



## John A. Weeks

September 13, 1937 - November 14, 2021

ADRIAN – John A. Weeks, 84, of Adrian passed away early Sunday morning, November 14, 2021, under the loving care Hospice of Lenawee.

Born September 13, 1937, at Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio to Henry and Helen Weeks. On July 2, 1960, he married Virginia “Ginny” Colway in Toledo, Ohio. They shared 61 years together of love and memories.

John graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1955 and received his undergraduate degree from Albion College in 1959. He went on to receive his Master’s and PhD in Modern British History from The Ohio State University.

Once he completed his degrees, he started his career teaching history at West Liberty State College (now University) in Wheeling, West Virginia. John then went on to teach at Adrian College for 28 years. Throughout his career working with young adults, they had a significant impact on him, while at the same time he hoped to influence their lives.

While at Adrian College he not only taught but was the Men’s and Women’s swim coach for 12 years, the football spotter and announcer for approximately 25 years. He also received the Bulldog Award, Professor of Excellence Award, and this past fall the AC Stewardship Award.

John was a 51-year member of Civitan of Lenawee where he served as a member, Club Officer, Area and District Officer and Governor (2000-2001), Michigan District Foundation. Through his membership in Civitan he also was the Lenawee Special Olympics Chair for two years.

He summered in Bay View, Michigan for over 50 years where he was active in the recreation program, stage manager for numerous plays and musicals. John was also a member of the choir and served as the Director of the Bay View Achieves for over 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. John is survived by his loving wife Ginny, daughters Brenda Maloney, Deb (Rick) Mitchler, and his "Sweet Granddaughter", Ashley.

John was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church of Adrian. Memorial services will be at the church on Friday, November 26, 2021, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Eric Stone officiating. Visitation will be an hour before the service. At a later date, interment will occur in the Bay View Memorial Gardens. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at <http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com>.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hospice of Lenawee for the personalized care John received.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the HOPE Community Center, Bay View Recreation Department (<https://www.bayviewassociation.org/give-a-gift/>) or Hospice of Lenawee. (<https://www.hospiceoflenawee.org/donate.php>)

# Cemetery

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**Bay View Memorial Gardens**

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# Events

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**NOV Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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First United Methodist Church

1245 West Maple Avenue, Adrian, MI, US

**NOV Memorial Service 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Wagley Funeral Home** - November 24, 2021 at 04:58 PM

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“ It was with great sadness that I learned (just yesterday) that John had passed away. I remember him and his mother, father, and sister, Carol, from my days at DeVilbiss High School and Monroe St. U. M. Church in Toledo, Ohio. It was John who encouraged me to go to Albion College and to belong to the Goodrich Club co-op house. Those days bring back many fond memories and led to lifelong friendships. John was also my roommate at Goodrich Club his senior year. His was a life well lived and his positive impact on many lives through his teaching and community service must have given him great satisfaction. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Ginny and his family. I will miss John; his memory will be with me forever. Rest in peace my friend.

Dick Swain

**Richard Swain** - December 01, 2021 at 06:47 AM

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“ My heartfelt sympathies to the family for your loss. I was one of his many students. He inspired me to carry on the profession. In fact, I just returned from my own world civilization course meeting to find a note on his passing. I have no doubt some of the things I learned from him are being passed on to my students. I also still have some of the books from his library that he shared with me and others when he retired. It was a generous thing for one historian to do for another. I will always have fond memories of the smell of his pipe floating down the corridor in Jones Hall letting me know he was in his office.

Paul Buckingham, Class of '91

**Paul Buckingham** - November 22, 2021 at 11:22 AM

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“ My prayers go out to you, Ginny, and your family. I was fortunate to have John as a professor at Adrian College and enjoyed the stories of history he taught us.

Tim Aldrich

Tim Aldrich - November 21, 2021 at 11:16 PM

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“ John and I were colleagues at Adrian College for many years. Conversations in the Jones Hall Faculty Lounge were always enjoyable, especially this time of year when Michigan was preparing to defeat the "school down south." It's too bad, John, that we haven't been in contact in recent years when your school has "owned" mine in football. Thank you for the good advice you gave me on ACAP issues --- much appreciated! My sincere condolences go to Ginny and daughters. The photo of John perfectly catches the sly grin and glint in his eye that I remember so well.

Jim Watson

Jim Watson - November 21, 2021 at 05:38 PM

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“ As my colleague at Adrian College, John--or Dr. Weeks, as I continue to think of him--was a great mentor; as a friend, he was funny and smart. What's more, as my former professor, he generously made sure I knew he was proud of me. That sparkle in his eyes and the orange necktie will always live on. Ginny, you are in my heart. Much love to you and the family.

Beth Myers - November 21, 2021 at 11:08 AM

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“ My thoughts are with your family . He was a great professor and coach . He will be missed

wendy suarez - November 19, 2021 at 12:37 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Weeks.



November 18, 2021 at 10:35 PM

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“ Ginny, we were so sorry to hear of John's passing. We will miss him in Bay View!  
Jim and Jan Amy

Jan Amy - November 18, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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“ I'll always remember his friendly face that greeted me throughout all our years together at McKinley Grade School and DeVilbiss High School. Many wonderful years and then an occasional reunion. To me he was a loyal and great classmate. But to view his obituary, he was so much more and touched so many lives. He'll surely be missed. RIP dear friend.

Roger Lippincott - November 17, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Roger Lippincott - November 17, 2021 at 05:00 PM

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“ Sitting next to John in the bass section I admired many of his qualities. There are two that I remember most as I am writing this. The first was John's sense of humor. He would find something funny, there would be a twinkle in his eye and then he would give a good laugh. The second was his devotion to his family, particularly his children and his granddaughter. John was very proud of all of you. He will be sorely missed by family and friends alike.

“May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

Michael Graham

Mike Graham - November 17, 2021 at 04:04 PM

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“ Ginny, was so sorry to hear of John's passing. I considered him my Civitan friend, golf partner and a true mentor. He had a large voice and a larger heart. He will be missed. I'm sorry I will be in the Upper Peninsula during his service but you and family will be in my prayers. Love Marta

Marta Ford - November 16, 2021 at 05:56 PM

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“ Barb And Gabi Blumenauer lit a candle in memory of John A. Weeks



Barb and Gabi Blumenauer - November 16, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John A. Weeks.



November 16, 2021 at 10:37 AM

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“ Ginny, my heart is so sad, but it is also filled with so many incredible memories! I have always called you Ginny; however Dr. Weeks has for almost 50 years always been Dr. Weeks! I never thought I would minor in history while at Adrian College earning my elementary teaching degree, but once I took my required history course from him, I fell in love with history! Maybe I need to honestly rephrase that and say that I fell in love with history as long as Dr. Weeks was the professor!!!! It was always a joy to see both of you, and he was a major source of support as I became a college professor! Sending you so much love! My life was forever changed for good because I knew him!!! Dee Crane

**Dee Crane** - November 15, 2021 at 09:27 PM

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“ Ginny, Brenda, Debbie and Ashley, we are saddened to hear the news of John. We shared so many great times at your cottage during our early years in Bay View. We particularly remember the bridge games that included Granny and Barb as the refreshment server. We have such wonderful memories of all working in the recreation program. We will miss a dear friend. Barb and Steve Turkal

**Barb and Steve Turkal** - November 15, 2021 at 05:39 PM

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“ I am grateful to John for many things, among them was the hospitality John and Ginny showed me during his invitation for me to speak at Bay View. I also enjoyed many years of bantering with John in the pressbox during football games. I also remember him as an avid reader and enjoyed talking about American history with him. Thank you, John.



**Fritz Detwiler** - November 15, 2021 at 01:38 PM

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“ Super sad to hear the news about John. I used to work at the Petoskey Which Wich and every summer John and Ginny would come in every Tuesday. I could spot their car pull in usually around 11 and I would always have his sub made and ready by the time they got in the door because he always ordered the same 7 inch cold white bread with ham, American cheese and mayo every time. Ginny would some times pull a fast one me and switch up her order but she usually ordered the same thing as well. John and Ginny were by far my favorite customers and always enjoyed seeing them every Tuesday. I wish Ginny and the rest of the family best of wishes during this sad time.

Hayden Oberg - November 15, 2021 at 12:29 PM

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“ John was a great Bay View Member, volunteer and Rec club leader. He was my Cub leader and Bay View historian. He lead by example sharing his gifts and talents to help others make things better. He will be missed. Gods blessing to him and his family - Ginny, Brenda and Deb thank you for sharing your husband and father with us over the years. God be with you until we meet again,  
Karl "Kegs" Hansen

Karl Hansen - November 15, 2021 at 10:07 AM

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“ My heart is sad today, John and I always had a good time together, especially during the Civitan Hope Center event. Jack and I will always treasure our memories of him. We are praying for you Ginny and your family. May you feel God's love and healing grace during this difficult time.

Jennifer Griffith - November 15, 2021 at 08:57 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Weeks.



November 15, 2021 at 08:38 AM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to you, Ginny and to your family. I’m sorry John did not get to watch another fall Michigan-OSU game, as I could just hear the ribbing he’d likely give us! We have many memories of his voice... both in conversation/ speaking and in singing! What a gift he shared with the church! You all are in our prayers at this difficult time. Sue and Tim

**Allshouse** - November 14, 2021 at 06:51 PM