



John Arden Graves

December 31, 1928 - August 25, 2023

John Arden Graves, age 94, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 25 in the loving company of family at his home. He was born on December 31, 1928 in Columbus, Ohio to Arden and Helen Graves. His life was spent in devotion to his family including Betty, his wife of 73 years, three children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was a successful entrepreneur throughout his life as the founding owner of Active Aeration Systems, Inc. and Graves & Sons, and was recognized for his business leadership and government regulation within the wastewater industry. A talented self-taught architect, he custom designed and built the last home for Betty, where they lived for more 35 years and hosted many holidays and celebrations as his family continued to grow through the generations. Later in life, he spent many years exploring the U.S. with Betty in their motor home adventures and found a respite from the cold Ohio winters in their Florida home. He is survived by his children Larry (Patty) Graves and Deborah (Tim) Brickner; grandchildren Amanda Weed (Joseph Francis), Megan Kushner, Eric (Lizzie) Weed, and Johnna (Brad) Rogers; and great-grandchildren Sofia & Beau Kushner, Katia Weed, and Arden & Lillian Rogers; sister Patty (Dick) Hoke; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, John Graves, Jr.; brother Delbert Graves; brother-in-law Jack Bauchmire; and sisters-in-law Samygene Bauchmire and Flora Mae "June" Graves; grandson-in-law Tom Kushner; and son-in-law John Weed. Family and friends may pay their respects during visiting hours on Tuesday,

September 5, 2023 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 E. Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065. A family funeral will be held at 1 p.m., which will be officiated by Reverend Norman Moxley. Flowers are appreciated, or donations may be made in John's memory to the ProMedica Hospice Memorial Fund, 6500 Busch Blvd., Suite 210, Columbus, OH 43229-1728 or the DYRK1A Foundation at <https://www.dyrk1a.org/donate>.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

3225 Dublin Road
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614) 876-2236

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
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Funeral Service

SEP 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John Arden Graves*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - September 02, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Arden Graves.*



September 04, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Condolences to the Graves Family. Met John when i was his brother's (Delbert) caregiver. Nicest Man you could ever have met.*



Kat and Dan Gencur - September 01, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Arden Graves.*



September 01, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Arden Graves.

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“ *so many, many memories. But my fondest probably goes back to childhood, when we celebrated Uncle John's Birthday on New Years Eve with sparklers and fun times together. The days on Grandee Cliffs Drive/Jenmar Court in Dublin. Simpler times back then. Always the rock. Master of knowledge and how to do things the right way. Always there to give and help and support. I love you Uncle John! We will all miss you very much!*

Tammy Corbin - September 01, 2023 at 08:29 AM