



Dr. John R. Semancik

July 4, 1936 - December 1, 2015

Dr. John R. Semancik, 79, of Mentor, passed away peacefully December 1st at home surrounded by his family. John and beloved wife Martha (Chrobok) celebrated 50 joyful years of marriage this past May. Born July 4, 1936 in Barton, Ohio, John moved to the Cleveland area in the early 1940's.

He graduated valedictorian in 1954 from Benedictine and continued to be an avid supporter of his cherished Bengals. He received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Case Institute of Technology, an MS in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and a PhD in Macromolecular Science from Case.

He served in the US Army Critical Skills program for 7 years. John spent over 37 years in the chemical industry, including time with Diamond Alkali/Shamrock, Mitech, Carri-Med Americas, TA Instruments and BF Goodrich. John holds 57 worldwide patents. While attending Case and studying German, his neighbor introduced John to her sister living in Germany who was trying to learn English. John proposed to his long distance pen pal 3 months after she came to the United States. John was a member of St. Mary's of the Assumption where he was active with the Renewal program, Helping Hands and a lector for 35 years. John enjoyed a variety of sports including softball, tennis, bowling and golf; including 16 years of coaching in the Mentor Softball League. After retiring in 1997, John and Martha enjoyed traveling

worldwide and spending time with family.

In addition to Martha, John is survived by brother, Joseph S. Semancik of San Diego, California; daughter Monica (Mark) Gloudemans of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Christopher (Susan) Semancik of Shaker Heights; Heidi (Timothy) Murphy of Kirtland; and Gretchen Semancik of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; grandchildren Michael, Meghan, Derek, Jacob and Nicole Gloudemans; Bradley and Andrew Semancik; and Madison and Ryley Murphy. He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mary (Fedorko) Semancik and sister in law Monique Semancik.

Funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary of the Assumption Church 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor.

The family will receive friends from 3-8 p.m. Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Interment will be at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Benedictine High School Scholarship Fund 2900 Martin Luther King Dr., Cleveland, OH 44104 or the St. Andrew Svorad Abbey 10510 Buckeye Rd., Cleveland, OH 44104.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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8466 Mentor Avenue
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Funeral Mass

DEC 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
8560 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *The AVI / Ringgold Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. John R. Semancik.*



The AVI / Ringgold Team - May 16, 2018 at 03:18 PM

PH

“ *Mrs. Semancik, Monica, Christopher, Heidi and Gretchen, I am so terribly sorry for your immense loss. Mr. Semancik was a softball coach I always wished to have and on the few occasions that I was placed on his team, I was always beaming with excitement. All the times, as kids, that we spent in your basement playing, running around outside and playing catch or other things with him, were very special times indeed. I'm so entirely grateful that my parents moved next to you all and you all played a big roll in my childhood. God bless and keep you all. You are all in my thoughts every day, and in my prayers every night.*

patricia heinrich hechler - December 07, 2015 at 01:58 PM

LA

“ *Chris, Please accept my deepest sympathies to you and your family. My prayers are for you during this sorrowful time.*
Larisa Alkammash

Larisa Alkammash - December 03, 2015 at 02:24 PM

BM

“ Dear Martha and family, We are so sorry to hear of John's passing, but so glad you called to let us know it was peaceful at the end. Our reconnecting with John and you was one of the best blessings of our retirement years, We will miss him, but will always keep in touch with you. Bill and Susan Marn.

Bill and Susan Marn - December 02, 2015 at 02:51 PM

HL

“ Heidi and family - I am so sorry for your loss. I just read your father's obituary - what an outstanding man! I hope that you can get through these next few weeks with prayer and sharing memories of your extraordinary father. Sending my prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.

Heidi Langer

Heidi Langer - December 02, 2015 at 11:45 AM

SH

“ Hugs and prayers to all Semanciks, and the many friends Mr. Semancik surely made over his lifetime. Being my neighbor for so many years, and my softball coach for probably half my youth, and sharing with me his love of stamp collecting, he was an amazing presence in my life. I know he fought his battle well. The world is a lesser place without his light, but heaven surely shines brighter.

Shari Heinrich - December 02, 2015 at 09:13 AM