



## John Ray Arganbright

April 28, 1943 - January 14, 2022

John Ray Arganbright, age 78, of Huntley IL, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 14, 2022.

John was born on April 28, 1943, in West Jefferson, Ohio to Ray and Oleta (Zucker) Arganbright. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis (Bootie) Norris Arganbright, daughter, Traci, daughter in law, Elizabeth, grandchildren, Austin, Raegen (T.J.), Jensen & Gianna, and great-grandchildren, Myah and Jones. John is also survived by three brothers; Joe (Judy), Deane (Susan), and Jim (Shirley), brother-in-law, Mike (Teresa) Norris, mother-in-law, Nini Norris, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and loved ones.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Oleta, father, Ray, and son, Todd Arganbright.

Some of the greatest moments of John's life (other than family events) came in his high school sports endeavors. He was selected to the "All Ohio" Baseball team his senior year in high school, played on a State Champion American League team, played 4 years of basketball and 4 years of high school baseball with brother Joe, while both making all-league in each sport. John was also proud to coach his son and daughter's sports teams throughout their years of schooling. John attended North Carolina State University and graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in business. He worked in retail (Sears US, Sears Canada, Montgomery Wards, and Tandy) for over 35 years and 14 years as V.P. of Sales and Marketing for Panasonic. He played basketball and baseball in college and minor league

baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. John's love of his family, politics, sports, and The Ohio State University were the hallmarks of his life. John traveled much of his work career and lived in eleven cities (5 states and Canada) during his lifetime. During his 32 years at Sears (started on the docks in Columbus in 1964), he held many different managerial assignments. He worked at Sears Canada both as an employee and a consultant, and later at Montgomery Ward headquarters, The Hoover Company in Canton, Ohio, and Computer City a Tandy company in Ft. Worth Texas before becoming V.P. for Panasonic, Secaucus, NJ, and Danville KY. The longest time John and wife Phyllis (Bootie) ever lived in one location was in their Del Webb home in Huntley, IL. Since John's retirement in 2012 he enjoyed spending time with family, being involved in many clubs/organizations, and being a part of the Sun City fellowship. John was the greatest husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to so many. We will miss his stories, playing Euchre, his signature "whoot" noise that he made so we all knew he was there, the texts and calls to talk about sports, and most of all his love and guidance that he so perfectly shared, making each person feel they were so special. Dad – You are the "Wind Beneath My Wings." You and Todd take care of each other, and I call dibs on being your Euchre partner when I get there. I love you. Trace John- I love and miss you so much. You take care of our boy, and Traci and I will keep things in order here until we all reunite again as the family of four that we are meant to be. Love- Bootcakes

A celebration of life for John and his son Todd will take place in Columbus, Ohio in the summer of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Ohio State University "Champion's Fund" to support all student-athletes. The Ohio State University Foundation P.O. Box 710811 Columbus, Ohio 43271 Champion's Fund #314925

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Ray Arganbright*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *John was my manager at Panasonic Danville KY and taught me much about the time importance of the buyer/seller relationship. He was a fatherly figure within the office and well liked by all. Family was very important and he talked often about Traci and Todd's life challenges. He made the extra effort to maintain and grow relationships and his impact of all who knew him is missed.*

**Jeff Vogel** - January 29, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *As a friend and colleague of John's for nearly 20 years, I can say that he exemplified a person everyone would like to know. John was a friend to so many he met through the companies he represented. John touched many people with his gentleness and quiet but firm resolve. John was one of those rare people who just build friendships with everyone he met. He loved being surrounded by colleagues, talking about his Buckeyes and the Bengals. I had the great pleasure of knowing him through his work, but I often felt we could have been friends who just shared common interests. And, how he loved his family and would share with me the latest news. I shall miss the gentle giant of a man who gave great handshakes and would grab you out of a group of people and shine his light right into you. God shared with us an angel of a man who loved his family, his work and his friends. John will be missed by so many of us. God called him home early to be waiting to welcome those close to him.*

**Wayne Morris** - January 24, 2022 at 11:42 PM

JM

“ On behalf of the members, staff and Board of Directors of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) I offer our sincere condolences to Booty and John's family upon his passing. John was a beloved member of our association and a leader in the appliance industry. He played an instrumental role in the formation of AHAM's Floor Care Division in 2004 when he was an executive with Panasonic. John served as the first Chairman of the Division and was a member of AHAM's Board of Directors. He had a positive impact. He made us smile. He made a difference. We will miss him and are fortunate to have known John and worked with him.

*Joe McGuire  
President and CEO  
AHAM*

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**Joe McGuire** - January 21, 2022 at 04:26 PM

DA

“ As we reflect upon John's life, there is much to celebrate: his unbounded devotion to his family, his excelling as an athlete, his achievements of a worthy education and of an extraordinarily successful business career, his dedication to remaining productive in retirement, serving as a defender of others, and continuing as a truly delightful teller of treasured stories. Beyond that, he was a great brother upon whom we could always rely. He is sadly missed, but he will never be forgotten.

*Deane and Susan Arganbright*

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**Deane & Susan Arganbright** - January 20, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JF

“ *Jon and Jennifer Arganbright and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Ray Arganbright.*



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**Jon and Jennifer Arganbright and Family** - January 20, 2022  
at 08:26 AM

CB

“ *I am so saddened by your loss . We have been friends since the 8th grade. Many good times together. My heart hurts for you. I am only a plane ride away. Love you*

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**Cindy Burton** - January 19, 2022 at 05:42 PM