



# John G. Zaffer

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## John Zaffer Obituary

John G. Zaffer, 82, of Elyria, died peacefully October 27, 2023 surrounded by loved ones. He was born July 25, 1941 in Elyria and was a 1959 graduate of Elyria High School where he played shortstop on the high school baseball team, earning All Ohio honors. He graduated from Ohio University in 1964, played on their baseball team, received All MAC honors and was drafted into the major leagues after graduation. After graduation, he served in the US Navy from 1965 to 1968. He was the owner JG Zaffer Construction Company and along with other family worked in the former Hilltop Restaurant in Elyria owned by his parents. He enjoyed working out at the gym and attending his nieces and nephews activities and sporting events, especially baseball.

John is survived by his brother, Thomas (Carolyn) Zaffer of Elyria; niece and her adopted father, Christina (Justin) Branham of Avon; niece, Teresa (Gary) Walker of Fairview and great-nieces and nephews, Dylan, Evan and Olivia Branham and Tyler and Alivia Walker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gus and Rose Zaffer; brothers, Christopher and William Zaffer and a nephew, Eric Zaffer.

Friends will be received Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 10:00 am until the time of a noon service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria. Reverend June Hardy Dorsey, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will officiate. Burial will be in Brookdale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please attend a baseball game in John's memory or support your local youth baseball program.



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To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of John G. Zaffer, please visit our floral store.

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## Tribute Wall

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AZ

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For John G. Zaffer** posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for John G. Zaffer We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:58 AM

LM

**L Town & 5 Mile** posted:

Dearest friend was purchased for the family of John G. Zaffer by L TOWN & 5 MILE. Send Flowers WOOOO WOOOO WE LOVE YOU! L TOWN & 5 MILE

April 22 at 8:58 AM

LJ

**Love Aunt Donna, Uncle Jimmy, Brianna And Jimmy, Jr.** posted:

Well wishes was purchased for the family of John G. Zaffer by Love Aunt Donna, Uncle Jimmy, Brianna and Jimmy, Jr.. Send Flowers We are so sorry to hear about Uncle John. Sending our love and hugs to the whole family. Love Aunt Donna, Uncle Jimmy, Brianna and Jimmy, Jr.

April 22 at 8:58 AM

JK

**Jim Kaiser** posted:

to the family of John Zaffer, I am so sorry for your loss. My name is James (Jim) Kaiser, I played little league baseball with Johnny. I was the shortstop and pitcher for the Lions club. We were friends throughout our youth and thru high school, but as often happens we drifted apart as we grew older, but I think of Johnny often . Once again my condolences and R.I.P. Johnny, your old friend , Jim Kaiser P.S. We often enjoyed eating at the Hilltop dining spot and know his dad very well also, (great family)..

November 5 at 9:58 AM

KK

**Kathleen Klemm** posted:

A candle was lit in remembrance

November 4 at 7:37 AM



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**Kathleen Klemm** posted:

You will be deeply missed especially your John Wayne deal that you did so well I still laugh when I think about it

November 4 at 7:33 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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