



Reverend John A. Valley

November 13, 1934 - September 26, 2020

Reverend John A. Valley, age 85, entered into eternal rest Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Lake West Medical Center, Willoughby. He was born on November 13, 1934, in Akron, OH.

He attended St. Martha's grade school in Akron and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1952. In 1960, John graduated from St. Mary's Seminary. Father Valley was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland in 1960. His first four years were spent at St. Sebastian Parish in Akron, then he spent 25 years at Borromeo as a psychology and history professor, academic dean, bookstore moderator, and football and basketball coach.

He was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan after receiving his Doctorate in Psychology from The Ohio State University in 1975. He also held Ph.D.s in International Finance and Theology.

Survivors include his cousin, Jon Emery. John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Charlene Valley.

Vesper service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, OH, 44060. Visitation to follow from 4-8 p.m. at the church. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged at all publicly attended events.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 2020, at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. Please meet at the church. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged at all publicly attended events.

Interment will be in All Saints Cemetery, Northfield, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the organization of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolence at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Vespers

SEP 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-0600

Visitation

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Fr. Valley was very kind to me at a difficult time in my life. He also made me laugh. A lot.*

One of a kind.

Jerilyn Burgess - October 25, 2020 at 02:19 AM

LF

“ *God blessed us with a real character who was at the same time a devout servant and caring person. May he rest in peace.*

Lawrence Frient - October 05, 2020 at 09:52 PM

KZ

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Kip Zirkel - October 02, 2020 at 09:51 AM

HB

Kip Zirkel, a long-time friend of Fr. Jack's, who shared life with him during their years at The Ohio State University earning their doctoral degrees in Counseling Psychology. Kip visited Fr. Jack in 2019 or early 2020.

Helen Burdenski - October 07, 2020 at 12:48 PM

CH

“ I met Father Valley many years ago through my mom working at Payne Weber in Akron. Although I had not seen him in some time, we have kept in touch for 25+ years of Christmas cards and occasional notes. He always addressed me as his fellow Scorpio. I will miss his laughter and great sense of humor .He was the best.I am counting on him to pull me into heaven !!

Cherry Dudley

cherry - October 01, 2020 at 03:02 PM

BJ

“ Father Valley was a very special friend. I had the honor of knowing his sweet dad and through his dad I got to know Jack. We had many great conversations over the years. I will miss my friend very much. Rest In Peace dear friend, job well done.

Barbara Jordan - October 01, 2020 at 12:47 PM

MM

“ Jack was a mentor and big support to me at Borromeo. I did not go on to the priesthood and he helped me to make that tough decision, honoring what was in my heart. I'll forever be grateful and appreciate him.

- Mark McDermott

Mark J McDermott - October 01, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CB

“ I'll always remember his ability to make people laugh, and that's my first memory of him. It was at the Lake Milton cottage, and he said something crazy that got us all laughing hysterically. And I mean "all of us" - from young kids to adults to Grandma Griffin. What an amazing & brilliant person.

Chris Barendt - October 01, 2020 at 09:24 AM

BK

“ As the youngest brother of Fr. Jack Krasen, ordained with Fr. Valley, I got to know him well. He was forever, "pulling my leg" with some witticism. He appreciated that we continued to stay in contact and send him Christmas cards even after my brother died. I appreciate his social action in trying to find answers to the priest's retirement fund being drained. He was well rooted "In the Spirit" and glad he has taken a "turn for the better" moving on to Resurrection. Bob Krasen

Bob Krasen - September 30, 2020 at 01:28 PM

SD

“ I entered the Sisters of the Humility of Mary from St. Sebastian Parish where I had confided in and received support from Fr. Valley. He and I re-connected about 10 years ago when he visited me at Villa Maria and became a steadfast donor to my work in Haiti. He always claimed me as "his vocation". What a blessing he has been in my life.
Sr. Judy Dohner, HM

Sr. Judy Dohner, - September 30, 2020 at 01:23 PM

KZ

“ I met Jack in graduate school at Ohio State in 1970, while he was working on his doctorate in counseling psychology. If it wasn't for Jack, I doubt I would have made it through the program. He was a constant source of inspiration and encouragement not only to me but to many others. I will never forget his infectious laugh! His kind heart. His unconditional love. If there was ever anyone who could be considered Christ-like, it would be Jack. I miss him terribly.

Kip Zirkel - September 30, 2020 at 09:44 AM

BF

“ As the oldest of 6 children of Dr. Ed and Irene Hellwig, who raised us through St. Sebastian's, I, with my brothers and sisters, have many fond memories of Father Valley. I was in high school by then, but I enjoyed the shared stories of his many visits to their classrooms and our faith was strengthened through his memorable homilies. He was a joyful servant of God. We kept in touch through the years, especially through our Dad's funeral and Father Valley's jubilee when my sister, Louise, sent him a congratulatory note and he responded.

May he rest in the peace and joy of God.

Barbara (Hellwig) Frank

Barbara Frank - September 29, 2020 at 05:06 PM

SZ

“ I will always remember and be grateful to Fr. Valley for the wonderful influence as a spiritual advisor that he was during his four years at St. Sebastian's. I have thought of him often over the years. May he Rest In Peace.

Susan Durbin Zachardy

Susan Durbin Zachardy - September 29, 2020 at 03:18 PM

JR

“ You will always be remembered Fr. Valley. You set a high bar for all of us. Rest in peace

Joan Rebolj - September 29, 2020 at 10:02 AM

RS

“ I will miss my friend, spiritual director and a model priest. Until we meet again, Eternal Rest.

Rev Edward Schwet - September 28, 2020 at 08:58 PM

LW

“ *What a Blessing ! What a Priest ! What a guy !
My heart aches.....yet, my spirit rejoices !*

Thank you God! Thank you !

Leon Wilson - September 28, 2020 at 12:35 PM

 Cyndy
Simandl

“ *What a great Godly person he always had the joy of the Lord and
was filled with great love for him. We love Rev. Valley*

Cyndy Simandl - September 28, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JM

“ *God puts certain people in your life to help you become better; Fr.
Valley was one of those for me. Down-to-earth, funny, but most of
all spiritually directed made him a humble and honest person. While
he will be missed here on earth, he will be welcomed by our
Heavenly Father!*

Jim Mlinac

Jim Mlinac - September 28, 2020 at 08:21 AM

MD

“ *When watching acrobats, most of wanted to be the flyers, the ones
who fly through the air and do flips and spins so people will look on
in amazement. Jack always wanted to be the catcher. Jack wanted
to be the one who swing back and forth unnoticed but doing the
important work of catching and tossing the flyers so they could get
the glory.*

*He was a second father to me and he literally saved my life. He will
be sorely missed.*

Matt D'Arcy - September 28, 2020 at 08:00 AM