



Dr. John J Gary

November 27, 1939 - January 31, 2026

Dr. John J Gary, 86, of Columbus, Ohio passed away January 31st, 2026. He was born November 27th, 1939 to his mother Elizabeth Malloy and father in Columbus, Ohio. After graduating from Bishop Watterson High School, John went on to graduate from The Ohio State University with a Masters of Science and a Doctorate in Philosophy. During his time at The Ohio State University, he received an honors award in gymnastics. He taught as a continuing education instructor at the University of Dayton, as well as teaching Dale Carnegie courses. John had a radio program on nutrition with WBBY for many years, had a blackbelt in Taekwondo, as well as having associations with the Shawnee Hills Police Department. He was a longtime resident at Rush Creek Village, as well as a devoted member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He is survived by his brother Phil; and sunshine of his life, Phoenix his cat. Preceded in death by his parents. A private interment will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

Donations can be made to Rush Creek Village and Worthington Historical Society at 50 West New England Avenue, Worthington, OH 43085

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Lockborne, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Dr. John almost 2 years ago when I became part of his caregiver team. Over time we became friends and then became like family. He was such an interesting man with a lot of accomplishments in his life. He went through a lot the last year and I was there to go through it with him anytime it was possible. We didn't always see eye to eye but we respected each other and cared about each other. I wanted to make sure he got the care he deserved and I fought for that and will never be sorry if I upset anyone in doing so. He deserved to be heard even when some didn't listen, I did. I genuinely cared about what he was going through and hoped that having me with him made it less scary for him. He had some beautiful things he collected over the years but nothing more precious to him than his beloved cat Pheonix. They adored each other as did I. Dr. John touched my heart and will have a place in it forever. I am happy you are no longer in pain and finding peace in God's embrace for eternity. I will miss you my friend.

Terri Sowers - February 06 at 11:12 AM

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“ John will always have a special place in my heart for the many times we shared. He taught me so much through the years and was always there to provide support and comfort. Surely the gates of heaven has welcomed him in.

Scott Cubberly - February 05 at 09:32 AM