



John L. Givens, Jr.

April 22, 1954 - March 14, 2016

John L. Givens Jr., age 61 of Cambridge, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016 at Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center. He was born on April 22, 1954 in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

John was a graduate of Massillon Washington High School and Marietta College where he received a degree in accounting. He held several jobs in that field before finding his true passion - teaching. He was currently employed as a Business Technology teacher at Cambridge High School. He wanted to make a difference in the lives of his students and took pride in being a role model to them. His greatest accomplishment and pride was his two amazing children. He enjoyed watching them succeed and grow in sports and their academic endeavors. He was a die hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan. His second passion was working as an official for volleyball, baseball and primarily softball games. He loved traveling the country for the sport of softball and he thoroughly enjoyed the company of his fellow officials.

He leaves: his parents: John L. Givens Sr. and Maria (Elliott) Givens of Canton; his wife of 30 years Pamela S. (Welge) Givens; their daughter Janelle M. Givens of Crestview Hills, Kentucky and their son Michael J. Givens of Cambridge; his sister Arlene (Seth) Turner of Texas and his brother Al Givens of Canton; and several beloved nieces and nephews and in-laws.

He was a loving son, husband, father, brother, and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 18, 2016 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home from

3 to 7 :30pm. John's funeral will be on Saturday at 11 am. at Bundy-Law. Evangelist Bob Baier will officiate the service with burial to take place in Northwood Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cambridge Girls Softball P.O. Box 352 Cambridge, Ohio 43725 or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children / 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive / Tampa, FL 33607. John's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

At a later date

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ You are loved and will be missed by so many. Rest in peace my good friend. Many thoughts and prayers to Pam, Janelle, Michael and the rest of the family.

Caryn Giroux - March 19, 2016 at 10:38 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John L. Givens, Jr..



March 17, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of John L. Givens, Jr..



March 17, 2016 at 10:56 AM

SR

“ We were so sorry to hear of John's death. Both Dona and I worked for John in the past and always enjoyed his sense of humor. We sent a donation to the Shriner's Hospital in his memory. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Dona Severance and Sylvia Rubicam

Sylvia Rubicam - March 17, 2016 at 09:28 AM

 Tiffany Tee

“ *Tiffany Tee lit a candle in memory of John L. Givens, Jr.*



Tiffany Tee - March 16, 2016 at 08:19 PM

 Tiffany Tee

“ *Janelle, Pam, and Micheal. I am so sorry for your loss. John was such a caring and supportive figure in your lives. I'll never forget John driving Janelle and I to our first concert (Good Charlotte) and he had to ride with us as we blasted our music the whole way there and back. Thinking of you all.*

Tiffany Tee - March 16, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John L. Givens, Jr..*



March 16, 2016 at 06:01 PM

SS

“ John will truly be missed on the softball field. As a coach, I knew the game was going to get called fairly when he was around. His knowledge of the game is beyond words. Above all, the respect he always gave to my players was outstanding. My players were very saddened to hear of his passing.

Prayers are with the family.

Staci Smith

Buckeye Trail Softball

Staci Smith - March 16, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ John was a former co-worker & friend. He took me to my first Steelers game at Three Rivers Stadium and two play-off games at Heinz Field. We always had a blast! We shared alot of laughs and I loved his shit eating grin smile that he had. He was a great person!! Can't believe he's gone... I'm so sorry, please know that I'm keeping Pam, Janelle, Michael and the rest of the family in my prayers.

Robin Johnson - March 16, 2016 at 11:28 AM

CY

“ Mr. Givens was an amazing teacher and person all around. At the times where i was struggling the most, or even failing in his class, he was always taking extra time out of his day to make sure i didn't fail. I will especially miss the stories he told and the way he lit up when he talked about something he was passionate about. Prayers go to his wife, two children, and all of his family, friends, and students of Cambridge High School. He is truly missed.

Chase Young - March 16, 2016 at 10:20 AM



He is missed so much i still breakz my heart knowing hes gone he may be gone but bever forgotten

Destiney Pulley - March 16, 2016 at 02:59 PM

DB

“ *The Byers family is sending thoughts and prayers out for the Givens family.*

So sorry for your loss.

