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REAL ESTATE-AUTO

BULK PERSONAL PROPERTY LOT

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What About the Thief on the Cross?

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[1] Jesus had power on earth to forgive sins (Matt. 9:6).

[2] The thief lived and died under the Old Covenant (the Law of Moses), not the New Covenant (the Law of Christ, 1 Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2). The church age would not begin for another month-and-a-half after the thief had died (Acts 1:1-3; 2:1-41).

[3] The only baptism in force at the time the thief was on the cross was that of John the Baptist (which was a baptism unto repentance, Acts 19:4). Christ's baptism didn't exist yet. The purpose of John's baptism was to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Lk. 1:17). While we cannot prove that the thief had been baptized into John's baptism, neither can we prove that he wasn't. Those who argue that he wasn't baptized at all cannot prove their claim. With that said, however, we can know that the thief was in need of salvation on that cross (23:39-41).

[4] Christ did not command baptism in His name until AFTER He was raised from the dead (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16). The thief on the cross died BEFORE Jesus was raised from the dead; which means he died BEFORE that commandment was given. Hence, the thief on the cross was not subject to Christ's command to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

In the secular field, there are many laws applicable to us today that were not applicable to our forefathers. For example, the right for the government to assess income tax was established by the passing of the 16th amendment to the constitution in 1913. Could not one argue, "Since my great-grandfather paid no income tax in 1912, then I don't have to pay income tax today?" The I.R.S. would be quick to say, "That may be true of your great-grandfather, but the law under which YOU live demands payment of income taxes!"

Or think of this: President Franklin D. Roosevelt was in office for an unprecedented four consecutive terms (dying during the fourth one). Yet since that time a law was passed that limits presidents to only two consecutive terms. Could a president today not argue, "Since F.D.R. could be president for four terms, then I can be president for four terms today?" Congress would be quick to point out to him, "That may be true of President Roosevelt, but the law under which YOU reside limits you to two terms!"

So then, when one argues, "Since the thief on the cross didn't have to be baptized into Christ, then neither do we," they don't know what they are talking about. Baptism into Christ is for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). It washes away our sins (22:16). We cannot "walk in newness of life" (be born again) until we are baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). In short, the apostle Peter said, "baptism saves" (1 Pet. 3:21). The thief on the cross may have been saved without Christ's baptism when he was under the Old Covenant, but the New Covenant under which YOU live demands baptism for the remission of sins! Friends, have you obeyed this?

Aaron Vogan

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Nancy J. Mumford

Nancy J. Mumford, age 80, of Mount Gilead, passed away Sunday evening, November 19, 2023, at the Kobacker House in Columbus.

On March 5, 1943, Nancy was born at home in Mount Gilead, a daughter of the late Kenneth H. and Iris B. (Smith) Breese. She graduated from Mount Gilead High School in the Class of 1961.

First and foremost, Nancy was a wonderful homemaker and caregiver over the years. She also worked many jobs outside of the home including Whirlpool, North Electric, and even owning a small trucking company where she drove an 18-wheeler. Nancy was an extremely hard worker and she did whatever she needed to do to help her family.

A woman of faith, Nancy attended Edison Bible Church. She was very involved in the church and loved participating in the Ladies Bible Study.

While dancing with the Hicks and Chicks Square Dance Club, Nancy met her husband, Carl L. Mumford. They were married at the Mount Gilead Church of Christ on December 30, 2006, and enjoyed a special bond the last 16 years.

Nancy enjoyed tending to her flower and vegetable gardens and always canned her produce. She liked traveling, going on cruises and camping. She cherished time spent with her family. She was diligent in working on her family genealogy and spent a lot of time volunteering at the Morrow County Genealogical Society.


Nancy will always be remembered for the love she shared with her family, the care she gave to others and the work ethic she possessed. She was a jack of all trades and if she didn't know how to do something she would figure it out.

Left to cherish Nancy's memory are her husband, Carl, of Mount Gilead; two sons: Terry (Tracy) Kitts of Hilliard, Larry (Robin Serowinski) Kitts of Marion; three grandchildren: Denton, Harrison (Sara Dorne), Ian Kitts; a brother, Donn (Cindi) Breese of Melbourne, FL; four step-children: Mary (Larry) Shumaker of Canal Winchester, Bill (Latonia) Mumford of Worthington, Deanne (Gary) Scott of Marion, Jay Mumford of Marion; numerous step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; and countless nieces, nephews and extended family members.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Richard "Huey" Breese.

