



## John Edward O'Connell

October 9, 1936 - November 20, 2014

John Edward O'Connell,

78, of Indianapolis, passed away November 20, 2014. He was born October 9, 1936 in Chicago, IL, to the late Lawrence and Aileen Lavin O'Connell. John served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring as a Lt. Col. He married Judith Diane Irving, and was a self-employed manufacturer's representative. He was a graduate of Loyola Academy, Chicago and Marquette University. John was a longtime member of Nativity Catholic Church, and was very active with the Society of St Vincent de Paul and St. Francis Hospital. John was devoted to his family and in his retirement years to serving others. Visitation will be Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church, 7225 Southeastern Ave., with visitation one hour prior.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Judith Diane (Irving) O'Connell; his five children, Timothy, Mary Ellen (Peter Bauer), Susan Gragg (David), Catherine Patterson (David) and Michael (Peggy); eight grandchildren, Perry Gragg (Jill), Elizabeth Rokowski (Alex), Madeline Patterson, John Gragg, Megan Patterson, Laurence, Daniel and Joseph O'Connell; two sisters, Aileen Tansey and Mary Maigler (John); and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nativity Catholic Church Building Fund and/or Providence Cristo Rey High School, 75 N. Belleview Place, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Catholic Church  
7225 Southeastern Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46239

## Funeral Service

NOV 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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7225 Southeastern Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46239

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *John & his lovely family lived next to my parents for years. He was such a light of happiness each time I talked to him. I'm sorry for the world; we have lost a genuinely kind & good soul.  
Prayers to Judy and all of his children.  
Love, Ann McGriffin*

Ann - December 31, 2014 at 01:31 PM



“ *My Fair Lady was purchased for the family of John Edward O'Connell.*



November 24, 2014 at 11:40 AM

DK

“ *We will always remember the caring and kindness John extended to my mother (mother-in law) during her last years. He visited with her and shared memories while she was in the nursing home. Our sympathy goes out to the family. Dennis and Joyce Karns*

Dennis & Joyce Karns - November 24, 2014 at 07:52 AM

MW

“ *I had the good fortune to meet John in Indianapolis and in Garmisch. He was a wonderful family man, a welcoming host and someone who clearly walked with the Lord.  
My prayers and thoughts are with the O'Connell family.*

*Marc Williams*

Marc Williams - November 24, 2014 at 03:41 AM

JR

“ *I met John while I was in RCIA at Nativity. I immediately felt the amazing spirituality of John and looked to up to him ever since. He was always so wonderful to our family often stopping on the way back from communion to shake my hand or to give my son a kiss on his head. The light of his legacy will outshine the darkness in our hearts.*

Jonathan, Amber, Joshua, & Mary Renshaw - November 22, 2014 at 05:47 PM

JO

*And Amber Renshaw as well, not sure why her name did not save.*

jonathan - November 22, 2014 at 05:55 PM

NI

“ *A special person I never met but taught me some wisdom through and his wonderful, daughter, my beloved friend Mary-Ellen. I always try to walk back a different way from the way I arrived, so I can discover something different - and I never forget ME's birthday is Christmas Day in May. We are grateful for your life and your contribution to this world. Much love to all the family.*

Nicoletta - November 22, 2014 at 04:11 PM

PM

“ *Our hearts are with you Aunt Judy, Tim, Mary Ellen, Catherine, Susan, Michael and everyone else who cherished Uncle John and the joy he brought to life.*

*Peace and Love,  
Patrick and Melissa Maigler*

Pat Maigler - November 22, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ *Inspiration Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Edward O'Connell.*



November 21, 2014 at 06:44 PM

CK

“ *Cathy Kaveny purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Edward O'Connell.*



Cathy Kaveny - November 21, 2014 at 02:14 PM

CP

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Catherine Patterson - November 21, 2014 at 01:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Edward O'Connell.



November 21, 2014 at 12:48 PM



“ Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward O'Connell.



November 21, 2014 at 11:09 AM

AA

“ All the Maiglers and Aileen purchased the *A Full Life* for the family of John Edward O'Connell.



All the Maiglers and Aileen - November 20, 2014 at 04:27 PM