



## John Alan Grzymkowski

January 20, 1958 - April 21, 2021

John Alan Grzymkowski, age 63, of Dacula GA, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021. John was predeceased by his father, Marvin Grzymkowski of Toledo, Ohio. He is survived by his mother, Carol "Charli" Atkinson; beloved spouse, Wieslawa "Visha"; brother, Scott Grzymkowski; his sisters, Kristin DeProspero of Kennesaw and Sherri Domenech of Peachtree Corners; and aunts, Kathleen McKay of Dublin, Va. and Patricia Ziegelhofer of Morehead City, North Carolina; as well as many prized family members, both here and abroad who were deeply held in his heart and prayers along with many cherished nieces, nephews, in-laws, extended family members, and several devoted, lifelong friends and relatives.

John was a native of Toledo, OH, and lived much of his life in Wheeling, WV and Atlanta, GA. He attended Wheeling High School and West Virginia University. He earned several degrees and certificates and never ceased his pursuit of greater knowledge through continued education. At one time he strongly considered becoming a history teacher. He was a patriot and proudly served in the United States Airforce in the early 1980s in Holland and later at Davis Monthan AFB in Arizona. His commanding officer recommended him for promotion well ahead of his contemporaries for his energetic and dynamic drive in a demanding and uniquely challenging job.

He was an extremely dedicated Ohio State Buckeye fan, a cigar aficionado, and avid card player. He spent happy times at The Cigar Merchant in Alpharetta where he was known as "Buck" and met with "The Council of Elders" regularly, playing gin, poker, and Mexican dominos while pontificating on the troubles of the world.

He adored his wife, Visha, and their dogs. When his stepfather, Jim Atkinson passed away 7 years ago, he and Visha relocated to Dacula so they could lend support to his Mom, "Charli".

John had a personal relationship with his Lord and felt his faith deeply. He loved his friends and family in a quiet, yet rock solid way, and we all knew he would do anything for

us. His droll, witty humor was one of his trademark characteristics. He never let anything shake his nerves. His favorite activity was sitting on the back deck, smoking a cigar, and hanging out with the dogs and his family. In fact, the day before he passed, he said, "This is as close to Heaven as you get, Mom". Now he is truly there hoping we celebrate his life and comfort each other while we grieve his passing.

He will be interred at the Georgia National Cemetery, with military honors, on May 10th at 3pm eastern. 1080 Veterans Cemetery Rd, Canton, GA 30114. The family invites anyone who wishes, to be present at his service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Condolences may be viewed or sent to <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com> Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, "A Family Company" Lawrenceville Chapel 770-963-2411.

# Events

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**MAY** **Graveside Service** 03:00PM

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Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Veteran Cemetery Rd, Canton, GA, US, 30114

# Comments

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“ Buckeye was a genuine guy who always was smiling. I remember many good times smoking cigars, playing cards and laughing at each other. My thoughts are with his family as he transitions to a higher place. Godspeed.

Bob Stargel

Bob Stargel - May 10 at 02:23 PM

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“ My wife and I along with the Tyburski family from Toledo Ohio are deeply saddened and express our condolences to all of Johns family and friends. John was my friend as early as I can remember to the 8th grade when he and his family moved to West Virginia. We played baseball for the Blue Sox where John was one of the best catchers in the league. We also road bikes and hung out with our friends at Joe E. Brown park when we weren't swimming in their pool on Mount Royal st. I have many great memories of John when we were kids like it was yesterday and even though we lost touch as life took us in different directions I still think of him as one of my best friends in life. RIP my Polish brother and go Bucks. Dan Tyburski

Dan Tyburski - April 26 at 04:23 PM

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“ So very sorry for you sudden lost of John. My heart breaks for all of his family and know it is so hard to come to terms as it was unexpected. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My you find peace in all your memories

Love, Inga Giacini

Inga Giacini - April 25 at 12:30 PM

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“ Cathy and I send our deepest sympathy for your loss. We are so very sorry but you have memories and photos of John and he will always be in your heart.

**Cathy & Gene Ziegler** - April 24 at 12:26 PM



“ David green here, one the many of the cigar merchant family, needless to say we have lost a true gentleman and a friend. Go Buckeyes, may God bless and take you into heaven, my heartfelt condolences to John's family

**david Green** - April 25 at 09:08 PM



“ Johnny G, as I affectionately called him, worked together at Rollins. His humor was dry as is mine which is why we got along as co-workers. I enjoyed busting him on Ohio State football. He was a true "Buckeye"! Everyone liked John and his low key manner. He was always kidding around and keeping it light. After my retirement we still managed to get together for lunch a few times. John spoke very favorably about his wife. My condolences to her and his mother. John will be missed. He is now in GOD's kingdom pain free for eternity. My condolences to all his family and friends.

**Tim Myers** - April 28 at 11:01 PM