



John Falk

October 10, 2025

John C. Falk Sr., 79, of Westerville, Ohio, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Columbus at White Cross Hospital, John graduated from Whetstone High School in 1964 and went on to earn his degree in Business from The Ohio State University. He later received his MBA from Xavier University in 1975. During his time at Ohio State, John was an active and proud member of Pacesetters, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Phi Eta Sigma.

John dedicated 44 years of his professional life to Capital Fire Protection Co., where his knowledge, reliability, and kindness left a lasting impact on everyone he worked with. He also served faithfully as Treasurer of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) for 33 years and was a valued member of the Pathways Credit Union Board.

A proud Buckeye and supporter of women's athletics through and through, John was a longtime supporter of Ohio State Women's Basketball and an active member of the Rebounders Club. This included several years as an assistant coach for the Columbus State Community College women's softball team. He was also involved in many organizations over the years, including DeMolay and the Agonis Club.

Outside of his professional and volunteer work, John was known for his love of sports and family. He was an avid slow-pitch softball player, enjoyed bowling, and was a lifelong Ohio State football season ticket holder. Above all, he took the greatest joy in supporting his children and grandchildren in all their

activities — always cheering from the sidelines with pride and love.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Billie Falk, and his sister, Karen Maienza. He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Joyce (Leuzinger), daughter Jennifer Haugh; son John Jr. (Jennifer); grandsons Aaron Haugh, Dakota Falk, Andrew Haugh, Aiden Haugh, and Caleb Falk; as well as siblings Alan Falk, Sally Falk, and Bill (Janet) Falk.

John will be remembered for his sharp wit, steady presence, and the deep love he had for his family and friends. His legacy lives on through all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home at 515 High St., Worthington, OH. Service to follow Friday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Maple Grove UMC, 7 W.

Henderson Rd., Columbus. OH. Interment to follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice in his honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Maple Grove United Methodist Church
7 West Henderson Rd.
Columbus, OH 43214

Tribute Wall



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Falk.*



October 16, 2025 at 07:20 AM



“ *Kathy Morgan and all at OHR! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Falk.*

Kathy Morgan and all at OHR! - October 16, 2025 at 07:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Falk.*



October 15, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *The Stinson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Falk.*

The Stinson Family - October 15, 2025 at 05:43 PM

KA

“ I attended my first Falk Christmas gathering in December 2024. It had been a long while since my husband Alan had attended and I wasn't sure what to expect. The first person to approach me that day was John. With a warm smile and tears of joy in his eyes, he thanked me for coming and shared how happy he was to see Alan there. In that moment, I could see how deeply he loved his family and how much it meant to him to have everyone together again. John made me feel immediately welcomed—embraced, really—as part of the Falk family. Alan and I had been married just the year before, and John's kindness and sincerity made that day feel extra special. As the Christmas gathering went on, I watched John take on his role as the keeper of the family history. After enjoying our food and the Christmas sweets, John stood up and gave a heartfelt tribute to those who were no longer with us —among them Alan's late wife Aphrodite and his cousin Ron. His words were filled with grace, love and remembrance. I don't know how he managed to hold it together, but in that moment, I understood the kind of man he was —someone who carried both the joy and the sorrow of family with deep reverence. Godspeed John. I'm so grateful I was able to attend your cherished Christmas gathering —the one that meant so much to you. Your love for family lives on in every memory you helped preserve. ~~Karen Lombard



Karen - October 15, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ Seems like I have known John for half of my life as he was a board member for Pathways Financial Credit Union for many years as well as treasurer. John will always be remembered by me as a caring person, buckeye fan and person who gave 100%. Glad to have known him for such a long time and will miss seeing him until we meet again! Farewell my friend and Go Buckeyes!

Chris Hoover - October 14, 2025 at 11:31 AM

DF

“ Dean Solberg and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Falk.



Dean Solberg and Family - October 14, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Falk.



October 14, 2025 at 11:13 AM

CC

“ Capital Fire Protection Co. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Falk.

Capital Fire Protection Co. - October 14, 2025 at 11:13 AM

DU

“ David U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Falk.

David U. - October 14, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DG

“ Dear Joyce, Jennifer, John & entire Family, Susan and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to each of you. We know John's at Peace back Home with The Lord. We'll always remember the wonderful hospitality you and John showed so many of us as new members of our LCUMC Church Family in your home during Christmas and other times of the year where John would share wonderful readings and his own spiritual reflections on the "truly important things in life". We'll miss him on "Fix-It" team and many other ministries. I'll always remember with a smile our Church Day Trips he took with us. Many times with his grandson's Aaron and Aiden who he thought the world of like all his gkids and entire Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each you during this difficult time. Take care and May God continue to Bless all of you.
Dean and Susan Gibson

Dean Gibson - October 14, 2025 at 07:28 AM

DZ

“ John was a great man who had a sincere passion for all things Buckeye and contributed many years to the Life Safety Industry specializing in Fire Suppression systems. I had the privilege of serving about ten years with John at the Central Ohio Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. One of my favorite memories with John was about 2 or 3 years ago while we were both attending the annual COC-SFPE golf fundraiser, one person in our foursome did not show up. I asked John if he would like to play with us. At first he politely declined and said he didn't think he could contribute very much to the team effort. I thought about that for a minute and then suggested that he ride along anyway and chip & putt if he felt like it. After about 3 seconds he eagerly agreed. We had a great time that day and John did contribute by sinking a couple of birdie putts. Even though our team finished in the middle of the pack, I felt like we won that day because of the great friendship John shared playing a round of golf with us! Rest in peace mighty warrior, you fought a good fight, ran life's race with honor, and have finished your course. Prayers for Joyce, Jennifer and all the family. Dave Zink - VFP Fire Systems,



Dave Zink - October 14, 2025 at 07:21 AM

TF

“ The Belasco Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John Falk.



The Belasco Family - October 13, 2025 at 05:22 PM

SF

“ S & G Manufacturing Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Falk.



S & G Manufacturing Family - October 13, 2025 at 02:31 PM

BF

“ Bice Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Falk.



Bice Family - October 13, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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