



John Phillip Danker

March 9, 1961 - January 30, 2020

John Phillip Danker ended his struggle with ALS Thursday morning January 30, 2020. John was born on March 9, 1961 to Charles and Alice Burke Danker.

John grew up in Mt Carmel Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati. He attended college at The Ohio State University and graduated with a degree in Radiology Science. Columbus, Ohio would be his home.

John met his wife of 30 years Jeannie Svagerko Danker while working in Radiology at The Ohio State University. They raised two beautiful daughters, both Buckeyes for life.

John will always be remembered for his selflessness and giving attitude, always wanting to do something for someone else. He loved spending time with family and friends, and was the first to engage in a conversation of “the Boss”, the Buckeyes, and the game of golf.

John prided himself in having the best Buckeye tailgate, known fondly as THE “Danker Tailgate”. He was the quintessential host, and loved watching friends, both old and new, get together each year for Buckeye home games.

John loved golfing and looked forward to the annual guy’s golf trip. Anyone

who knew John knew him to be competitive in any sport, and he strove to be the winner.

John was a model father, husband, brother, uncle, and friend. In addition, John was a teacher, mentor, and advocate with Medtronic and to anyone he met. He will be sadly missed by all.

John was a long-time member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Powell. He spent many hours constructing Christmas Pageant scenery and doing whatever it took to serve God and his parish.

John is survived by his loving wife, Jeannie, of 30 years, and his two daughters, Jill Carlene and Jennifer Marie. They are the Best Little Buckeyes for which any father could hope. He was so very proud of both of them graduating from The Ohio State University.

He is survived by his sister Sue (Tim), brothers Steve, and Chuck (Melinda). He is also survived by his brothers and sister-in law Deb (Walt), Carl (Annette), Jim (John) and Jake, and loving nieces and nephews, John (Chastity), Jim(Heather), Kristin (Adam), Carl, Alex, Jessica, Hannah (Zach), Maggie, and McKenzie. In addition to a great niece Skylar and great nephews Jimmy and Nolan.

Friends may call from 1:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday, February 2, 2020 and at 9:00 am Monday at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065.

Funeral Mass will be Celebrated at 10:00 am Monday, February 3, 2020 at St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, OH 43065.

*****FAMILY REQUEST THAT EVERYONE WEAR SCARLET AND GRAY TO

HONOR JOHN'S FAITHFUL COMMITMENT TO THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY BUCKEYES*****

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Phillip Danker*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about John's death. I grew up with John and have very fond memories of our childhood, especially "the boss". Every time I hear Born to Run always brings a smile... I definitely want to send my prayers to his family. He was a great person and friend...*

Toney Mcintosh

toney mcintosh - May 14, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



February 05, 2020 at 12:08 AM

RB

“ *Condolences and prayers to The family of John today and also to his many friends. I am sorry I could not make it. John was one of the best medical support staff I have ever worked with. His knowledge and compassion were superior. But most importantly John was a friend and I suspect others in my position would say they same. It is a sad day but also a day to celebrate his life and his new life. I would encourage all today to ponder the fragility of this life and also consider the hope and joy that is found only in Jesus. May God bless this time today.*

Robert Bradley - February 03, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



February 02, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



February 02, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Mark and Truda Seidl*
We are are heartbroken to hear of the loss of such of wonderful and generous human being. Our world will be less without him, however Heaven will be be better. The family is in our prayers.

Seidl Mark - February 02, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



February 02, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



February 02, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



February 02, 2020 at 09:24 AM

PG

“ On Thursday morning we lost a great man. I was blessed to be a classmate, co-worker and friend of John’s for almost four decades. An incredibly competitive sportsman, he bested me for years at golf, darts and any drinking game. John never flaunted his victories (except for darts). He drove me to try harder and be better, not just in these activities, but in all walks of life. Cherished will be the golf outings, pick-up basketball games, fishing and NASCAR races we experienced together throughout the years. John will be sadly missed by my family as well as his Ohio State and Medtronic family. He left a great impression on me, my family and every person he met. GO BUCKS!!!! Paul, Lisa, Alex and Olivia Giacobbe

Paul Giacobbe - February 02, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DW

“ John always made time to stop and start up a conversation with anyone. His conversations would always include high accolades regarding his family, Buckeye, and career. He loved his family and the people he called his friend. His smile and demeanor was always able to fill the room. The Earth was so blessed by your caring soul. You will be missed but not forgotten. God bless the Danker Family. Our condolences and prayers are with you.

