



## John Spoff

September 3, 1937 - May 11, 2023

John A. Spoff, age 85 of Columbus, died Thursday May 11, 2023 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. John was born in DeKalb, Illinois on September 3, 1937 to the late Rudolph and Kathryn Pratt. He was a veteran of the US Army and Retired from the Ohio National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel, and as an Emergency Management Planner for the State of Ohio.

John was a member of New England Lodge #4, F & AM of Ohio where he served as the Lodge's Tyler for over 20 years. John was also an Honorary member of Community Lodge #684, F & AM of Ohio; 32nd Masons, Valley of Columbus, A.A.S.R.; Horeb-Wright #3 Chapter R.A.M.; Columbus Council #8, Royal & Select Masons; Mt Vern Commandery No.1, Knight Templars, Ohio Chapter of Research; Knight Templar Eye Foundation, High 12 club, Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees, St. Brenden's Council Knight's Masons, a member of the Sojourners Club. Central Ohio Hot Jazz Society, Mercedes Benz Club of America. John is survived by his wife Leslie (Rush) Spoff; Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law Bob and Diane Rush; and Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law Connie and Roger Stitzlein, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parent A Memorial Service to celebrate John's life will be held at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street in Worthington on Wednesday May 24, 2023 at 7:00pm, including a Masonic Funeral Service by New England Lodge. In lieu of flowers, friends may donate to the charity of their choice in John's memory.



# Previous Events

## Masonic Service

MAY **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ John was a great friend, Its been a while since we last spoke, but we used to go to the OGCA gun shows as well as hang out at Lee Ross Drycleaners across the street from Ohio State's campus. He would have been so proud of my young son attending the WestPoint Military Academy and finishing up as a second lieutenant in ROTC. My prayers to the family

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**Brian E Feuer** - February 25, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Deepest condolences from all of us at The Ohio Camera Collector's Society.  
Dan Hausman

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**Daniel Hausman** - July 29, 2023 at 08:09 PM

TS

“ John and I knew each other for a long, long time, through the Ohio Army National Guard. John was a valued friend. Unfortunately he and I didn't have much contact outside the Guard. John was so knowledgeable in all aspects of any military position he held. My condolences go out to Leslie. I will miss him.

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**Tom Smith** - May 20, 2023 at 02:31 PM

PW

“ So sorry to learn of John, your Husbands passing. Hugs to you, I will be calling you soon. Love Patty Strait Welch

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**Patty Strait Welch** - May 16, 2023 at 10:23 PM

BB

“ *Bob Berry purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Spoff.*



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**Bob Berry** - May 16, 2023 at 12:35 PM

DM

“ *I enjoyed visiting with John because of his wealth of knowledge about military history. He was challenging to get to know, but once he got to know me, he would open up about various subjects. He knew a lot about Masonic history. Many Masonic Brothers will miss John.*

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**Dick Van Meter** - May 15, 2023 at 01:59 PM

PB

“ *John was a hard person to get to know, but his work in Emergency Management was stellar. His knowledge was superior and if you could get him talking he was a wealth of knowledge. My prayers are with his family.*

*Pat Beck*

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**Pat Beck** - May 14, 2023 at 08:17 PM

DW

*John Spoff was an amazing man. So smart and capable of writing the emergency operations plans and special response annexes. It was always a joy to discuss world history with John. He helped me and so many others become better emergency managers at Ohio EMA. My God bless your soul. SFMF*

*Dan Winingham*

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**Daniel Winingham** - May 14, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ *John was a dedicated Mason, but a tough person to get to know. Respected for his knowledge about the fraternity and his strong opinion of how the future should reflect the past. I will miss him.* ”

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**David Gubanc** - May 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM