



John Lee DeWitt

May 15, 1944 - May 17, 2013

John Lee DeWitt, 69, of Urbana, died Friday, May 17, 2013 in Mercy Memorial Hospital, Urbana.

He was born in Norwalk, OH on May 15, 1944, the son of Hubert and Edith (Dove) DeWitt. John was a member of the Greenwich UMC. He was a 1962 graduate of South Central High School in Greenwich, received his bachelor's degree in 1966 from Ohio Northern University where he played baseball and holds the record for the most strike outs during a single game, and received his master's degree from Xavier University.

John retired from Urbana High School in 1996 after 30 years, where he was a business teacher, guidance counselor, coached baseball and for 22 years coached the freshman basketball team. He also coached Pony League and Little League.

John enjoyed the Cincinnati Reds, country music and vacationing in Myrtle Beach.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Frieda (Adams) DeWitt, who he married on Dec. 19, 1964, sons, Timothy DeWitt of Apex, N.C., and Shawn (Zibby) DeWitt of Urbana, grandchildren, Brennan and Broghan DeWitt and Jackson and Jenna DeWitt, and sister, Nancy Kelley of Elyria.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David.

Family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013 in the WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, Urbana, where a service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 with Pastor Jim Lillibridge officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Dale Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearer will be Jim Kelley and active pallbearers will be Michael Kelley, Michael Adams, Bill Borland, Jeff Rogan, Brad DeWitt and Jerry Kirk.

Contributions may be made in John's memory to Community Mercy Hospice, 444 W. Harding Road, Springfield, Ohio 45504.

Condolences may be expressed to John's family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Dale Cemetery

319 Patrick Avenue
Urbana, OH 43078

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

WALTER & STOWE FUNERAL HOME
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Visitation

MAY 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Oh my..I am so sorry for your loss..Mr.DeWitt was my Guidance Counselor in school...he was a great man and I'm so sorry to hear this

Deborah Skaggs - September 23, 2013 at 05:24 PM

GL

“ John was a huge help to me as a beginning business teacher at Urbana High School in the 70's. Jake and I always enjoyed visiting with him and his wife when we would meet occasionally over the years. He was definitely a quiet, gentle, caring person. We wish your family peace in the many wonderful memories you surely must have.

Grace Leichy

Grace Leichy - May 23, 2013 at 09:35 PM

BH

“ Billie Hughes lit a candle in memory of John Lee DeWitt



billie hughes - May 22, 2013 at 03:23 PM

BH

“ My thoughts and prays go out to Mr. DeWitt's family. I will never forget the best teacher at Urbana High School. Billie Ratcliff Hughes

billie hughes - May 22, 2013 at 03:21 PM

TW

“ John was such a special man--always had a smile and a kind word to say. He left a huge impression on the many lives he touched. He will be sadly missed, but we will all cherish the fond memories we've had growing up with "Mr. DeWitt"!

Tami (Fox) Winnenberg - May 22, 2013 at 11:28 AM

TW

“ Tami (Fox) Winnenberg lit a candle in memory of John Lee DeWitt



Tami (Fox) Winnenberg - May 22, 2013 at 11:06 AM

RT

“ One of my best coaches in High School!! He taught me that respect, character, and discipline was more important than winning. Funny thing...he did a lot of winning!! Greatly missed!!



Rick Terrell - May 21, 2013 at 04:00 PM

EP

“ I was surprised and saddened to read of John's death. We worked together at Urbana H. S., and I appreciated his quick smile and support. I will grieve with you for your loss.

Eunice Pettibone
St. Paris, OH

Eunice Pettibone - May 20, 2013 at 03:36 PM

Beth
Wynia

“ *Mr. Dewitt was a great man!! I always enjoyed him in high school as well as when I would see him out after school. My condolences to his family. He will be dearly missed. His family is in my prayers.*



Beth Wynia - May 20, 2013 at 03:15 PM

JH

“ *Mr Dewitt taught me how to type which is probably the best skill I learned in high school. He was a great guy and my condolences to his family.*



James Hamilton - May 20, 2013 at 11:32 AM

TS

“ *Tim Stokes lit a candle in memory of John Lee DeWitt*



Tim Stokes - May 18, 2013 at 09:19 PM

RH

“ *Frieda, Tim & Shawn & family You have our deepest sympathy during this sad time. Our thoughts & prayers will be with you. Rex & Betty Huss*

Rex and Betty Huss - May 18, 2013 at 03:50 PM

KH

“ My deepest sympathy to you. John was a good teacher & counselor. He recommended a small northern Ohio college to me my senior year- ONU. My next seven years were spent there earning a BA & JD. Godspeed & God bless John.

kathryn hanson - May 18, 2013 at 08:27 AM

SC

“ Susan Spring Cram lit a candle in memory of John Lee DeWitt



susan spring cram - May 18, 2013 at 08:25 AM

AD

I also learned to type from John. And I got to know him better in the summers that I worked in the Guidance Office. He was such a gentle soul. May his family find peace in memories.

Ann Donahue - May 20, 2013 at 03:44 PM

KH

“ Kathryn Hanson lit a candle in memory of John Lee DeWitt



kathryn hanson - May 18, 2013 at 08:19 AM