



John Francis Didion

July 22, 1928 - February 2, 2018

John Francis Didion passed away peacefully on February 2, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was born in Bellevue, Ohio to Leo and Ruth (Underdown) Didion. John worked for the Nickel Plate Rail road for nine years as a machinist and ICC inspector. He moved to Holland in 1956, where he took a position with the Toledo Board of Education as a heating maintenance repairman. He retired after thirty years of service. Survivors include his wife, Genevieve, son, Dale (Catherine), daughters Susan Long, Joan Kelly, and Jean (Bob) Jones; four grandchildren, Ashley (Drew Kreutter), Ryan and Ian Didion, and Christopher (Amy) Long.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Monday, February 5, from 6-8 p.m., with a Rosary Service at 7. The funeral mass will be held at St. Joan of Arc Church on Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m. with an hour of visitation beginning at 12. Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be given to the St. John's Jesuit High School Scholarship Fund. Please view John's Memorial Video Tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Tribute Wall

MH

“ We send our condolences and prayers for John and the family. We loved the "gentleman farmer" who became our landlord and friend when he rented us our first home together on Holland-Sylvania road in 1980. Our children were born there, played there, and came to know John too and would wave to him as he drove by on his tractor, and laugh with delight when he showed them his pigs. We spent 9 happy years in that darling little home where Home Depot now stands and left with sadness when we outgrew it. God bless and Godspeed John as you enter your estate in heaven and delight everyone there!

-- Michelle and Randy Hudson, 5761 Eagle Trace Dr, Sylvania

Michelle Hudson - February 08, 2018 at 11:22 AM

KG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. John has been very helpful to us at Church Women United Thrift Shop on Crissey Rd. in Holland. He came to us many years ago bringing food to us that we either would use for our food shelf or put out for customers for free. He was always so friendly & kind. May he rest in peace.

Karen Greulich
Manager
Church Women United Thrift Shop

Karen Greulich - February 05, 2018 at 10:39 PM

WM

“ I have known John for the last 20 years.

I first met John when I was given his name and number as a person who could help me get food for a family I was trying to help and they could not get any assistance. I called John, and set-up an appointment to meet with him at his home. What an experience that was for me. He took me to his garage/barn/shed. In addition to receiving 4 bags of groceries from meat to fresh produce, I learned about the underground food network he had created years ago. While there a young man drove up. Got out of his car. Called John, Mr. Didion and was quickly corrected to call him John. John gave him 4 bags of groceries for his family for the week. John told me after the young man left, that he was a graduate of St. John's, had his Bachelors and had lost his job a month ago, had a wife and two children, working odd jobs until he could land something in his field of experience and getting these groceries every week helped to stretch the young man's unemployment check. During my visit, more men came and got more groceries, and I learned a lot about "bare bones charity" and the underground food network. This was my 1st visit with John and I am humbled and honored to say I was able to have many more conversations/discussions with John since that time.

Shortly after our Council was started, John called me and told me he was a Knight and wanted to transfer to our Council. I was not surprised when I learned how long he had been a Knight. John was for me, a true example of a Knight, one which I hope I mirror as a Knight.

*Willi R. Meyer
Financial Secretary
St. Joan of Arc Council #15905*

Willi R. Meyer - February 05, 2018 at 06:22 PM

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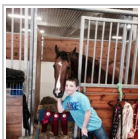
MS

“ I first met "Mr. Didion" when I was 14 yrs. old, and a wrestling teammate of his son Dale. Over the many years that followed "Mr. Didion" became John, and I discovered a person who exemplified being a "man for others". His acts of kindness and charity were such great examples for all, Despite his challenges getting around, he would bring deliveries of food for us at big wrestling tournaments, and to help feed the homeless of our Labra program. He was a fixture at our home basketball games and wrestling matches, as recently as a few weeks ago. An event, fixed in my mind, occurred this past December. I received a call that John was in the lobby and wanted to see me. Given that I was out of the building, another person went down to meet with him. Upon my return, I found a check from John for a cause that we were working on. I then discovered that he wanted to make sure to have a timely drop off, as he was headed to the hospital to be admitted. Charity first on his mind as always. God Bless you John. We are so blessed to have had you as a member of our Titan Family.

Mike Savona '75

St. John's Jesuit

mike Savona - February 04, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of John's passing. He would always stop by and visit me at Keyser after finishing a job. He was a very kind man who made time to stop and talk with you.

Geneva Roller

Jenny Rogers - February 04, 2018 at 02:19 PM

EH

“ We in the St. John's Jesuit basketball community are so appreciative to John for his loyalty and support for the program over the years. He was at many, many games over the years, many times with challenging mobility situation. He always had a smile and kind words about what he saw...even if in the eyes of the coach what he had seen was not so pretty. May John Rest In Peace and enjoy his heavenly reward - Ed Heintschel

Ed Heintschel - February 04, 2018 at 09:03 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
I will miss talking to John daily.

Tom & Ann Dillon



Tom Dillon - February 03, 2018 at 08:16 AM