



John Wallace Pyke

June 16, 1964 - May 16, 2026

John Wallace Pyke, age 61, of Powell, Ohio, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family.

Born in Columbus, John was a graduate of Bishop Hartley High School, Class of 1983. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Jo Pyke. He is survived by his devoted wife, Kristi Pyke; his sons, Jonathan Pyke of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Christopher Pyke of Los Angeles, California; and his sister, Margaret (Jason) Persan of Long Island, New York. He is also lovingly remembered by several nieces and nephews.

John dedicated 31 years of service to The Ohio State University, retiring from the College of Arts and Sciences.

After retirement, John embraced his love of baseball as an OHSAA umpire. He was a lifelong fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes, the Las Vegas Raiders, and the New York Yankees, cheering passionately for all of the teams throughout his life.

An avid car lover, John found deep happiness in the simple, meaningful ritual of taking drives and attending car shows with Kristi in their beloved 1962 Ford Falcon, affectionately named Rose. Those drives became treasured moments in his final years.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in support of Kristi's 100 mile ride in Pelotonia, benefiting cancer research at The Ohio State University—an effort carried forward in John's honor. Donations can be made online at: <https://my.pelotonia.org/profile/KP728692>.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio. A private service and burial for family and close friends will take place on Friday, May 22, 2026, with interment at Union Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John Wallace Pyke*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - Yesterday at 01:06 PM

HS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.
Fred Persan, Heather & Eric Soto*

Heather (Persan) Soto - Yesterday at 07:14 PM

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“ *Anthony A. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Wallace Pyke.*



Anthony A. - Yesterday at 04:07 PM

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“ *Anthony A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Wallace Pyke.*

Anthony A. - Yesterday at 04:07 PM