



## John Robert Lanning

March 17, 1944 - January 15, 2019

John Robert Lanning, age 74, of Cambridge, passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at Genesis Hospital in Zanesville. He was born on March 17, 1944 in Cambridge, only son of the late Ward M. Lanning and Margaret L. (Larrick) Lanning.

He was a 1962 graduate of Old Washington High School. He was a proud member of the Cardinal basketball team and was part of the 1960-61 team that had a record of 28-1 and lost in the regional finals.

John began his working career at Phillips Products in the plastic industry for over 17 years, many of those years he was the union president. Then became the owner operator of the Casa Loma, a popular local night club. He was a general contractor for many years, having built the Eagles and the Guernsey County Water Facility. He was the owner of three local car washes for a few years following. He then dabbled in gas and oil as co-owner of JHL Gas and Oil Investments. John then joined partners with SW Lyons Waste Water Disposal. It was after this, he began his 30 year career as owner of the local restaurants, J & K East, J & K On The Hill, Lannings Downtown and currently at Lannings Country Boy Restaurant.

John loved hunting and shooting. He had a run of coon dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs and bird dogs. He was a life member of the Ohio Gun Collectors Association. He was a dual member of the Masonic Lodges Quaker City 500 and Guernsey Lodge 66 F&AM, and the Valley of Cambridge Scottish Rite where he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award. He enjoyed playing

fast pitch softball for many years. He was a 300 plus game winner as a pitcher for many leagues including Cambridge, Zanesville, Woodsfield, New Philadelphia and the Buckeye Eight League. He was an avid trap shooter, at one time hitting 200 in a row which lead him to state competitions in Vandalia. He also enjoyed many years of golfing and wouldn't quit until he got a hole in one.

He is survived by the mother of his children Carolyn Burris Marianek; children, Jon Gregory (Dolly Arnold) Lanning, Thomas "Tom" Reed (Diana) Lanning and Kim D. Whaley all of Cambridge; step-children, Brenda (Roger) Buck and Jeffrey (Sheena Perkins) Johnson; grandchildren Chase, Jensen and Maezie Lanning, Madison and Kaden Whaley; step-grandchildren, Kirk, Robby, Zac, Buck, Oliver and Lily; and many cousins. He never met a stranger and greatly appreciated all of his employees and customers throughout the years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Preceded in death by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home from 3 to 8 pm. Masonic services will be held at 6 pm by the Quaker City Lodge. The service will be on Friday at 12 pm also at Bundy-Law. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery. John's online guest book may be viewed and signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhom.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhom.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home  
120 North 11th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
(740) 432-5705  
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## Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ To the family, I played fast pitch softball with John for B&Js in the Woodsfield fast pitch league. John and Goldie Wells was a joy and treat to play with. I was just at the restaurant today and found out about John's passing. I was shocked and want to say how sorry I am.

*Donnie Burkhart, Malaga*

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**Donnie Burkhart** - April 26, 2019 at 07:04 PM

DW

“ Jon, Tommy & Kim,

*I'm so very sorry for the loss of your dad. I have so many wonderful memories of him and with all of you.*

*Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Debbie Joseph Wilden*



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**Debbie Joseph Wilden** - March 05, 2019 at 08:21 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of John, we went to school and graduated in the same class at Old Washington, condolences to the family.

*Diann*



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**Diann Stephens** - January 26, 2019 at 11:26 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of John, He always made me laugh.... Many prayers for the family. God Bless you all during this difficult time.



Tracey Cummings - January 19, 2019 at 12:25 AM

MC

“ Sorry for the loss of your father, he was a great customer and we will certainly miss him. You are in the thoughts and prayers of Marty and the staff at Miller's Clothing and Shoes in New Phila.

Marty and the staff at Miller's Clothing - January 17, 2019 at 08:17 PM

EK

“ Evelyn King sent a virtual gift in memory of John Robert Lanning



Evelyn King - January 17, 2019 at 02:15 PM

EK

John was a larger than life personality, he was so friendly and outgoing, and always did his best to have those around him smile. It was sad to learn of his passing, prayers of peace and comfort to the family.

Evelyn King - January 17, 2019 at 02:19 PM

BJ

“ Thanks for all the memories of John and Dad (Bob Johnson) . We sure are going to miss seeing you at Country Boys. Hope the restaurant stays open. They have the best food. We will surely miss you dearly. Bob and Tammy Johnson.

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**Bob and Tammy Johnson** - January 17, 2019 at 12:45 PM

BS

“ Tom and family.....Please know that we are thinking about you and your family in this time of your loss. We never knew Mr. Lanning personally, but when we frequented the restaurant, he always had a smile and a "hello" for everyone. Keep your happy memories close to your heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Carl and Bernadine Szygenda

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**Bernadine Szygenda** - January 16, 2019 at 08:48 PM

JW

“ So very sorry Greg, Tom and Kim. Your dad was a very wonderful man who gave so much to so many. I'm sure there's a big softball game going on now in Heaven!

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**Jane Wells-Sherman** - January 16, 2019 at 08:42 PM

AM

Jane.... Those were my thoughts exactly when I heard of Johns passing.

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**Anita Wells Master** - January 17, 2019 at 08:12 PM

KB

“ Tom, Greg and Family,  
We are very sadden to hear of John's passing. Will miss see & visiting with him when we stop in @ the restaurant. We'd hoped to bring Mom over for dinner after Dick passed but it just never worked out. Please know our family is keeping you all in our thoughts & Prayers to help you through your lose.



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**Keith & Teresa Caw & Cree Bare** - January 16, 2019 at 07:00 PM

LP

So sorry for your loss your father was a wonderful man he will be deeply missed

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**linda pitcock and paul pitcock** - January 16, 2019 at 08:58 PM

KF

“ Kay and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Robert Lanning.



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**Kay and family** - January 16, 2019 at 02:08 PM

PK

“ John Lanning was well known by everyone in Guernsey County and dabbled in many business over the years and seemed to enjoy them all. I don't think i ever saw him without a smile or a handshake for someone. A life well lived. Our sincere sympathies to his family. I'm sure John is organizing something in heaven to help everyone out.  
Ted and Patty Khune

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**Patty Khune** - January 16, 2019 at 01:48 PM

WR

“ Dear Lanning Family,  
It is with great sorrow of learning of the passing of John. John was a few years younger than me but we both went to Washington High School. I always had a very warm feeling when I saw and talked to your father. When we returned to Cambridge, we always tried to stop and chat with him. May he RIP. As a family remember all of the fantastic memories you have of him.  
William and Dixie Reese



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**William Reese** - January 16, 2019 at 12:29 PM

SR

“ I frequently went to lannings country boy. John always was very nice and pleasant. I took my momma there. She always called him Mr. Lanning. He bought her birthday cake when she turned 90. I will always remember the love he showed her. Thank you John for blessing us with your friendship. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Shirley Ross-Bryan** - January 16, 2019 at 11:22 AM