Douglas Woyton - February 02, 2020 at 08:33 AM

EO

“ Jeannie, Jill, Jennifer and your entire family,

Sending deepest condolences to each of you and your family. May the Good Lord surround you with comfort and healing during this most sad time.

*In deepest sympathy,
Evelyn and Chip Olenick*

Evelyn Olenick - February 01, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



February 01, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *Nancy, Mike, Kathy and Jimmy purchased the A Full Life for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



Nancy, Mike, Kathy and Jimmy - February 01, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Steven, Carol and Natalie Drobik. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



Steven, Carol and Natalie Drobik. - February 01, 2020 at 11:39 AM

DS

“ I am at a loss of words. I had no idea John was ill. John was my friend from the cath lab. He was the smartest pacemaker man I've ever met. Moreover, he was the kindest man I've ever met. My fondest memory of John was when he saved a patient the pain of getting a new pacemaker implanted just by reprogramming it in a different mode. He did it in pre-op before the planned procedure. The patient just put his clothes back on and went home. That's just how John was; a huge heart and always patient-centric.

Our lives are better for having you in them, John. Go and make heaven a better place my friend.

Dave Smith - February 01, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



February 01, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



February 01, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



February 01, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ John is a true gentleman. he cares about his family, his coworker, and patients.
When John is helping in a case in the lab, he care about what is the best for the patient.
He has an amazing professional and ethical personality. It is a very sad day. God bless john.

MAhmad Housse - February 01, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



February 01, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ John you were my mentor, my coworker and most important a friend , I'm not sure how the coming days will go without you on our team , but I know you would us to trudge on and do what's right for our patients and customers , love Dina

Dina Trosko - January 31, 2020 at 11:20 PM

KB

*I was stunned to hear the news about John . 💔 I am so sorry for your loss . Deepest sympathy 🙏❤️ What a fun loving guy he was & the biggest Buckeye fan I knew .
RIP John*

Karen Ontko Baytosh - February 01, 2020 at 08:56 AM

RA

“ John was an excellent human being, an experienced device rep and a wonderful guy to work with. He was very proud of his accomplished daughter Jenni, whom I interacted briefly with. I am very sad about your loss Jenni! God bless you all!

Riz Afzal - January 31, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



January 31, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



January 31, 2020 at 07:48 PM

LC

“ As a retired Cardiovascular RN, I want to share with his family the wonderful memories I have of him as a businessman and friend! He was so honest and conscientious in the workplace. We had many discussions about life, faith and family. I'm saddened to hear this news but remember him speaking highly of his wife and daughters. May you all find comfort in happy memories and knowing you will see him again!
Lois

Lois Coons - January 31, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



January 31, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



January 31, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



January 31, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.



January 31, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Jeannie, Jill and Jennifer you have been on my mind so much. I met John twice and he was so kind. After talking to people that new him and after reading his obituary I can tell he was a wonderful man, husband and father. I'm so happy you all shared a great life together, and I know you have so many sweet memories. May God bless you all, may he wrap his arms around you during this difficult time, and for always. Sending my love and prayers. Julie Mascari

Julianne Mascari - January 31, 2020 at 05:06 PM



We pray God will console, bless and comfort the family. John was such an absolute wonderful person. John will truly be missed by all those so blessed to have known him. R.I.P. dear friend!
William Reese Family

William Reese Family - January 31, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Roxanne and Don Robertson purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of John Phillip Danker.



Roxanne and Don Robertson - January 31, 2020 at 04:58 PM

MA

“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. Our deepest sympathy to Jeannie, Jill, Jenny, and all of John's family. Love, cousins Maria, Gil and Noelle*

Maria - January 31, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



January 31, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



January 31, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Phillip Danker.*



January 31, 2020 at 04:03 PM

GB

“ I was blessed to know John for decades, I first met him in the EP lab at Ohio State and immediately knew I would someday work with him at Medtronic. He was a friend, a co-worker and a neighbor. I never heard a bad word about John from anyone. He was the biggest Buckeye fan I ever met and I will always remember our trip to Arizona when OSU won the National Championship. I'm sad that I can't be there to honor him but Jeanie know that I as so many others loved John! He was a Man among Men! God bless you and your family always, your friends Gary and Victoria Blanton

Gary Blanton - January 31, 2020 at 04:01 PM