



John S. Rovtar

April 28, 1950 - March 17, 2018

John S. Rovtar, of Worthington, passed away suddenly Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the age of 67. He was a graduate of Worthington High School and attended Franklin University. John had an extensive career in the sporting goods industry, and recently retired from Sportco Marketing in September 2017. He was an avid sportsman and loved the outdoors.

Proceeded in death by mother Eileen Delzell Rovtar, father Leo Rovtar, and sister Elizabeth Rovtar Thayer.

John is survived by loving wife of 42 years, Sheri; son Steve, daughter-in-law Sharon and grandsons Alex and Jack; son Mike, daughter-in-law Cindy and grandsons Eli and Max; daughter, Melissa; sister Jolee Rovtar Redfern, brother-in-law Keith, nieces Amy Spiers and Carrie Brodzinski and her husband Mick; brother-in-law Richard Thayer, niece Emily Crenshaw and her husband Brian and daughter Caroline, nephew Jeff Thayer and his wife Angela and son Miles and daughter Allison.

He touched many hearts with his kindness and generosity. He will be sorely missed.

Funeral services to be held at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Visiting hours: Sunday, March 25 between

12-2pm, and Monday, March 26 between 1-3pm; memorial service at 3pm.

In lieu of flowers please send contributions to Charity Newsies - Columbus, Ohio - at the following website:

<http://charitynewsies.org/ways-to-give/donate-online/>

Special memories and condolences can be expressed at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 26. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 26. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John S. Rovtar*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *not a typist but here goes just found out 4/30 when I called john.what a shock met john and his dad in about1970 used to hang out [I had the penton 100,sachs for j.r. and a Harley Baja Popio rode also in legion park,try that now! painted the storage trailer for a scope.i helped him move 5 times.i moved to Alabama but kept in touch thru the years. always remember the land cruiser rides saw john about 5 years ago and invited him to Wyoming to hunt since I live here oh well one of the nicest human beings ive ever known gary shaw*

gary shaw - April 30, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ *I first met John in 1972 or so at the J&W gun shop in Marysville . found him again years later after i moved west and entered the sporting goods industry. Made it a point to see him at the shows over the years. Just spoke with him as he retired and invited him out west for some shooting now that he had time. Shocked and saddened to hear the news thru a chance acquaintance i found thru e bay. great guy -an early infuence on me in my career. Larry Fuller Sparks Nv formerly of Worthingtom Ohio larful@charter.net*

larry fuller - March 28, 2018 at 05:03 PM

NC

*So sad...sorry that time passed and we didn't keep in touch when we moved to Florida in 1978. He really was a great guy ..and his wife, Shari was a really sweet girl!
One of he owners of J&W Gunshop was the best man at our wedding!
We just loved John and Shari and I really do hate that we lost touch.
Shari if you see this I hope that you are well..
Love the pic of John here. He looks the very same ..the boyish grin still front and center. ❤️
Nancy Coffey
Shabbychicnancy@gmail.com*

Nancy Coffey - August 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KG

*“ Melissa, you and your family are in our prayers. May you hold the precious memories of your Daddy close to your heart forever.
Hugs, Alex and Kara Grant*

Kara Grant - March 25, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John S. Rovtar.



March 25, 2018 at 08:58 AM

RB

“ I have known John for over 40 years. I came to Marysville for Scotts in 1967. I first remember John as running a gun shop. As manager of the Scotts Training Institute in 1976 and I hired John as a training instructor for the Southern region. We had 4 instructors that travelled the country giving one-day seminars in hotels in all the major cities. We were very successful and all became great friends. Then in 1983 Scotts got into financial trouble and had to let-go 330 people in one day. Our entire department was included through no fault of our own. We were scattered to the wind, but still kept in touch even to this day. John went back to the gun industry and made a very successful career there. Since I had a very strong interest in that industry, we kept in touch over all these years. In 2001, I joined the Richwood Gun Club, a little club near Marysville with 35 members. Soon John found the club and joined too. With the help of many members we grew the club to over 400 members today. John was Chairman of the Board of Governors and will be greatly missed. p/s John Popio, I was the Scotts manager you referred to ☐.

ronald boylan - March 24, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of John S. Rovtar.



March 24, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John S. Rovtar.



March 23, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ THE RICHWOOD GUN AND GAME CLUB purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John S. Rovtar.



THE RICHWOOD GUN AND GAME CLUB - March 23, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ 43 files added to the album Memories Album



Rutherford Funeral Homes - March 22, 2018 at 03:33 PM

KM

“ *Melissa, sending condolences to you and your family. May you be filled with great memories of your dad to ease your heartache during this time of sorrow.*

- Scot & Karen Moore, Galloway



Karen Moore - March 22, 2018 at 09:45 AM

EC

“ *I very much enjoyed the time spent with John at different shows around the country. John was a first class fun guy. My heart felt condolences to his family.*

Ernie Calandrelli - March 22, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of John S. Rovtar.*



March 21, 2018 at 12:55 PM

FS

“ *From Kent Williams and Williams shooters' Supply purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of John S. Rovtar.*



From Kent Williams and Williams shooters' Supply - March 21, 2018 at 12:44 PM

JP

“ I will always remember the customer get togethers at the little gun shop back in the 70,s. And the occasional motorcycle rides in the field out back. (John's Sachs 125 as I recall). Oh, and the time we flew my little airplane to Port Columbus, for a quick lunch and it turned out to be the start of the Blizzard of 78, and Vicki had to drive her Jeep down in the storm to get us back to Marysville. I think John's boss at Scotts was not too happy?
Thanks for the memories, you will be missed.

John Popio - March 21, 2018 at 12:19 PM

LF

SACHS 125 is right! I fell off it and had to miss the grand american in 1973 or 74.
Larry Fuiler
sparks Nv

larry fuller - March 28, 2018 at 04:58 PM

BF

“ Brodzinski and Spiers familys purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of John S. Rovtar.



Brodzinski and Spiers familys - March 20, 2018 at 08:32 PM

KE

“ John was a sweet and generous man with a great sense of humor. Even though we only worked together occasionally, he made it well-known that he loved his family more than anything. You will be greatly missed, friend!

Kelsey - March 20, 2018 at 05:34 PM

CS

“ Charlie Brown & MKS SUPPLY purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John S. Rovtar.



Charlie Brown & MKS SUPPLY - March 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

TV

“ Ty & Jill Vaughn purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of John S. Rovtar.



Ty & Jill Vaughn - March 20, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of John S. Rovtar.



March 20, 2018 at 03:08 PM

LF

“ Leonard James and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John S. Rovtar.



Leonard James and family - March 20, 2018 at 11:36 AM