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John Costin was a product of a tough chapter in American and World history; The Great Depression and World War II. Having grown up during this time, he became a man at the age of 10 when his mother unexpectedly died in her early 30s. This left a large family of seven young boys alone with a father who worked long hours at US Steel in Lorain. Costin, being a remarkably self-sacrificing individual, quit school having attained a sixth grade education. He set off to work in order to support the family during these hard times. When the Great Depression took its toll on the men and women of Lorain, he signed up for the Civilian Conservation Corps. and was taken into the Pacific Northwest where he developed an exceptionally hard work ethic and had nearly every penny he earned sent home to his family. After a long, hard day on the jackhammer, he spent his evenings boxing and playing other sports. He was a natural athlete who enjoyed baseball and men's volleyball. Having returned from Oregon, he ran around with a large group of guys in South Lorain and gained the nickname "Kush". He was known at that time for his magnetic personality as well as a tough right hook. During World War II, he volunteered and enlisted in the Navy and following that he returned to Lorain and married Eva DeSantis on July 7, 1945. This 65 year marriage resulted in two sons and a small family owned and operated cleaning business. Pouring every muscle and ounce of sweat into it, his hard work ethic led to the very successful Costin Custom Cleaners. Having come from nothing, he was able to raise both sons and put them through higher education culminating in one PhD and one MD. He continued his cleaning business until 2003 when at the age of 83 he rather reluctantly retired. He passed away on March 1, 2011 in his sleep, surrounded by loved ones. He is survived by his wife, Eva, his sons Darryl and John, six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

During his numerous years on the job he was noted for whistling and old Nat King Cole tune called "Pretend". The main lyric was "pretend you're happy when you're blue, it isn't very hard to do." This is a line that we could all benefit from. He practiced his Christian faith at the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lorain. This faith tells us that there is no need to pretend we're happy today,



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but rather to be happy and celebrate the life of a great man whose body rests here, but whose spirit has gone home to eternal life.

In closing, I take a line from Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation*, where he wrote "we who followed this generation have lived in the midst of greatness." Make no mistake about it; John Costin was one of the Greatest of that generation!




The Costin Family will receive family and friends on Friday, March 4, 2011 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst where closing prayers will be said at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Church of St. Peter, 3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, Rev. Craig Hovanec, Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst. Twp.

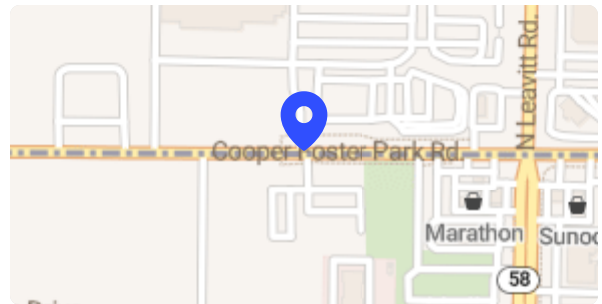


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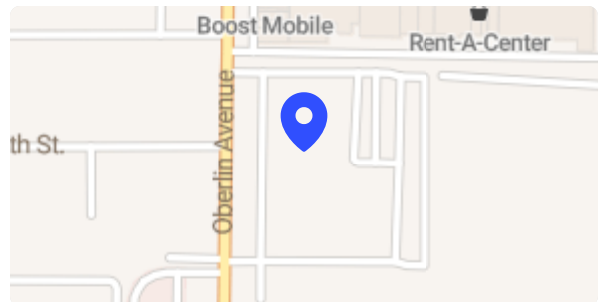
Visitation

-  **Friday**, March 4, 2011
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001






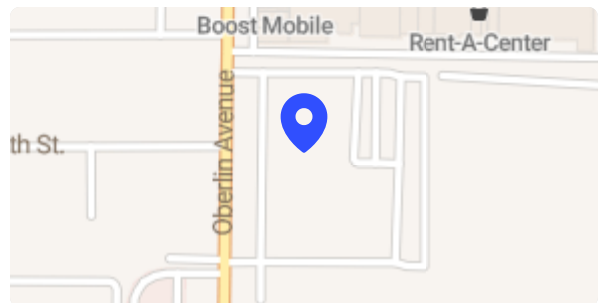
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CC

Corie Kovach, Md - Amherst, Oh - Patient Family/Colleague posted:

Dear Dr. Costin & Family, We are very sorry for your loss. Your father is a remarkable man and has been the cornerstone of a remarkable family. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Corie Kovach, MD (also granddaughter of patients John & Mina Pugel)

March 7 at 8:00 PM

AN

Anne Norris - Nuse And Old Neighbor posted:

Dear Costin Family, John, I was sorry to read about your father's death. It was a beautiful memory of him. He was a great man in spirit, faith, and family. These are all the things that make a person rich and blessed in this life. The only comfort is he is now in a much more glorious place waiting on his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Anne Norris

March 5 at 8:00 PM

JF

James H. Keiser & Family - Friend posted:

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your husband, father, and grand/great grandfather. We had the pleasure of knowing John for many years as both customers and neighbors. He will always be remembered as a gentleman and gentle soul.

