



Colenzo Jay Short

November 29, 1934 - October 15, 2021

FAYETTE, OH – Colenzo Jay Short, age 86, of Fayette, died peacefully early Friday morning, October 15, 2021, surrounded by his family. He was born November 29, 1934, at home in Pettisville to the late Harold and Ruth (Grieser) Short. After moving to Fayette, Colenzo attended Gorham-Fayette Schools, where he graduated from in 1952; he was happy to call Fayette home ever since. Colenzo proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Reserves.

After meeting the former Joy Hesselschwardt at a dance, he quickly fell in love—and the rest is history. They married on May 30, 1958, in Delaware Bend, OH.

Colenzo held in high regard the value of hard work. He learned the trade of woodworking and cabinetry while he was employed for twelve years at the former Leininger Home Supply in Elmira. Possessing an entrepreneurial spirit, he then took a risk to go out on his own, and became the sole owner and operator of Short's Cabinet Shop in Fayette, which yielded him much success for over 40 years. His meticulous and quality craftsmanship is displayed in hundreds of kitchens and bathrooms in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. At the same time, he also worked as an independent licensed real estate agent and sold aluminum frame windows. Never idle, Colenzo spent his spare time maintaining his yard and working around the home.

Colenzo proudly built his family home where he and Joy raised their children and made countless memories over the years as the family grew. His talent at woodworking was expressed in treasured keepsakes he personally crafted for each member of his family.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Fayette was Colenzo and Joy's Church family. Colenzo was a member of the Gorham-Fayette Volunteer Fire Department for over 25 years, and served as a respected member of the Gorham-Fayette School Board in the 1970's. He loved to travel and was blessed to have visited each state in the Union as well as extensive traveling in Western Europe. For the past 10 years, Colenzo enjoyed each winter with his bride at South Padre Island, TX.

Colenzo will be sorely missed for his loving nature, his wisdom and sensible advice, and his quick-witted sense of humor. Surviving in addition to his wife of over 63 years, Joy, are three children, Jerry (Linda) Short of Fayette, Jon (Judi) Short of Antwerp, OH, and Julie Schumacher of Cincinnati; a daughter-in-law, Brigid Short of Cincinnati; two sisters, Shirley (Larry) Stuckey and Connie Short both of Archbold; seven grandchildren, Kyle (Mandy), Kurt (Nicole), Kody, TJ (Erin), Sierra (Anthony), Peyton, and Alexandra; a step-grandson, Alex; four great-grandchildren, Scarlett, Mercy, Ryker, and Tate; and a soon-to-be great-granddaughter, Amara; and a step- great granddaughter, Nyara.

Preceding Colenzo in death were his parents; two sons, Terry and Jeffrey Short; a brother, Harold Short, Jr.; and a son-in-law, Mark Schumacher.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Monday, October 18, 2021, from 4-8 p.m. at the Family Life Center on the campus of the Fayette United Methodist Church; and again one hour before the service. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m., also at the Family Life Center, with Father Stephen Stanbery officiating. Rite of Committal will follow in Pleasant View Union Cemetery in Fayette.

Memorial Contributions in honor of Colenzo are suggested to the Fayette Volunteer Fire Department Association, Our Lady of Mercy Church, or the Family Life Center.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, Michigan.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Center
306 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Family Life Center
306 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Colenzo Jay Short*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Colenzo Jay Short.*



October 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Colenzo Jay Short.*



October 18, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Colenzo Jay Short.*



October 17, 2021 at 04:00 PM

DM

“ *To all the family,
You are in our Thoughts and prayers at this time as you travel through this journey of grief. His cabinets remain in our house as a reminder of one of his many talents left behind to remind us of his prescence. He will remain in your hearts forever as too all those he touched with his stories and kindness.
Dave & Cook Mangas*



D & C Mangas - October 17, 2021 at 01:55 PM



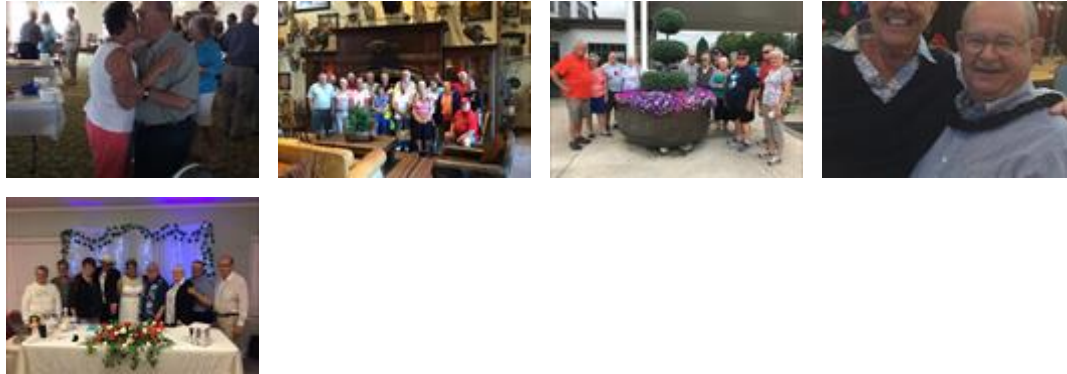
“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Colenzo Jay Short.*



October 17, 2021 at 11:18 AM

CT

“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



Cornelia Tietel - October 16, 2021 at 04:43 PM

CT

“ *Cornelia Tietel purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Colenzo Jay Short.*



Cornelia Tietel - October 16, 2021 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ *Jerry, John and Joy, so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your families in my prayers. He was fun to talk to.*



Shirley Bowers - October 15, 2021 at 10:40 PM

KW

“ *I will always remember and be thankful for being able to talk to Colonzo before the Antwerp ballgames. Our sympathy to all. Keith West*

Keith West - October 15, 2021 at 10:06 PM

CP

“ Met him in Texas what a great friend he has been to all the winter Texans love to joy and I do know how hard this is. Consider yourself hugged from me in Minnesota. Carole

carole polzin - October 15, 2021 at 09:50 PM

CN

“ So sorry for your loss. CJ will be missed but never forgotten. You were our very first friends we met on SPI. You dragged me out of my shell playing games and socializing. Those were to best times ever getting to know you guys and meet your family. So glad you and yours got to be a part of our lives. And all the way from Ohio.

Prayers for you, Joy, and your family.

Dale and Candie Nelson.

Minnesota friends

candie Nelson - October 15, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Colenzo Jay Short.



October 15, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Colenzo Jay Short.



October 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM