



## John M. Mickels

March 7, 1966 - July 5, 2016

### MICKELS

The gregarious, loving and loyal John M. Mickels, of Powell Ohio passed away suddenly on July 5, 2016 at the age of 50. John was born in Rochester, New York, graduated from Fairport High School in 1984 and attended SUNY Farmingdale and Ohio State University. In 1993 John began a life-long career at Value City Furniture where he held many positions rising to the Senior Director of Store Operations. An esteemed and honored member of the Value City Team, John took immense pride and pleasure in his career and became a role model to others at the company. Known for his endearing sense of humor and humility John was the quintessential best friend to many who made his acquaintance. Every weekend found John sporting uniforms honoring his favorite teams: The Buckeyes, Bears, Bills and Blackhawks. A devoted husband, father, son and brother, John will be missed but never forgotten. John is survived by his cherished wife Melanie(Gale), and sons Justin and Joseph, mother Patricia, father John (predeceased) and sister Kathy (Mickels) Barish. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Andy Barish and Brent Gale and sister-in-law Joanna (Gale) Byers and numerous adoring nieces and nephews. The family has chosen private services on July 9, 2016 at Rutherford Funeral Home, Powell Ohio to celebrate a beloved man. In lieu of flowers and gifts, and to honor John, who was a survivor of childhood cancer, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *John M. Mickels*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *RIP to a guy who made me # 1 at Value City!! My prayers go to the family,*

**Marc Burns** - March 24, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ *My Deepest Condolences to your family it was a great pleasure to talk to John any time he came to the stores always smiling a truly great man you will me miss*

**maria arfani** - July 10, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ *WITH GREAT SADNESS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY...I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE TO SPEAK WITH JOHN ON VISITS TO OUR STORE IN NILES , ILLINOIS....HIS SMILE WILL SHINE BRIGHTLY ON US @ VALUE CITY...*

**Renata Lobodzinski** - July 10, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Great Memories!*



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**Louie Williams** - July 09, 2016 at 01:21 AM

DM

“ *Melanie, Joey, and Justin*

*We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Big John was a great neighbor and friend. We shared a lot of laughs over the years. His smile and laughter will truly be missed.*

*-The Minnericks*

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**danielle minnerick** - July 08, 2016 at 09:53 PM

DM

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**danielle minnerick** - July 08, 2016 at 09:52 PM

TK

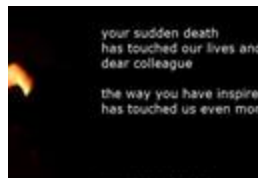
“ *Melanie, Joey, and Justin,  
So sorry for your loss - you were great friends and our boys were inseparable for a long while. John was truly a good soul - always smiling - and someone who would always make us feel a little happier anytime we were around him. Loved sharing NY stories, going to kids sports events, dinners. He'll be truly missed and never forgotten.*

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**The Kamers** - July 08, 2016 at 08:33 PM

MD

“ *Thinking of you, wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain.*



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**Mike Dalton** - July 08, 2016 at 12:58 PM

MH

“ *My deepest condolences on your families lose. Although my relationship with John was brief and only work related his since of purpose and humility was impactful. My team members and I recently had a business dinner with John. The dinner was our first meeting with John; however, by the end of our meal, I felt as though I had known John my whole life. His open heartwarming personally assisted by loving stories of his wife and boys, made for a night of work away from home immensely enjoyable. Our thoughts and prayer are with you. Matt Hightower-XPO Logistics*

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**Matt Hightower** - July 08, 2016 at 08:09 AM

WH

“ *To Mickels family*

*My thoughts and prayers are. with your family during your time of sorrow... Vcf...will never be the same without you ,,,,,,you will always be Tommy Boy to me.....yes u always loved getting the 5am phone calls from me...miss u Tommy Boy.....see u soon*

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**Wendi High** - July 07, 2016 at 10:22 PM

AC

“ *ASI won't be the same without John. He will be remembered daily. Rest in Peace John! Prayers for strength to all your loved ones during this time of sadness.*  
*Annalisa*



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**annalisa corbin** - July 07, 2016 at 08:49 PM