



## John A. Germ Sr.

December 18, 1940 - April 3, 2021

John A. Germ Sr., age 80 of Mentor, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Enclave at Newell Creek. He was born December 18, 1940 in Cleveland, OH to the late Anthony and Anna Germ. He was a 1956 graduate of St. Joseph High School and attended The University of Miami, Florida for 2 years, until on a visit home to see his parents, he met his future wife, Patricia at a dance. They were married in June 1964. John eventually completed his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lake Erie College.

John became a member of the Willowick Police Department in 1965 and worked his way up the ranks until becoming Chief of the department in 1990. In 2000, he decided that after a 35 year career it was time to retire. Six months into his retirement, he was offered the position as Director of Narcotics, Lake County, where he served for the next 10 years until his second retirement in 2010.

John was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed football. He had been captain of his high school team at Saint Joe's, and loved all teams Cleveland and Ohio State. He was actively involved in his children's and grandchildren's lives and loved going to their sporting and other extracurricular events. Each time a Browns, Indians or OSU game was televised, there was no doubt to anyone in the house as to who was (or wasn't) winning!

John loved to travel with his wife Patricia, children, grandchildren, and close friends. Las Vegas became one of their favorite destinations, and although his lovely wife was often the lucky winner, he reveled in her excitement. They enjoyed multiple cruises, Disney World, New Orleans, and Germany but a trip to California to watch two of his grandchildren march with their high school band in the Rose Bowl Parade definitely took the top slot.

John immensely enjoyed holiday gatherings, birthdays, cookouts and family Sunday dinners, and any event or occasion that involved his family and friends. When his wife Patricia was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, he devoted all his time and attention to lovingly caring for her.

John loved big and was fiercely passionate about the things and people in his life, whether it was his service to the public or his family and friends. His commitment to those passions was genuine and unwavering, and a true testament to what a devoted, loving man he was.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (nee Brooks) Germ; children, Robin (Alan) LaCava, Kim Germ, Kris (Michael) Peresta, and John (Kelly) Germ; grandchildren Brittany (Mark) Dominack, Alan and Natalie LaCava, Corey Nusker, Cal Ruscini, Julian Brooks, Morgan, Alex and Jack Petrocelli, and Connor Germ; and great-grandchildren Eden, Jaxxon and Colton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandsons, Jonathan, Jarrett, and Zachary Petrocelli; and siblings, Edward Germ and Marie Krickler.

The family will receive friends from 3-8 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2021 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Grace Church of Mentor, 6883 Reynolds Road, Mentor, OH 44060. Burial will follow in Mentor Cemetery. Masks are required and social

distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of John may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, 23215 Commerce Park Suite 300, Beachwood, Ohio 44122 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **16**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

APR **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace Church Of Mentor  
6883 Reynolds Rd  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-7045

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Germ Sr..*



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April 16, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John A. Germ Sr..*



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April 15, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Germ Sr..*



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April 15, 2021 at 08:21 PM

KP

“ I remember sleeping over and Uncle John coming off graveyard shift 🚔♂️. Kim and I went into the kitchen and he let us have cupcakes before the sun came up. Aunt Pat was getting ready to leave for the hospital, she walked into the kitchen and he was busted! She was so mad 😭 She said “You don’t feed children cupcakes for breakfast!” And he said “Well, I didn’t know!” and he winked at us 😏

Kathleen Poelking - April 15, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John A. Germ Sr..



April 15, 2021 at 02:59 PM

AG

“ All your grand-dogs purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of John A. Germ Sr..



All your grand-dogs - April 15, 2021 at 12:41 PM

JD

“ Dear Pat and family - John was the epitome of Chiefs...he knew it all and he applied it well. It was my honor to know him and to work with him for many years. Your Family is in my thoughts and prayers.

*Deepest Sympathy - Joyce Dirrman Retired Finance Secretary*



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**Joyce Dirrman** - April 08, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Germ Sr..*



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April 08, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *John took the serve part of his career to heart, and applied it lovingly to his family as well. From the first day he met me, long before I married his daughter, he treated me like family. If I was good enough for his daughter, and I agreed to take care of her, that was all he asked. His dedication will never be forgotten.*

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**Michael Peresta** - April 07, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JW

“ *Rest In Peace, our dear friend. You are now sharing the stories of our years together growing up with my beloved Jeff. You were a fair, honest and loving husband, father, police officer and friend, May the angels lead you into Paradise and know how much you were loved and respected. My deepest sympathies to my dear friend, Pat, and your beautiful children.*

*Judy Wade*

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**judy wade** - April 06, 2021 at 09:31 PM

MN

“ *Rest easy my friend. You will be missed greatly. Sending my condolences to the Germ family.* ❤️

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**Morgan Nordquest** - April 06, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Germ Sr..*



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April 06, 2021 at 05:03 PM

KG

“ Dad,

*Nothing, and I do mean nothing, could have prepared me to feel as empty and heartbroken as I do in these first few days without you. For 54 years, and most especially in the last 4 years, you and mom have been the mainstay of my days. They were not always easy days, but they were filled with so much love, humor and conversation. Now it's quiet, too quiet, and I would give anything to hear your voice (complaining at times, but mostly just conversing). As much and as fierce as you loved and cared for your family and close friends we loved you more fiercely. You children and grandchildren, myself as well have inherited the values you held so dear. Honor, integrity, work ethic, education, sense of humor, compassion, empathy; the list goes on and on. I cling to all of the things you stood for in life and that helps me feel close to you in some way. I do not know how to exist in a world where you no longer do. I suspect that will take time,*

*I could not have asked for a better father, or grandfather for my children. I know you are safe in the arms of our Savior, healed and whole and upright. I know that you trust us to take care of mom, and I promise she will be so loved and cared for by us until she comes home to be with you in heaven. Thank you for the wonderful, adventure-filled and sometimes chaotic life you gave me, I could not think of anything more I could ask for. I love you and I miss you, and will cling to the wonderful memories until we are reunited again in eternity. Rest easy Dad, and I know you know how much you are loved...*

*Mom's favorite daughter,  
Kim*

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**KIMBERLY GERM** - April 06, 2021 at 04:22 PM

TD

*Hey Kim!! I am so sorry about your Dad. I have so many memories of being at your house and he was such a presence! I lost my Dad 3 years ago so I feel your pain and emptiness. Sending prayers to you and your family.*

*Your grade school "best friend",  
Therese DeLucia (Wade)*

Therese DeLucia - April 06, 2021 at 09:14 PM

KG

*Oh my gosh!! Thank you, it has been too long! Hope you are well!*

KIMBERLY GERM - April 07, 2021 at 07:11 AM

TD

*Doing very well! Once the dust settles, I would love to chat.*

*330-414-2694  
Therese*

Therese DeLucia - April 08, 2021 at 01:32 PM

KI

*sounds awesome!! thank you!!*

kimberly - April 10, 2021 at 07:10 AM

LF

*“ John was a good Police Chief but more importantly he was a good husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. It was an honor to work with him as my Chief when I was Mayor of Willowick. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Pat and the rest of his family. Lorraine Fende and Larry Allen*

Lorraine Fende - April 06, 2021 at 03:56 PM