4:52 AM



Judy Sharpe-Kosmatka posted:

We will always John as a loving guy with a great sense of humor and a great smile. We remember an example of his great humor when he called himself Johnny Nine Toes. He will be missed.

July 29 at 1:02 PM



Eric Evanoff posted:

"So sorry to hear of John's passing. I worked with "Yencha" for many years at Dealer Tire and have great memories of our travels together! He was not only an expert in his field but a great communicator and teacher to others of his knowledge. My condolences to Katie and family, and hope you find comfort and solace knowing John's time here on earth was a life well-lived. Memory Eternal!" -Eric E.

March 26 at 7:28 AM



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R6

Rev. Mark J. Peyton (Ignatius '69) posted:

Kathy and Family -My deepest sympathies to you on the passing of John. My prayers are with you and for John. John and I were both members of the Class of '69 at St. Ignatius. Even though he and I were never in a homeroom together we did have some classes together and, of course, were at different school activities together. I knew that John was a faithful and committed member of CAM - the Christian Action Movement at Ignatius through which the students volunteered to help people in their times of need. That was John - a man who cared about others and met their needs ahead of his own. This is the value and example I'm sure he left for all of you and anyone who was a part of his life. I'm sure its a wonderful memory of John that we all will carry with us and try to live as he did.Again, my condolences to all of you. May John be rewarded for his works of charity and rest in the eternal peace of Heaven.Rev. Mark J. Peyton(Class of '69)

March 25 at 12:12 PM

ES

Ed Stockton posted:

I was fortunate to work with John for several years at Dealer Tire. He had a compelling perspective on life, family, and music that he willingly shared with me over multiple conversations. His infectious smile and sense of humor will be missed but always remembered.

March 25 at 5:11 AM

CM

Cj Murphy posted:

I was so very sorry to hear of John's passing. My sincere condolences to Kathleen and family.I had the wonderful honor and privilege of working with John at Dealer Tire. When he said "I will run through a brick wall for you," you knew he meant it literally as well as figuratively! He had immense passion for all parts of his life: work (he would have those new hires in love with tires by week 2 of training), his music, but above all his family. John had a heart of gold and an infectious laugh. John positively impacted a lot of lives. He will be deeply missed.CJ Murphy

March 25 at 4:33 AM

BG

Brian Godin posted:

I was greatly saddened to hear about John's passing. We worked together for a number of years. He enjoyed life and the people that were in it, especially his family. He loved to share his knowledge with others and never had a problem keeping a conversation going. He was a good man. I will remember him with fondness and respect. My deepest condolences to John's wife and family.Brian Godin

March 24 at 11:32 AM

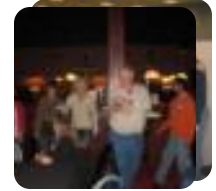


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GD

Glenda Dehoff shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 24 at 11:30 AM

SM

Sharon And Tim Mctigue July 29 at 2:13 PM

Kathy and Family, Tim and I would like to send you our deepest sympathy on John's passing. We will always remember John's band practice sessions with his band on Sandpiper. Then, we went to see and hear them play at a club in North Ridgeville. You have a wonderful family and we are so fortunate to have had you as our neighbor. We will always think of John, his talent, his humor, and his wonderful family, fondly.

CM

Cj Murphy March 25 at 4:47 AM

Thank you for posting these pictures- it brought a smile through the tears of hearing of John's passing. We had a great team, and John was an important part of it. I miss you all - especially today.

JH

Julie Holland March 24 at 1:28 PM

These pictures are so great! Thanks for posting Brian. Such a dream team right there

BG

Brian Godin March 24 at 11:54 AM

I'm blaming John for this: "You're prettier than I am", he says, "dress up like a Viking princess warrior, we'll win football tickets!" Yeah, right?! Great idea, Thanks John! We didn't win...I think it was the moustache... (By John, I mean all of you. CJ, Annette, Amy, Beth, Cindy and Glenda!)

GD

Glenda Dehoff March 24 at 11:32 AM

John always had a smile on his face and was p for a good time! He is missed.

JS

Jay S Schneir posted:

I am so sorry to hear this. I worked with John at Dealer Tire for a long time. He was one of the nicest guys I have ever met and I am very sad. He was a great musician, co-worker, and friend back in the day. I will miss JY very much. Jay Schneir

March 24 at 11:16 AM



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ML

Mike Lang posted:

JohnnyFor sure the nicest guy of the original "Magnificent 7" and/or 'Parma Bads"...Thanks for 55+ years of friendship; we're all gonna miss youGodspeed; see you on the other side....Mike and Tracy Lang

March 24 at 9:54 AM

JH

Julie Holland posted:

My heart has been breaking since I found out that John passed away. I'm so sorry to all his friends and family. I had the pleasure of working with John for 4 years on the Talent Development team at Dealer Tire. I always admired his passion for his work, his love of tires and music, his cool calm demeanor, and his willingness to talk to anyone he came in contact with. John was such a sweet and kind man who will be greatly missed. RIP my friend and colleague

March 24 at 9:47 AM

AS

Anna Shaw lit a candle in honor of John.

I'm so sorry to hear about John's passing. I was on his team at Dealer Tire when I was hired on to the Talent Development team 10 years ago. He taught me a lot, and taught so many others as well. We have so many good memories of him and he will be missed by many. Keeping John and all of his family and friends in my thoughts and prayers.



March 23 at 1:40 PM

LN

Linda Nissen posted:

Katy and family, my sincere condolences. I am so sorry for your loss. John had a heart of gold and could always bring a smile to my face. Loved it when he was playing in the band. Went to see him at several different venues. He is with the big band members now.

March 22 at 3:44 PM



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MC

Megan Cathey shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We will miss Uncle John so much. I don't know where to start with sharing a memory other than to say that I have so many treasured, good memories of him. We always knew that the laughs would come easily when we were with him. He was the best uncle a girl could ask for. I have countless memories of him, have countless music memories of him/with him. What is probably most precious to me is the relationship he had with my boys, Ben & Conner, AKA "Ben & Jerry" to him. He brought so much joy to our lives and we are going to miss him so very much. His memory will come up often in our family and we will smile and laugh every time we think of him!



March 20 at 2:43 PM

SK

Sharon Klubert posted:

So sorry to have lost an amazing neighbor and friend. There is no one like "Johnny Y". He always made me feel special when he referred to me as "Princess"! It was so great for us and our kids living next to The Yencha's! It was never a dull moment! So many great memories like "the hot mustard moment", our trip to Chicago, John dressing up and giving candy out on Halloween. Which also consisted of lights and scary music!, and our many evenings on the porch solving the worlds problems! John we were better for knowing you! Katie know that we are always here for you! Bob and Sharon Klubert

March 21 at 9:09 AM

RT

Randel And Maria Thomas shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Maria and Randy Thomas will miss our good friend John especially our weekly dinners, movies and the fun Super Bowl Sundays. John and I always enjoyed visiting Weber's for their Higby's malted ice cream. I look forward sharing the fun memories with Katy, he will never be forgotten and will always live in our hearts.



March 20 at 2:43 PM



Media

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Glenda Dehoff shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

March 24 at 11:30 AM





Megan Cathey shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 21 at 12:38 PM





Randel And Maria Thomas shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 20 at 2:43 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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