



## John Bickford Williams

January 12, 1938 - June 1, 2016

John Bickford Williams, 78, died peacefully at his home in Clintonville on June 1. He was born in Columbus on January 12, 1938, to Thomas H. and Ruth A. Williams.

John, a third generation grocer, founded Weiland's Market in Clintonville with George Weiland 55 years ago. John was an old-school meatcutter, which meant that along with cooking instructions, he always had colorful comments or stories to share with customers over the counter.

John was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Thomas. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer (Scott Bowman) and Jill (Kyle King) and their sons, Griffin and Jason; former wife, Janice Williams; sister, Beverly DeWitt; niece, Junko Odajima (Fujio); and great friend Dick Posey. He also leaves behind many Weiland's customers and employees who became friends over the years. John was a True Original, and he'll be missed by everyone who knew him.

John was a proud 1957 graduate of North High School and a lifetime member of the Polar Bear Alumni Association. He also was a 55-year member of the Scottish Rite Masons, New England Lodge No. 0004. When he wasn't working (which wasn't often), John enjoyed going to the Casino, Scioto Downs, Gallo's with friends, and the Old North Hi Club luncheons at

Clintonville Woman's Club.

Visiting hours are on Monday, June 6 from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesday, June 7 from 3-6 p.m. at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street. The funeral service will immediately follow the Tuesday visiting. Inurnment will be at Sunset Cemetery at a later date.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests donations to Charity Newsies, the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. John would be happy if you remember him by putting on the Beach Boys or Jerry Lee Lewis, throwing a steak on the grill, then toasting him with a gin and tonic, Scotch or root beer float. (And he'd say, "Go to Weiland's—there's no cover and no limit!")

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

6959 W. Broad St.  
Galloway, OH 43119  
(614) 878-4692

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

**JUN 6.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Calling Hours

**JUN 7.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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JUN 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Bickford Williams*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *John was one of a kind! He had a heart of gold, but never cross him. He was always generous to the Newsies and made shopping fun for his many loyal customers. We will never pass the meat department without thinking of him. May he rest in peace. Jane and John Mullin*

**Mary Mullin** - June 08, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sincerely, Anita, Carl, Stan, and Steve purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Bickford Williams.*



**Sincerely, Anita, Carl, Stan, and Steve** - June 06, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Nora E Hostutler purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Bickford Williams.*



**Nora E Hostutler** - June 05, 2016 at 08:25 PM

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“ *SpartanNash Company purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of John Bickford Williams.*



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**SpartanNash Company** - June 05, 2016 at 09:15 AM

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“ *Jill-*

*He was a good guy! My condolences to the whole family.*

*The Famous Claudine!*

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**Claudine** - June 04, 2016 at 02:41 PM

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“ *As soon as I parked in Weiland's lot, John came flying out the door  
with a baseball bat and I said "you gonna play baseball John?" and  
he said "I'm looking for that blankety blankety that stole my steaks."  
John was always alot of fun . Sure be missed alot. Chuck McKenzie*

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**Chuck McKenzie** - June 04, 2016 at 11:08 AM