



John Joseph Summers, Sr.

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John Joseph Summers, Sr., age 67, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on July 7, 1958, he was the cherished son of the late Mary and Edward Summers, Sr., whose values and spirit shaped the man he became.

John dedicated 45 years of his life to serving as a corrections officer, a role in which he earned the respect of colleagues and the gratitude of his community. His work reflected his steady character, his sense of responsibility, and his unwavering commitment to doing what was right. Outside of his career, John found joy in traveling with his wife, Valerie, creating memories that became some of their most treasured moments together.

John shared his life with his beloved wife, Valerie Summers, whose partnership and companionship were the foundation of their many years together. He was a proud father to Heather (Jessica) Summers and John (Sarah) Summers, Jr., and nothing brought him greater joy than watching them grow into the people they are today. His heart expanded even further with the arrival of his grandson, Cohen Summers, who brought light, laughter, and renewed purpose into his later years. John is survived by his brother, Edward (Renee) Summers, Jr., and is preceded in death by his sisters, Mary and Annie, whose memories remained close to his heart throughout his life.

Those who knew John will remember his quick wit, intelligence, wicked sense of humor, steady presence, his quiet strength, and the way he made others feel seen and supported. Whether offering a helping hand, sharing a story, or simply listening, he had a gift for making people feel at ease. His legacy lives on in the kindness he showed, the relationships he nurtured, and the family he loved so deeply.

John's life will be honored in the hearts of all who knew him, and his memory will continue to guide those he leaves behind.



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Cory Stimmel posted:

I would like to personally acknowledge one of the brightest minds I've ever had the privilege of working with. His keen insight into contract negotiations helped set the standard. Condolences to his family and fellow Correction Officers 🙏

April 4 at 7:32 PM



Nathaniel Brown Jr lit a candle in honor of John.

Nathaniel Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of John Summers

March 31 at 10:02 PM



Nathaniel Brown Jr posted:

John and I became closer friends at the Beachwood Police Dept. We talked about our families and about life itself. He had these funny one liner jokes. He was very smart and sarcastically funny often. He was joking with me about looking like coach Andy Reid of the Kansas City Chiefs which he did. Especially the picture that was posted on Facebook. They look brother's for sure. He'll be truly missed by me. RIH John my friend 🤔❤️🙏

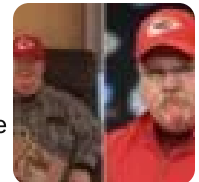
March 31 at 10:02 PM



Jessica Marie shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My father-in-law had a great sense of humor. I always liked to surprise him at Christmas with a gag gift. He loved football and had an uncanny resemblance to the Kansas City Chiefs' coach, Andy Reid. I decided to get him a Chiefs hat for Christmas gift one year. He laughed when he opened the present and put the hat on right away. John never shied away from a joke and having fun with people. He wore the Chiefs hat around town and people would stop him and ask if he was Andy Reid, which he really got a kick out of.

March 31 at 5:21 PM



Lou posted:

John was a great man, brother, partner. He could find humor under pressure more than anyone I know. Best line we shared at work: "It's only a Movie!" This past year was his most difficult. I know he's in a better place. He was a wonderful family man. I miss him already.

March 31 at 4:18 PM



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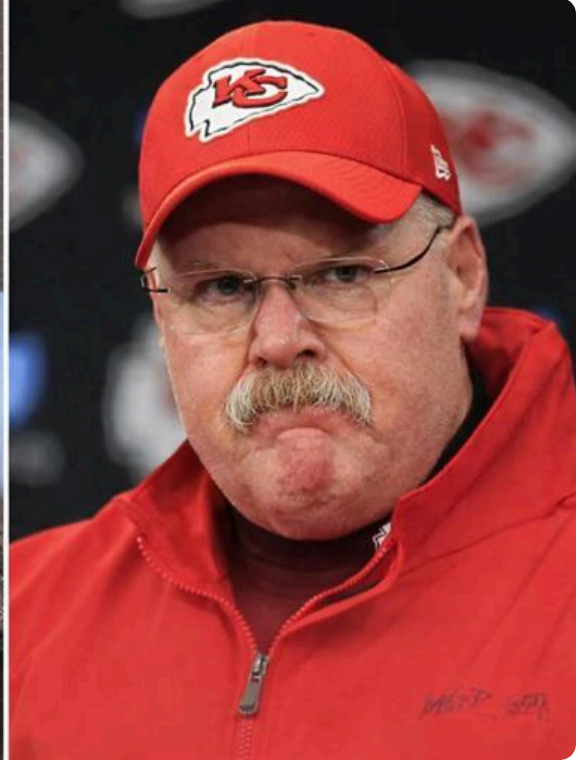
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