



John William Artis

May 10, 1942 - February 12, 2024

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John William Artis, 81, of Ironton, Ohio, formerly of Ashland, Kentucky, passed away Monday evening, February 12, 2024, at his home. He was born Sunday, May 10, 1942 in Ironton, a son of the late John H. and Helen Trumbo Artis. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Kay Smith and Carol Spining. John is survived by his partner of 35 years, Glenna Cellar; two daughters, Jenny (Adrian) Alverson of Nashville, Tennessee, and Julie Artis of Chicago, Illinois; two step-children, Charles Cellar of St. Peters, Missouri, and Amy Burt of Calpine, California; and seven grandchildren, Max Alverson, Lena Alverson, Owen Miller, Sophie Miller, Nicolas Cellar, Grant Cellar, and Maggie Burt.

John graduated from Eastern Kentucky State College in 1965 with a BS in Accounting. He passed the CPA exam in 1967 and soon after joined Smith, Goolsby, Artis and Reams, where he remained until his retirement. An avid sports fan, he regularly went to games and loyally cheered on the Kentucky Wildcats, the Cincinnati Bengals, and the Cincinnati Reds. He was active in several organizations in Ashland, including the Bellefonte Country Club – where he played golf for years -- and the Ashland Elks Club – where he enjoyed meeting friends, watching sports, and playing cards. He also served on several boards, most recently on the Boyd County Ambulance Board.

A funeral service for John will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, February 17, 2024 at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Bramel. Visitation will be from

11:00 AM until service time. Burial will immediately follow at Rose Hill Burial Park. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mfhfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Miller Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Community Hospice of Ashland.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
1811 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM.

First United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

RE

“ My mother, Jackie, met John at OLBH Vitality Center several years ago. He knew she also was a UK basketball fan & several times he gave her two lower arena seats to games. She was about 91 years old & had never sat anywhere but the rafters. She was thrilled & thought so much of him. What a kind & generous man- my condolences to all the family.

Rita Elliott - February 16, 2024 at 07:05 PM

LK

“ Larry and Debbie Jones, Lexington, KY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William Artis.

Larry and Debbie Jones, Lexington, KY - February 15, 2024 at 08:47 PM

LK

“ Larry and Debbie Jones, Lexington, KY purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John William Artis.



Larry and Debbie Jones, Lexington, KY - February 15, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John William Artis.



February 15, 2024 at 03:51 PM

LJ

“ I moved to Ashland in 2002, and met John shortly thereafter. We became good friends quickly. Even after I moved to Lexington he stopped by my office a few times - just for us to visit. What a great friend! My prayers and sincere good wishes are for the family. Please know he was extremely well liked. He will certainly be missed. Blessings, Family. Larry Jones, Lexington, KY

Larry Jones - February 15, 2024 at 12:15 PM

BA

“ BT and Sallie Alexander purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John William Artis.



BT and Sallie Alexander - February 15, 2024 at 09:54 AM