



John Michael Finn

February 16, 1949 - July 7, 2025

John Michael Finn, 76 of Columbus, Ohio passed away July 7, 2025 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He was born February 16, 1949 to John Joseph and Grace Finn in Marion, Ohio. He was a graduate of Marion Catholic High School and Franklin University. He was married to Marion Marshall on March 30, 1974 in Worthington, Ohio.

He dedicated 18 years of his career to Lazarus in the Budget and Planning department. He then transitioned to the State of Ohio, where he served as a Managing Accountant for the Department of Liquor Control before becoming the Chief of Accounting for the Department of Commerce. In a memorable moment of his career, he even served as the Acting Director of the Department of Liquor Control—for 24 hours.

Mike had a deep passion for Irish Catholic history, which inspired him to visit Ireland and study the Gaelic language. He served as the State Historian for the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Patrick Pearse Division, and was a longtime contributor to Irish Magazine, writing a monthly column for 18 years. He also served as a consultant for Transplanted Shamrocks, a collection of stories

from Irish Americans.

A dedicated historian and leader, Mike was a past School Board President for Our Lady of Peace School and also served as the President of Parish Counsel for Our Lady of Peace Church. He was a Lecturer

for the Knights of Columbus.

Committee Member for the Irish Ohio Historical Marker in Columbus. Mike was also a past President of the Catholic Record Society and was honored with the rare title of Charter Lifetime Member—an award given to only one other person in Columbus.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Marion, and his daughter, Kathleen. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary Ann Kaiser and Jo Ann Greene. Among his many cherished nieces and nephews, his favorite niece, Jaime Elledge (Mark), held a special place in his heart. Mike is further survived by his “faithful” cat, Alex, and his grand-cat, Sophia.

Mike's life was enriched by the many great friends, co-workers, and confidants he gathered along the way. Ed and Bev Manzione were especially dear to him—steadfast friends, compassionate companions, and ever-reliable "Ubers" throughout the years.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, John and Grace Finn, and his sisters, Donna Stamm and Jean Densford. He will be laid to rest beside his in-laws, June and Howard Marshall—ready to pick up where they left off and debate whatever new subjects come along.

Father Jan Sullivan will preside over the Memorial Mass with a luncheon to follow at Our Lady of Peace Church at 20 E. Dominion Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43214

on July 14, 2025 @ 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Our Lady of Peace School.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

5561 Milton Ave.
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-5033

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
20 E. Dominion Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43214

Tribute Wall



“ Mike was quiet & maybe shy in highschool- always kind. After reading his obituary - it is a great loss to have not known him as an adult.
Prayers for the family.
Kathy Haberman Taylor

Kathy Taylor - July 20, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Michael Finn.



July 12, 2025 at 03:01 PM



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

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“ A great loss to Mike's family and the Irish Community. RIP
Ed Kelly

Ed Kelly - July 11, 2025 at 11:05 AM

MC

“ Mike was always very supportive of my newsletters. We only got together a few times at AOH events, but each time was enjoyable. I enjoyed his Irish history columns very much. Marion and Mike's family are in my prayers. What a wonderful man and a wealth of knowledge we have lost. God bless

Maury Collins - July 09, 2025 at 09:21 PM

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Thank you Maury. I'm Mike's daughter so I will pass this along to my Mom.

Kathleen Finn - July 10, 2025 at 12:47 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Michael Finn.



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