March 4 at 8:00 PM

VF

Valerie (Mcconihe) Stark - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

Dear Costin Family - I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Costin. I have such fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Costin, especially during the 60's at many Lorain High School Events. How proud you must be of him, and, what a legacy he has left with his children and grandchildren (he was SO proud of all of you!!). My husband and I are currently in Florida, so I will be unable to attend the services, but, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. Love to you all, Val

March 4 at 8:00 PM

KC

Kathryn Olsen - Nurse Worked With Dr. Costin posted:

Dear Dr. Costin and family: You and your whole family are so wonderful and kind to everyone who knows you, and the beautiful memory which you wrote in the paper is so fitting. I am so sorry for your loss, and my prayers are with you all.

March 4 at 8:00 PM



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EJ

Elias I. Traboulsi - Pepper Pike, Oh - Friend Of John Jr. And John Iii posted:

Dear John and family Please accept my sincere condolences. I cannot begin to imagine how proud he must have been of you and you of him. He is in a wonderful place. Elias

March 3 at 8:00 PM

KF

Kent Hageman & Family - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

To Eva and Family, Our deepest sympathy. John will be missed. He was ALWAYS a Gentleman. I will miss "hey, do you have a HOT one for me". Kent Hageman & Family

March 3 at 8:00 PM

MF

Mary Dan - Friend posted:

Dr Costin and family Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your Dad. I remember him as a gentleman and a gentle man. John ,my husband ,grew up with John and the Costin family. My John has been walking down Memory Lane a lot the last couple days. Visitations have become difficult . We both have trouble walking and standing for any lenght of time is almost impossible. Our hearts will be with you though.. John and Mary Dan

March 3 at 8:00 PM

GN

Gary Yovan - Oro Valley, Az - Nephew posted:

The obituary brought back memories of one of the most interesting people I have known. The extended families enjoyed his presence in their lives, and I regret not speaking with him in the last few years. I know that the Costin family will temper their grief by remembering what a rich life he had and how much he accomplished. My sincerest sympathy to all.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

NN

Nancy Yovan - Avon, Oh - Niece posted:

I just heard the news about Uncle John's passing. I am at such a loss - I can only imagine what Aunt Eva and family are going through. Please know that you are all in my prayers. He was such a great man - Everybody that knew him loved him and I feel truly blessed to have had him as my Uncle. It gives me peace knowing that he is with my Dad and all the family that went on before him. God Bless all of you in this very difficult time.

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BF

Bettina And Neal Hotelling - Pebble Beach , Ca - Friends posted:

Our heartfelt prayers for comfort and the Lord's peace are extended to Eva and her dear family whom we have come to love.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

DV

Donna Davis For Kingston Of Vermilion - Was His Stna At Kingson Of Vermi posted:

God Bless to all he was a great man enjoy every minute taking care of him at Kingston On night shift and I am Nancy's sister

March 3 at 8:00 PM

NG

Nancy Anderson - Care Giver posted:

I will miss John more than anyone will ever know. He was the greastest man il ever had the pleasure of taking care of. Thank You for letting me be a part of your family. nancy

March 2 at 8:00 PM

DC

David Bronson - Cleveland, Oh - Friend Of John Costin, Md posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know how much you and your family loved and respected this remarkable man. I'm sorry that I can't be with you this weekend as I'll be in Chicago, but do know that I'll be thinking of of your Dad and the boys he raised.BestDavid

March 2 at 8:00 PM

TF

Thomas R. Curtis - North Ft. Myers , FI - Friend Of The Family posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you, as we mourn the loss of this great man. He served as a fine example of what a good Christain man could and should be, with the love and support of his wonderful wife Eva. His proud legacy now lives on through his sons and their families. May God bless and comfort you. Tom Curtis, retired Optician, North Ft. Myers, Florida.

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DW

Deanna Bayusz Tomaszewski - Wakeman, Oh posted:

What memories we have growing up on the east side of Lorain (Missouri Ave.) of the whistling dry cleaner man. John would come to the back door whistling and say "dry cleaning". If our Mom was busy he would just step in the kitchen and put the clothes in the kitchen closet and pick up whatever Mom had out for him. Those were the days! John: you will be missed by your loving family and many many friends. May the Lord now hold you in his loving arms and say: "Well done John!" Deanna Bayusz Tomaszewski, Wakeman, OH and Wayne Bayusz, Tucson, AZ. (childhood friend of John II and Daryl.)

March 2 at 8:00 PM

GG

Gail And Smitty Haller - Rocky River, Oh - Good Friends Of Darryl And Ginny posted:

Gail and I met John a couple of years ago at Darryl, Jr. wedding. What a wonderful person. He will be missed, but his spirit will live forever in the role model he provided to his sons and their wives and children. Know that we hold all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

March 1 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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