



## John Jay Holt

May 9, 1960 - October 8, 2018

John Jay Holt, age 58, of Buckeye Lake, Ohio passed away surrounded by loved ones on Monday, October 8, 2018. He was born on May 9, 1960 in Columbus, Ohio to Jan (Durthaler) Holt and the late John Holt. John enjoyed a career in real estate and home construction, making dreams become a reality.

John will continue on in the hearts and lives of those who loved him and whom he loved well : his wife Karen; mother Jan; children and their spouses Sarah and Sheldon Lambert, Jay and Cambria Holt; grandchildren Erika, Sierra, Andrew, Sarah, Laura, Carter, Hayden, Rebecca, Leeanna, Presley; former spouse Joyce Luchsinger; brothers and sisters Joe, Chris, Jenny; in-laws; many nieces and nephews; and many, many friends. The impact John made in the lives of others will go on and on.

John loved Jesus and John loved sharing Jesus with others. He was remarkable at doing just that. He shared what Jesus had done for him and how it was available to them too. He cared a lot about young people and helping them make good choices and develop values and skills. So he helped start Franklinton Rising, a Christ-based program which teaches youth construction skills. He taught Bible studies at the Refuge men's addiction recovery program. John also went on multiple medical mission trips to Haiti and prayed for every patient. He always put Christ in the center. John's wonderful smile came straight from his heart and was always present. He

loved people and he lived out the walk as Jesus taught. Throughout his long fight with cancer John was a beacon of light, never complaining, never wavering from his ultimate hope, always grateful to God, and always praying with and for nurses, doctors, and other patients.

Ephesians 2:4-5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

A celebration of his life will be held on November 3 at Grace Fellowship - Pickerington Campus, 1449 Refugee Rd, Pickerington, OH 43147. Calling hours will begin at 1 pm, a celebration service at 2 pm with fellowship to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to The Refuge Ministries, P.O. Box 163173, Columbus, OH 43216 <https://therefugeohio.org/pray-serve-give/> or Three Strands , P.O. Box 753, Winona Lake, IN 46590 [www.three-strands.org](http://www.three-strands.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation:

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Fellowship - Pickerington Campus  
1449 Refugee Rd  
Pickerington, OH 43147  
<http://www.gracefellowship.cc/pickerington/>

## Celebration of Life:

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Jay Holt*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *John and i met at a prison ministry through Vineyard in November of 2014. We met after coming back home to America from abroad. The housing that took me 6 months to set up fell through within a week and I was left homeless and jobless. John offered a few side jobs to keep me going till I could get back on my feet. Since, John had taught me so much about character, service, and has mentored and encouraged me to finish my degree. The whole time John has stood by my side and has supported me in so many ways I cannot say. I will miss you my friend!*

**M. Scott Kemp** - October 30, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John Jay Holt.*



October 28, 2018 at 08:00 PM

 John  
Fijak

“ To the family, our prayers... To John, in the hands of God, you will be missed on earth.

*I never met John, but was introduced on Facebook through Tonya McNeely, as John and I share the same birthday, and both of us friends of Tonya. I will always think of him on our birthdays May 9th and pray that his soul is always at peace and his spirit alive is us all..... RIP and Godspeed my friend.*

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**John Fijak** - October 23, 2018 at 03:20 AM

DH

“ John and Karen will remain a loving Christian couple. God put John in my life to expand my ability to serve others. Watching John at Franklinton Rising and The Refuge was such a thrill as you could see the men's eyes light up as he asked them questions with depth and feeling to search for what Christ wanted to teach them at that moment. We spent a lot of time together doing ministry in many venues. John was such a server to so many. He was always looking for ways to help or serve someone. John always had time to serve. Jesus was very real to John. His ability to "allow God to glorify Himself at John's expense" was so evident in John's life. Playing music before the Refuge Bible Studies on Tuesday evening was a treat for the men. Observing the friendship of Mitch Kennedy and John was like witnessing God's plan for men to have the friendship and love of his fellow man.

*Karen Holt enriched our lives with the love of Jesus Christ. She was a great helpmate for John as they served Christ together. We will both miss John but know that we will continue to serve others. See you soon John.*

*In Christ duke/wanda heller*

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**Duke Heller** - October 15, 2018 at 07:00 PM

JD

“ Dear Karen and family. Please accept my deepest sympathies at this time. It was truly an honor and a privilege to participate in John's care. He was always shining with the light of Christ in everything that he did and sincere in his prayer for others no matter what mountains he was climbing of his own.

Jessica Dove

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**Jessica Dove** - October 15, 2018 at 08:41 AM

MA

“ Dear Karen,

Our deepest Sympathies to you & your family. May you have the strength during this dark time. You are in our prayers. Take care..

Regards  
Manu

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**Manu** - October 15, 2018 at 02:44 AM

 Amy  
Davis

“ What an amazing man and true inspiration to many! I'll never forget him coming to work out at CrossFit when he was going thru Chemo and he never complained! He touched so many lives and will be so missed!! His legacy will live on and he inspired me to be more Christ like❤️

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**Amy Davis** - October 14, 2018 at 07:05 AM

JL

“ We are so sad about John's passing and wish Karen and the rest of his family and many friends comfort for the future. We know that heaven rejoices. The scripture quoted was perfect for him. We remember John best when we skied and how a talk up one chairlift ride turned into so many more. Great humor, commitment to his family and a strong Christian faith were his ever present attributes. We'll miss you.

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**June and Charles Leader** - October 12, 2018 at 07:13 PM

CW

“ What a beautiful way of describing a truly remarkable person. Our lives are richer for knowing him. Karen and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Cindy and Tom

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**cindy wolfe** - October 12, 2018 at 10:57 AM