Will be praying for Pam, Janelle, and Michael.

Daun Byers - March 16, 2016 at 08:02 AM

VA

“ *A Sincere Heart.....*

Valerie - March 16, 2016 at 07:39 AM

NM

“ *I've always looked up to Pam and John as my second set of parents. Our families have been intertwined my whole entire 31 years of life. Thank God I was recently able to spend some time at the card table with John and Dad. We talked business, life, and smack. Actually Pam and John gifted me my very first car when I was too young to drive, needless to say he loved me like one of his own because quite frankly I am. I'm still sitting here with my mouth hanging open in shock, how can this be? I'll never forget your most recent advice and I thank you for your time invested in me and my family. Rest easy brother we all love and miss you.*

Nathalie N. Martin

Nathalie Martin - March 16, 2016 at 05:55 AM

JM

“ *John always cared. About the game, but especially about the kids. He became a good official in a short amount of time and his input and guidance will be missed. Prayers to the family.*

John Miller - March 16, 2016 at 04:57 AM

JM

“ So sorry for the Givens family loss, my daughter Cydnie Masters enjoyed Mr. Givens as a teacher and as a Softball umpire and he will be greatly missed.



Jaci Masters - March 16, 2016 at 04:57 AM

JA

“ We had are differences as a coach and umpire would but after the game you were a true gentlemen prayers to the family

Joey adamik - March 16, 2016 at 03:17 AM

LE

“ Leslie Enochs-Tilton lit a candle in memory of John L. Givens, Jr.



Leslie Enochs-Tilton - March 16, 2016 at 02:27 AM

CH

“ So sorry about yer loss Mrs. Givens and family. Cindy Hunter and chelsey caldwell



Cindy hunter - March 16, 2016 at 01:35 AM

DL

“ John you were my partner in crime when it came to volleyball games. Ilesrned so much from you and will truly miss you" prayers to you and your family.

Dear friend Debbie Loveall

Debora Loveall - March 16, 2016 at 01:30 AM

JA

We had our differences as a coach and umpire would by after the game you were a true gentlemen and a good friend prayers to your family

Joey adamik - March 16, 2016 at 03:12 AM

TL

The world has lost a legend in John Givens . John and I umpire softball across all of ohio and other states . Anyone that ever asked john about a rulehe would quote the rule word for word . John was a great partner . I hope they have softball in heaven RIP my friend

Tony lashley - March 16, 2016 at 05:40 AM

KA

“ **KELLEY AYRES** lit a candle in memory of John L. Givens, Jr.



KELLEY AYRES - March 15, 2016 at 11:30 PM

KA

R.I.P. MR GIVENS YOU WILL BE SADLY MISSED, CONDOLENCES TO THE GIVENS FAMILY & PRAYERS TO YOU.

KELLEY AYRES - March 15, 2016 at 11:41 PM

KF

“ *Kafury Family lit a candle in memory of John L. Givens, Jr.*

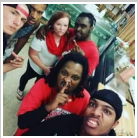


Kafury Family - March 15, 2016 at 10:59 PM

DH

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Givens passing. Last semester my Son had your class.. I always go to parent teacher conferences & you were the last teacher on my time slot.. You went over everything you were teaching the students & then you shared a story with me about how you would have talks with your children.. I remember you were proud of them both and their achievements & you told me that I raised a good son.. I appreciate that & instead of pushing me out the door you continued to share how proud you were of your students & how you feel good about what you teach.. as we talked the maintenance man continued to drill a hole in the wall in your classroom.. my daughter also played softball & you were on of the umpires... you will be missed by many 🥹 Prayers for Pam, Janell, Michael Givens.*

Debi Herstine - March 15, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ *Dear Mr givens I want to say that I will miss you man you was a positive male in my life and I knew you put alot of effort to see me succed and alot others and I hope you knew we cared about that my number 1 teacher in my life and in my heart I can't wait till graduation day when I can say thanks to the man who cared for me a mentor a advisor and even more of a friend love you Mr . givens fly high man*

Tanner Lantz - March 15, 2016 at 09:29 PM

Jl

“ Jeffrey Isenhardt lit a candle in memory of John L. Givens, Jr.



jeffrey isenhardt - March 15, 2016 at 09:18 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John L. Givens, Jr..

