



## John R. Kowalski

December 16, 2009

John R. Kowalski, age 49, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. Born to the late Mike and Sara (Higbee) Kowalski, John was a graduate of New Albany High School, Class of 1978 and received his Bachelor of Science, Business from The Ohio State University. John began, and ended, his career with OhioHealth, most recently as Senior Vice-president, Finance. He is survived by his son, Michael Andrew Kowalski, of Dublin; brothers and sisters: Mike (Susan) Kowalski, of Sunnyvale, CA; Rick (Judy) Kowalski, of Lakeland, FL; Marian (Larry Kilgallen) Kowalski, of Newton, MA; and June (Gary) Burgess, of Lakeland, FL; aunt, Mrs. Wallace Higbee, of Romeo, Michigan; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family will receive friends from 2:00-5:00pm. Sunday at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio 43065 (614)-792-1471 where funeral services will be held 10:00am. Monday, December 21, 2009. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery, New Albany, Ohio. If they choose, friends may make memorial contributions to: St. Brigid of Kildare School, 7179 Avery Rd., Dublin, Ohio 43017; St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607, in John's memory. Condolences may be forwarded to the family at: [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Kowalski*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Kowalski Family, I am so sad to hear of John's passing. I worked for John at OhioHealth for a number of years and learned much from him. We had many laughs and good times and I will miss John. My love and prayers are with you.*

**Jill Newberry** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was surprised and saddened to hear the news about John. I would like to share my condolences with the Kowalski Family. John and I were childhood friends and neighbors. We kept in contact until we were in our early twenties and life took us in different directions and lost contact. I often thought about John and the fun we had when we were kids. Through out the years I often thought about him and wondered how he was doing. About two months ago I started thinking about him again and wondered what had happened to him so I searched the Web and tried to find him to see where he lived and what he might be doing. I looked for a while and could not find him. I was very busy with work and family and stopped looking for the time being. I wish I would have kept looking because something was telling me to make contact with John. I wish I would have been able to meet up with him and relive old times we shared as kids. I don't know what happened to John, whether it was a long illness or a sudden death but I hope he had a full happy life filled with lots of rewards and love. Part of the old Harlem Road Gang, Rick Shirk*

**Rick Shirk** - December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Kowalski Family, I was so very sorry to hear about John's passing, I know you lost a beloved brother, father and family member and I have lost a dear friend that I will forever love and remember! I am very happy that John made it to Richmond to play in my member-guest golf tournament this past June. Even, though he was in great pain, he played amazingly well, we placed second in our flight and had a ball! I truly wish I could be there with you to celebrate John's life, but with a historic snow storm, I am unable to make the trip at the last moment, but I will be there in spirit and we'll certainly celebrate John's life the way we always celebrated...with a couple of beers and a toast to my best friend Joe (our inside joke of a name for each other)! Michael, I know that your father loved you very much and you are the most important thing in his life, so please remember that and please let me know if I can ever do anything for you. I will miss him desperately, but fortunately I have many good times to remember and I know you all do as well! Rest easy John and God bless you all! Love you man... Keith (Joey) Piper 4533 Whitestone Drive Richmond, Virginia (804) 271-9729

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**Keith Piper** - December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM