



John F. Canney

November 27, 1943 - September 27, 2022

John F. Canney, age 78 of Painesville, OH, passed away, Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at home with his family by his side. He was born November 27, 1943, in Eugene, Oregon.

Mr. Canney was an English Professor at the University of San Francisco, from 1968 – 1972, then retired from Gallaudet University School for the Deaf in Washington D.C. where he taught from 1972 – 2007.

John was a longtime member of the St. Martin (Gaithersburg, MD) and St. Gabriel (Concord, OH) Parish Communities, where he was an interpreter for the deaf congregations, taught parish youth CCD/PSR, and was a member of RCIA and Bible Study groups.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years Alicia M. (Lann) Canney; children: Michael F. (Jennifer) Canney, John P. (Partner: Karin Faletic) Canney, Laura M. Canney; grandchildren: Michaela R. and Lauren S.; and sister: Deborah (Paul) Carrillo.

Preceding John in death are his parents: Frank J. and Laoretta (Clifford) Canney and his infant sister: Catherine Canney.

The family will receive family and friends 4:00 – 8:00 pm Monday, October 3,

2022, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center,
8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral mass will 10:00 am Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at St. Gabriel Church,
9925 Johnnycake Ridge RD. Mentor, OH. 44060. Please meet at the church.

Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, OH.

The family request contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western
Reserve

P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192 or donate online at www.hospicewr.org or
St. Gabriel Food Bank, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Concord Township, OH
44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
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<https://www.brunners.com/>

Tribute Wall

JG

“ John was my sponsor when I returned to the Catholic Church. He and I shared many Masses, coffees afterward, and dinners. John was a wonderful friend. Starting at the low point in my life, he saw me triumph. He was an usher at my wedding. He lived a life of service and dedication to others. He did me more good than anyone in my life who was not blood kin.

Jim Given - April 10, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John F. Canney.



October 03, 2022 at 09:51 AM

DF

“ May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



Debbie & Family - October 02, 2022 at 04:02 PM

KF

“ *Karin Faletic lit a candle in memory of John F. Canney*



Karin Faletic - October 01, 2022 at 02:42 PM

RS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to his wife Alicia and the entire family. John is now at peace and encouraging all to remember all the happy times.*

As Neighbors for about 17 years, we can remember John when he was able watching and enjoying our Grandson Sam playing in the common area.

Whenever John was out, we would enjoy talking to him. There were times when I would help John and Alicia with issues with their new home.

It was a pleasure knowing him and your family can be proud of the life he lived.

Bob and Jan Sternot

Robert J. Sternot Janice A. Sternot - October 01, 2022 at 12:45 PM

RL

“ *Some Well Known Facts about an Irish Father*
Generosity matched only by God
Understanding as deep as the Shannon
A dreamer and a doer
A treasure beyond price
A strength of spirit in a sea a calm
A silent wonder in the home of loud voices
A laugh break tensions
Understanding with women(especially his on)
Respects, honors, and quietly loves his life
and daily thanks God for it
As those who have been blessed with N
Irish Father

I don't know who the author is, but the words capture the essence of John.

John was a blessing for our family.

Rosemary Lann

Rosemary Lann - October 01, 2022 at 08:14 AM

MK

John was one of the youngest winners of the Walter Kerr award for talented young writers. As a graduate student who met often with John I honestly expected him to be a great American writer someday. He also wrote beautiful inspirational poetry and his use of language to convey the great questions of the Universe in his short stories was awe inspiring. When I knew him he loved Bob Dylan, especially the Nashville Skyline album. Leonard Cohen & the film Easy Rider. I was surprised when he told me he had accepted a position at Galludet. But nothing he did could truly surprise me. His students adored him. I went with him to observe him teach a class. I called his wonderful wife about a year ago & she told me the terrible news. I am greatly saddened. I called to see if John might help edit my novel for me. We should have never lost touch & I blame myself for not forwarding my various addresses to him as I travelled constantly. John, may you fly to the stars on angels wings & finally have the answers you sought. I will value your friendship, spirit of adventure & goodness for the rest of my life. You were truly one of a kind, a unique & fascinating person who in your work gave so much to so many. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Canney, your children and friends. Your loss is gigantic. Mary Ellen Kuhi.

Mary Ellen Kuhi - December 22, 2022 at 08:44 AM