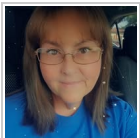


March 15, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ John was one of my many umpire mentors. He always had time to answer whatever hair-brained questions I might have, but then also took the time to make sure I understood what he was trying to explain to me. He was just an all around great guy that will be sorely, sorely missed

Shane Cunningham - March 15, 2016 at 08:44 PM



“ Shannon Copley Bonnell lit a candle in memory of John L. Givens, Jr.



Shannon Copley Bonnell - March 15, 2016 at 08:40 PM

AG

“ My condolences to Mr. Givens wife, Pam, and their children. The Givens are a valuable part of our District's heritage. This is a very big loss for the Cambridge Bobcat family. Praying for you.

Amy Kissinger Grubbs - March 15, 2016 at 08:01 PM

Ariel
Andrews

“ Rest in peace Mr. Givens, you will be truly missed by all who had the honor of knowing the wonderful person that you were. I am deeply saddened that I won't get to look across the sea of faces in the crowd at my graduation and see yours smiling proudly at all the students that you loved teacher move onto the next chapter in their lives. You know you will be in our hearts when that day comes. :) My condolences to all of his many family and friends.



Ariel Andrews - March 15, 2016 at 07:34 PM

AL

“ Mr. Givens was a man of great heart, he truly cared for all his students. He helped when most would not. My best memory was when I chose to turn my life around he said to me that if I needed anything he would be there. And that was something I needed. He was always finding something interesting for us to talk about and ways to get me through problems of mine with by far the best advice. I will miss him. My condolences go to his family. God bless.

Adam Lynn - March 15, 2016 at 07:26 PM

KI

“ Rip Mr Givens you was a great studyhall teacher

Kimberly - March 15, 2016 at 07:21 PM



“ Wow, seems just like yesterday I was in "in school restriction" with you. We butted heads a lot and didn't always have the patience for each but you were a very good man Mr.givens, you showed tough love and were very pationate about giving us the tools in life and hoping we used them to the best of our abilities❤️. You will forever be a wonderful person inside and out❤️ you impacted my life more then you will ever know. My heart goes out to your family and all us friends💕

Lexie Alexander - March 15, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ District 11 Umpires would like to Express our Condolences to The Givens Family at the Difficult Time. John was Great Umpire,Teacher & A Positive Role model for Everyone he ever came in contact with. John never knew a stranger and was always willing to help Anyone in need. He will be Sadly Missed by his Umpire Family , Students and everyone he ever knew. John will be Forever in Our Hearts

Rick Wagner - March 15, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss of a great and giving man. You have our deepest sympathy. We were neighbors of Pam growing up.
Elaine Feintuch
Laurie Feintuch- Nelson

Laurie Feintuch Nelson - March 15, 2016 at 06:34 PM

JP

“ Jacob Padden lit a candle in memory of John L. Givens, Jr.



Jacob Padden - March 15, 2016 at 03:49 PM

RY

“ District 14 umpires would like to express our sincere sympathy to the Givens family. John, or JG as we call him, will be truly missed. John was articulate, intelligent and possessed a wonderful spirit for life." JG", a colleague, educator, umpire and wonderful chef will be remembered.

Ryan - March 15, 2016 at 03:19 PM

RW

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Rick Wagner - March 15, 2016 at 06:29 PM

CM

Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss....my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Cathy Middleton

Cathy Middleton - March 15, 2016 at 08:14 PM

CS

The last lengthy conversation I had with Mr. Givens was about an awesome lesson he had come up with on Dumb Laws. The students were excited and eager to learn more about Dumb Laws and Mr. Givens lit up telling me all about it. So sorry for his too early passing. Prayers to his family.

Carrie Spung - March 15, 2016 at 08:45 PM

KJ

Pam and family,

I am so sorry to hear about John. Tim and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen Jones

Karen Jones - March 16, 2016 at 09:53 AM