Nancy's family will greet friends from 1 - 3 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023, at the Snyder Funeral Homes, Mount Gilead Chapel, 67 N. Main St., Mount Gilead. Services to honor and celebrate her life will begin there at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Aaron Jaffee officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Rivercliff Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Nancy's name may be made to the Morrow County Genealogical Society or Kobacker House.

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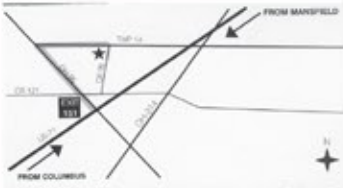
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Johnnie Lee "John" Campbell

Johnnie Lee "John" Campbell, age 64, of Mount Gilead, passed away Saturday evening, November 18, 2023, following a hard-fought battle with cancer.

On June 10, 1959, John was born in Marion, Ohio, a son of the late John C.C. "Mayo" and Naomi Ray (Wright) Campbell. He graduated from Mount Gilead High School in the Class of 1977.

For many years, John laid carpet with his cousin, Les Morgan. He sold carpet for Dixie Lane Carpet in Bucyrus and Kenton. He then switched to selling cars for Mowery Motors in Edison for nearly 20 years and later worked security at the Kroger Distribution Center in Delaware.

A man of faith, John was a member of St. Paul Lutheran in Cardington, where he was baptized in 2014. For the past 42 years John was a social member of VFW Post 8054.

Very adventurous in his younger days, John enjoyed white water rafting and boating, taking many trips to Tennessee. He liked watching sports, golfing and was an avid bowler. At times he bowled in up to four leagues a week. He often enjoyed quiet time on the deck to relax.

John will be remembered for his gift of gab. He was rather ornery and a jokester until the end.

Left to cherish John's memory are his longtime friend, companion and caregiver, Becky Kilgour, of Mount Gilead; a niece, Erica Clark and her daughters, Kylee and Danna; a nephew, Aaron Clark and his daughter, Jillian; two close cousins: Lisa Patterson and Lynette Mapp; and many other cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Campbell.

Graveside services to honor and celebrate John's life will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Rivercliff Cemetery in Mount Gilead, with Pastor Steve Dennis officiating.

Snyder Funeral Homes of Mount Gilead are honored to have been chosen to serve John's family. Special memories or condolences may be shared by visiting www.SnyderFuneralHomes.com.



Joseph Dale "Joe" Long

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the untimely passing of a local legend, Joseph Dale Long, best simply known as "Joe" or "Joe Joe", who departed from this world far too soon on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at the young age of 38. Joe was the biggest cheerleader and supporter of the entire Mount Gilead community, and he left an unforgettable mark on the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

On October 26, 1985, Joe was born in Marion General Hospital in Marion, Ohio, the third of four children of Jack Dale and Doreen Kaye (Benedict) Long. He grew up in Mount Gilead, and graduated from Mount Gilead High School in the class of 2004. This is where Joe found and fostered his love for football and where he was inspired to become "Coach Joe".

It didn't take long for Joe to find his soulmate and best friend, Sarah Ann Ernst. Joe and Sarah officially started dating their senior year, in November of 2003, and they quickly knew they were meant to be. Shortly after graduating, they were married on October 15, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Mount Gilead, Ohio. Joe loved Sarah so much, that he never wanted to leave her side. They did everything together. Joe and Sarah started out in a tiny apartment on Walnut street and with hard work and dedication, they became homeowners at the age of 20 and 21. Their family circle then grew with the addition of their wonderful children, Olivia (in 2007) and Wyatt (in 2009), who were his proudest achievements. Joe loved nothing more than to have lazy days at home with Sarah and the kids enjoying the life they had built.

Shortly after high school, Joe began working at Strawser Construction Incorporated, where he did road construction. He made such an impact on those he worked with there, that even after many years later- his past coworkers still went out of their way to visit with him. That's just how Joe was- impactful.

