



# John Edward Lorz

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**J**ohn Edward Lorz, died on Palm Sunday. He had just celebrated his 87th birthday three days before his passing, on April 7th.

He was the second child of the late Ted and Eleanor Lorz.

John's wife of 50 years, Nancy Peters Lorz, died in 2013. John was a graduate of Cleveland Heights High School where his father taught French and German. He briefly attended the Ohio State University and was a graduate of Kent State University. While at Kent, John was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served as a chaplain's assistant. John's entire career was as a sales manager for the Campbell Soup Company.

John, as a bass singer in the Cleveland Heights High School choir, toured and sang in ten different European countries in 1953. Later, he sang in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, appearing at Severance Hall as well as at Blossom Music Center.

In retirement, John spent most of his time at his cabin (Waldhutte) near the Allegheny National Forest. Over the years, what started as a family get together blossomed into an annual October celebration with over 50 attendees – all men, thus the name of the event became known as "The Stag."

John's travels included several trips to France visiting friends in Paris and Bordeaux. In 1996 he and his French and Japanese friends spent a month touring in Alaska.

His many friends he made over his lifetime will miss him dearly, including Madeline Dusky, a lifelong family friend, and his Amish friends in Pennsylvania.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his older sister, Marie Lorz Ellis. He is survived by his brother, Paul T. Lorz Jr.; and five nieces and nephews, Julie Ellis of Florida, Mathew Ellis of New Jersey, Paul Ellis of Virginia, and David and Kathleen Lorz of Ohio.



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VISITATION will be held on MONDAY, April 18th from 3 p.m.- 7p.m. at JARDINE FUNERAL HOME, 15822 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held on TUESDAY, April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio. Burial to follow at Strongsville Cemetery.

Donations in John's name may be made to The Memory Care Fund at Kemper House Strongsville, 10890 Prospect Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44149.

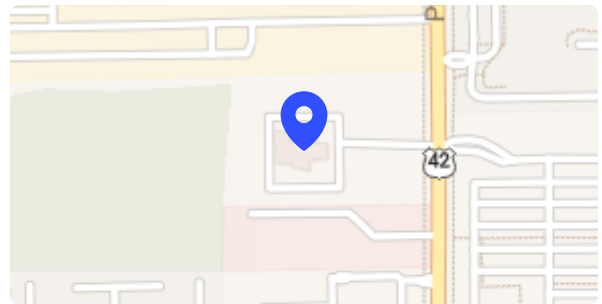


# Events

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## Visitation

- Monday**, April 18, 2022
- 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Jardine Funeral Home**  
15822 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH 44136



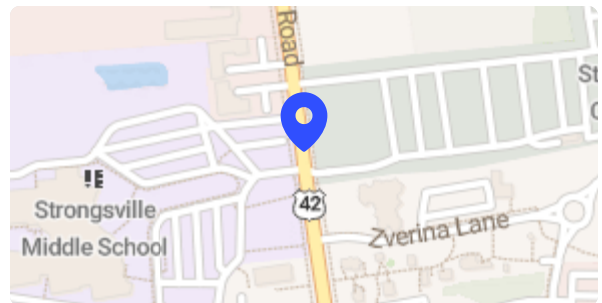
## Mass of Christian Burial

- Tuesday**, April 19, 2022
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ET
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH 44136



## Cemetery Details

- Strongsville Cemetery**  
13123 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH 44136





# Tribute Wall

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**Frank Hillenbrand** posted:

I first met John over sixty years ago when his brother, Paul, and I became college roommates. For over twenty five of those years, I would make the pilgrimage to Waldhütte (forest hut, as John's German-teaching father, Ted, named it) for an all guys long weekend (The Stag) with many friends and family members. It was at this event that John was at his best being the center of attention as host and raconteur telling every story and joke he had accumulated in his career as one of Campbell Soups top division sales managers. Another memorable experience was the trip to Paris John took in the late 1970's with Ted and Paul. I had occasion very recently to see the videos that John took on that trip. Included was the wine, baguette, cheese and pate lunch we had on the hood of my car in the middle of a French farm field and the side trip we took to see Monet's garden at Giverny about a month before it was opened to the public. To say that John was one-of-a-kind is an understatement. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

April 21 at 1:58 PM



**Michele Corbissero Allen** posted:

Oh so many beautiful memories of Big John. (Bear to my dad) I have known John since he used to pick my sister and I up in his arms as kids! Then as teenagers, we got to go visit his cabin in the woods each year....we would go in the little brook or play in the grass with him and Orben boys or Lee! Such fun times! He loved my parents and us girls! He and Nancy would come over for Christmas dinner then for years with my parents and visit....we would play cards and fun games and my nieces would just laugh and laugh at John... I would cry laughing at all his jokes and stories about people and Campbell's soups. Oh the laughs!!!!!!!!!! He is with my dad, his fraternity brother, now hooting it up!!! Rest in peace Dear John. Love you! Hugs! Michele Allen (Corbissero) always Micky to John! Xo

April 18 at 3:22 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Lorz family.



April 16 at 7:41 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lorz family.



April 14 at 2:00 PM




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SS

**Sara Simpson** posted:

I am so sad to hear of John's passing. Myself, my son and our dogs would come Kemper House to visit with the residents and we developed a very special friendship. He always looked forward to joking around with, "Mr. John". They would read books together and John would tell us stories about his life. We looked forward to our visits with him, and would sometimes bring him ribs. I never saw anyone so excited to eat ribs. We will miss him a lot. Our sincere condolences to the family, Sara + Cole 

April 13 at 9:09 AM

TG

**Tim Giulivo** posted:

I have many fond memories of times with John. I was part of the group who toured France as well as the group who toured Alaska. We had many laughs and saw many wonderful sites together. I will always remember his quick wit, his hearty laugh and his big, big heart! I only wish I could have beaten him at gin ONCE! ....but, alas, he was too good a player! John, you will be fondly remembered!

April 12 at 4:29 PM

CH

**Catherine Holleran** January 11 at 9:03 AM

I was blessed to interview for a job with John at his Campbell Sales Office in Great Bend, PA, as his secretary until they moved the office again to Erie. I didn't move with it, but I did maintain and cherish our family's close friendship with Bear! I secured the job by correctly spelling a word of his choice in less than 2 seconds (chrysanthemum!) while he went to check a dictionary to be sure I was correct! Our relationship became much more a close friendship than an employee after we connected through laughter, love of music, family, and God. I was always "Katrina" in his presence! He was priceless with his wisdom, wit, sense of humor, intellect, and generosity. Our family loved Waldhutte, and spent many days there with him over the years. Countless card games, board games, campfires, guitars & singing, outdoor walks, endless conversations and talent shows, -- NO ONE can recite "No News, or what killed the dog" like John could! He brought vibrant life and love to every room he entered. So greatly missed. God bless him, may he rest in eternal peace and love.

LM

**Loni And Steve Martin** April 17 at 10:11 AM

John Lorz was truly The Wizard of our NY neighborhood. He and Nancy brought life and love to every occasion. His stories, songs, tricks, and trivia continue to entertain our family in the retelling. There are so many! Traveling in France with John and Paul was fun with fireworks! We are thankful to have had John as a friend and we will always hold these memories dear. Loni and Steve Martin



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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