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John A. Ackerman, age 66, of North Ridgeville, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at University Hospital in Elyria.

John was born in Elyria and had been a lifelong resident of North Ridgeville.

He worked as an electrical engineer for Ridge Tool, retiring in 2025 after 40 years.

John was a H.A.M. radio operator and enjoyed farming and raising chickens.

Survivors include his father, Ted Ackerman Sr. of North Ridgeville, brother, Ted (Carol) Ackerman Jr. of Shreve, sisters, Barbara (Jack) Hoyt of New Russia Twp., Jill Brentzel of Austin, Texas, nieces and nephews Janelle (Jeff) White, Andrew (April) Ackerman, Sarah (Christian) Sent, Rebecca (James) Reynolds, Benjamin (Amanda) Hoyt, Julia (Robbie) Beall, Jakob Brentzel, many great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ann (nee Diederich) Ackerman and brother-in-law, Brent Brentzel.

Private services were held.



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KS

Kiernan Snider posted:

I'm grateful I had the chance to work with John so early in my engineering career. I can advocate for Craig's observation - John had a profound impact on many young engineers, myself included. John helped me develop the knowledge and confidence to do my job effectively. He was always a joy to work with, and it was great to have someone so approachable to ask questions. My condolences to John's friends and family.

January 21 at 11:02 AM

TM

Tom Mcelwaine posted:

My sincere condolences to John's family. He was a standup guy and will be missed. John worked for me for most of his time at Ridge (about 35 yrs). He was a wealth of knowledge on products and lab equipment and was always willing to share that knowledge with anyone who needed it. I enjoyed working with John and always appreciated his input and leadership in the lab. My thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family.

January 17 at 5:17 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Ackerman family.



January 15 at 5:09 AM

DL

David Leyva posted:

John Ackerman was a good man and great to work with. He always helped me when I needed his expertise. He liked to joke around and always made me laugh. He made work fun. I will miss our phone conversations the most. My deepest condolences to his friends and family.

January 14 at 8:30 AM



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Craig Nitchman posted:

I worked along side with John for 35 years. John was a trustworthy friend.I can say with certainty, he was very well liked and respected. He was smart and talented: he shared his knowledge freely with others. He was always kind, always letting you know he cared when you suffered a loss. John was helpful to all. He never looked down on anyone.John was also very funny and could make any day better, any job more enjoyable, just by being there.He came across as being a private individual, but he was a genuine, decent guy: the real deal, an honest, ethical, God fearing man.He often worked with young, highly talented Engineers. John had an enthusiasm that caught on with young people: they instantly admired and appreciated him.I will miss my wonderful friend. We shared some great times and struggles together. I treasure my memories of him.He loved his family and was a good son and brother. I kidded him at times that I was jealous that he had sisters. My condolences and prayers to his family.Craig Nitchman

January 14 at 6:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ackerman family.



January 14 at 5:52 AM



Carol Ackerman posted:

We enjoyed sitting on the porch with John as a family this past summer having hot baked pretzels and snow cones. Chatting and admiring the beautiful flowers in our garden, watching the hummingbirds come to the feeder and little wren that hatched her baby birds in our hanging flower basket. Observing each intricate butterfly and bumblebee that drew nectar from the flowers. All this beauty given and made by the hand of God for our pleasure and enjoyment. For all those that have placed their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior we have the promise Heaven as our eternal home, and nothing on this earth compares to the beauty in Heaven with a street of pure gold for us to walk on. No more pain or dying, no sickness, sorrow or separation from loved ones. And a new glorified body. Best of all though is our Savior we shall see face to face with the nail prints still in his hands bearing witness of his death, burial, and resurrection, and how he died to pay the price for our sins and we may enter the glories of Heaven.In loving memory, Ted & Carol Ackerman

January 14 at 4:47 AM



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Tom Molenaar posted:

John Ackerman was a great colleague and wonderful person. I'm deeply saddened to learn of his passing, my condolences to his family. Tom Molenaar

January 14 at 1:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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