



## John K. Flessel

March 28, 1938 - July 23, 2010

John K. Flessel, age 72, of Wooster, entered into rest, Friday, July 23rd, 2010 at Glendora Health Care Center in Wooster where he was surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 27th from 6 - 8 p.m. at Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster.

A private family celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to either: HDSA (Huntingtons Disease Society of America) Central Ohio Chapter, 490 City Park, Suite C, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County, 2525 Back Orrville Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: [www.custerglenn.com](http://www.custerglenn.com).

John was born on March 28, 1938 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Karl J. and Evelyn (Bunce) Flessel and has been a Wooster resident since 1965.

He graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. with a Bachelors Degree. He then moved to Wooster and worked for the O.A.R.D.C. (Ohio Agricultural Research and Developmental Center) as an Entomologist for 30 years before retiring as Emeritus Faculty in 1995.

He was past member of Izaak Walton League; for many years played with golf leagues at the Mohican Golf Course; For over 50 years, was privileged to serve as Lifetime Blood Donor through the American Red Cross; was an avid golfer; enjoyed fishing and gardening. Throughout the years he most of all enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his 3 daughters, Natalie (Rory) Richardson, Amy Flessel and Roxanne Flessel all of the Wooster area; grandchildren, Ryne Richardson , Naya and Montana Janis all of Wooster; and a brother, Walter Malcolm Flessel of Long Island, N.Y.; his former spouse, Carol Lengler Young of Wooster.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for John in so many capacities which includes: Sunrise Assisted Living, Glendora Health Care Center and Hospice and Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Natalie,  
We were very sorry to hear of your father's death. We are thinking about you and hoping that time will ease your grief.  
Very sincerely,  
Bill and Diane Bostancic##imported-begin##Diane Bostancic  
##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 12:17 AM



“ Sorry about your loss I'm there  
for you

Love ya  
Mindy##imported-begin##Melinda Gasser##imported-end##

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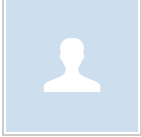
July 27, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ Will be unable to attend John's visitation service but wanted to extend my deepest sympathy to your family. I was a secretary in entomology and worked with John for 23 years. He was a nice man and I am deeply sorry for your loss. I remember he loved a lemon cake I used to bring to work at times. I made it with him in mind. He loved to talk about his girls. May you be comforted by all your special memories. Sincerely, Maxine##imported-begin##Maxine Johnson##imported-end##

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July 26, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ Dear Natalie,

*I was saddened to read of your father's death. I'll take this opportunity to offer my condolences, as Ruth and I will, if the weather prediction holds, will be out of town tomorrow evening, doing our first hot air balloon ride. Ruth has wanted such a ride for several years now as her June birthday present.*

*I first met John at OARDC when I worked with other entomologists on various projects. At that time he was driving a Mazda 323 (I think that was its number). He was very pleased with its front-wheel drive performance. We were in the market for a new car and wanted to move to a smaller, fuel-efficient, front-wheel drive car. At that time, there was no Honda or Toyota dealer in Wooster, but there was a downtown Mazda dealer. John's recommendation led us to buy a Mazda 626, which we happily drove for about five years before turning it in for a Toyota Camry.*

*I didn't realize that John was an avid golfer, a topic that didn't arise in our conversations, perhaps because I am not a golfer of any stripe. I did know of his blood donation record as once we both were giving at the same location. He asked me to give him a ride back to Sunrise Assisted Living on Cleveland Road.*

*Interestingly, I, too, was born on Long Island, but in Queens not Brooklyn. Another overlap (though not in actual years) was that he received his bachelor's at Cornell University where I spend a research leave during which I first worked with insects in a cooperative venture between a chemist and a biologist.*

*John was a good man who will be missed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Roy Haynes##imported-begin##LeRoy Haynes##imported-end##*

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July 26, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ Natalie, Amy & Roxanne,  
Sending loving and supportive thoughts to you all.  
You know your Dad has a special place in our hearts. He walked me  
down the aisle! He had many fun fishing and hunting trips with  
Uncle Bud. And his "coffee kisses" will be forever remembered by  
our girls. He has been part of our lives for so long.  
Thinking of you all, and remembering the good times!  
See you in August!  
Love you! Uncle Bud & Aunt Jean###imported-begin##Bud & Jean  
Hauser###imported-end##

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July 26, 2010 at 03:41 PM



“ I only have wonderful memories of John, my heart goes out to all of  
the Flessels....Love to you all,  
  
Katharine, Greg, Brett, and Blake Hermesen###imported-  
begin##Katharine Werme Hermesen###imported-end##

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July 26, 2010 at 02:34 PM



“ Dear Flessel girls, Carol and families,  
Read of John's death in Saturday's paper and left a message with the lady at the funeral home (answering phone messages) I wanted Natalies address. The were to get back with me and haven't at this time. Was pleased the site for Custer-Glenn was in the obituary. I have fond memories of John and the joy and talent he had for gardening and sharing with others. I was able to visit with him a few times at Sunrise and tried to refresh his memory of such times. I'm sure it's a loss , but I'm sure it must be a comfort to know he is at rest. I share your loss of a special man.  
Sincerely, Elizabeth###imported-begin##Elizabeth McCoy###imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 03:15 PM



“ To my SISTERS:  
You both are very dear to me. We are the LADY BUGS. Remember all the things Dad taught us to become well rounded girls. Without his guidance we all would be afraid of every little bug, afraid to try new adventures and not know a flower from a weed. I will miss Dad each and every day but I know he is taking very good care of Zeke, Dodger and Ripken. May DUDE be free to smile again and do the things he enjoyed best. Thank you both for being my sisters. We will stick together always and enjoy the time we have. I love you. Big Hug! Amy###imported-begin##Amy###imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 01:21 PM



“ To Grandpa's favorite little beetles, Naya and Montana. Grandpa enjoyed you two so very much. He loved hugs and kisses and pictures you drew for him. You ladies were the twinkle in his eyes. I love you two so very much. I am sorry DUDE had to go so soon he will always be in your hearts and hold your hand whenever you need him to. Aunt Amy###imported-begin##Aunt Amy###imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 01:13 PM



“ HEY DUDE!!!!  
To my absolute FAVORITE BOY in the whole wide world: I am sorry about GRANDPA. He loved you so very much and was as proud as can be to have a BOY finally! I know you made him a very proud DUDE! Carry him in your heart everyday and enjoy life to the fullest! If you ever take up golf hit a hole in one for him! I love you sweet RYNO! Big Hug Aunt Amy###imported-begin##Aunt Amy###imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 01:08 PM



“ Dear Natalie & Roxanne & Family,

Hoping for your peace and comfort in your time of loss. Prayers & love to you all, Dennis & Jenny Bartelheim###imported-begin##Dennis & Jenny Bartelheim###imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ I cared for John while I was employed at Glendora and he was always one of my favorite residents. We talked often of golf and his favorite courses.  
I was saddened to read of his passing and my thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Crissy Troyer##imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 09:19 AM



“ Roxy, I am so sorry to hear about your father's passing. It is never easy losing a parent.  
I will tell Kelly about your loss. You will probably hear from her, having lost her dad a mere 16 months ago.##imported-begin##Patricia Johnston##imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 08:12 AM



“ sorry for the loss of your father##imported-begin##symantha corbin##imported-end##

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July 25, 2010 at 07:29 AM