Joe also was well known for his big dreams and aspirations, and in February of 2019 he chased one of those dreams. One night he and a friend dreamed up the idea of creating a local sports bar in the town he loved, The Endzone Bar & Grill. He chased that dream and never looked back, even enduring the Covid-19 lockdown soon after opening with the support of his family and friends. He truly loved everything about the Endzone; his staff, his patrons, supporting local artists, and on and on, and most especially giving all of the local athletes in the entire county a place to gather before and after their games.

To say Joe was a huge football fan would be a major understatement. Growing up, he had a family member from Wisconsin and after one taste of being a Cheesehead, a Green Bay Packer fan, there was no turning back for Joe. He was instantly hooked and a true die-hard fan for life. He and Sarah even went to several Packer games, and the last two of their magical trips were with the kids. He also insisted on going with family and friends on his annual weekend excursion to the Hall of Fame game and induction ceremony, no matter the circumstances. Joe then combined his love for football, his community, and for kids, to become "Coach Joe". He was a Mount Gilead Indians youth and junior high football coach for nearly 10 years. His commitment to his players extended far beyond the field, as he selflessly invested his time, energy, and wisdom into shaping not just athletes, but also nurturing their character and resilience to become great young men. He was an exemplary mentor, always willing to go the extra mile for the sake of his team. The huge impact he had on his players lives will extend "well beyond the game of football."

Joe was a great man with a huge heart. He "was the best of Mount Gilead personified. Warm, welcoming, innocent and honest." He was "selfless beyond belief, and humble." "He was a friend to so many." "Joe was genuine. He gave so much to so many, never expecting anything in return." He loved and saw the very best in everyone. Joseph's presence within the Mount Gilead community was one of immeasurable value as he "served his family, his community, his school, and so many young men with such enthusiasm, energy, and passion." His absence will be keenly felt by all who were touched by him. His legacy of compassion and selflessness will endure as a testament to the impact one person can make in the lives of others.

Joe was a man of deep Christian faith, and he loved attending Mount Gilead Church of Christ with his kids.

Left to cherish Joe's memory are his beloved wife: Sarah Long; two adored children: Olivia and Wyatt Long; his parents: Jack and Doreen Long; two brothers: Jay (Sarah) Long, and John Long; his father and mother-in-law: Tammy and Dale Ernst; two sisters and two brothers-in-law: Darci (Ryan) High, Laura (Ryan) Brown, Daniel (Ashley) Ernst, and Jonathon (Tori) Ernst; 13 cherished nieces and nephews: Emma, Chloe, and Evelyn Long, Colten, Owen, and Logan High, Mallory, Lillian, Asher, Grady, and Walker Brown, Elijah and Lyle Ernst; his best friend and cousin, Nick (Courtney) Long; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and dear friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his infant sister, Jennie Rebecca Long, grandparents Richard A. and Lucille J. Benedict and grandparents Jackie L. and Marilyn M. Long.

His family will greet friends from 2 - 6 pm on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at the Gilead Friends Church, 4863 US-42, Mount Gilead. Services honoring his life and dedication to his community, family and friends will also be held there at 10:30 am on Monday, with Pastor Doug Bryan officiating. Burial will follow in Rivercliff Cemetery in Mount Gilead. Everyone is encouraged to wear your favorite sport teams jerseys and attire on both Sunday and Monday, just like Joe would have wanted it. You will get bonus points for Green Bay Packer / Cheesehead or Mount Gilead Indians attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Olivia and Wyatt Long Scholarship Fund and they may be sent to the funeral home: Snyder Funeral Homes, 67 N. Main St., Mount Gilead, OH 43338.

On behalf of Joe's family, they would like to extend a HUGE "Thank you" for the outpouring of love and support they have felt from everyone in the Mount Gilead community and beyond.

Joe Long will forever remain etched in our memories and our hearts as a shining example of love, enthusiasm, chasing your dreams, and unwavering dedication and friendship. His spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him and in the Mount Gilead community where he was so beloved. One of his friends said it best: "Just be like Joe".

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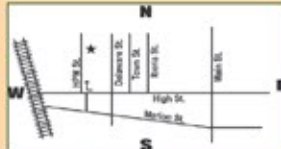


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