



## Jon Gregory Fields

July 14, 1947 - March 10, 2018

Jon Gregory Fields, age 70 - dessert connoisseur, businessman extraordinaire, grilled cheese master chef, lover of all things fast, shiny and vintage, private helicopter pilot, hopelessly devoted family man and utterly adored father, screeched across the finish line, tore past the checkered flag and zipped right on through those heavenly gates on Saturday, March 10th 2018.

Greg was born in Knott County Kentucky on July 14, 1947, the son of Melvin and Imogene (Pigman) Fields. The family eventually made their way to the rolling hills of southeastern Ohio, where Greg was raised alongside his three brothers – Doug, Ron and Mitch Fields in Jackson county. Greg attended Lick local elementary school and attended Jackson High School where he met his lifelong sweetheart, Sally. He graduated from JHS in 1966 and went on to attend The University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande, Ohio where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

After graduating from college, Greg and Sally headed down south to Live Oak, Florida where Greg accepted the position of Recreational Director for the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch. Through out his life Greg shared fond memories of his often comedic and heartfelt adventures while working with at-risk youth. Although his time at the ranch was short-lived, it was valuable and

positively influenced his life in many ways.

Greg and Sally moved back to Jackson in 1972 where they started their family and his entrepreneurial career began. In March of 1972 Greg entered into the waste management industry when he purchased his first landfill and established Sanitary Commercial Services in Jackson, Ohio. He grew the business substantially with 3 landfills servicing customers in 21 counties across Ohio and West Virginia before eventually negotiating the sale of the company and two spin-offs in 1989.

Greg tried out the retirement lifestyle for a short stint but quickly realized his heart and mind belonged in business. An avid classic car enthusiast and lover of automobiles (particularly Corvettes) Greg decided to purchase Dallas Chevrolet – a small sales, service and body shop operation in Jackson where he once worked as a salesperson during his college years. The epitome of "Go Big or Go Home" Greg eventually acquired the franchises for Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Buick. A savvy real estate and property management professional, Greg purchased and directed the remodeling of a Walmart store to become the headquarters for the company's GM sales, service and body shop operations, which serviced the tri-state area.

After nearly 20 years in the automobile industry, Greg closed the doors of the Dallas Automotive Group, and tried yet another futile attempt at retirement before eventually taking on the role of Operations Manager of Recycling for Alpha Omega Recycling where he was responsible for the start up and operations of waste stream recycling for Ohio Precious Metals in Jackson.

Greg received a number of awards and was affiliated with an array of valuable organizations in his beloved community. A few highlights include receiving an Honorary Master of Public Service from The University of Rio Grande in 1989 and then again being awarded with an Honorary Doctor of Public Service from

the same institution in 2007. The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce named him Entrepreneur of the Year in 2001. Greg served as a member of the Community Improvement Corporation Board in Jackson, he was a past president and member of the Jackson Area YMCA Board of Directors, past member of the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association Board of Trustees, Paul Harris Fellow and past president of the Jackson Rotary Club, past Chairman of the University of Rio Grande Board of Trustees, past Vice President and member of Jackson Jaycees and Chairman of the 2007 corporate/business fundraising capital campaign at the University of Rio Grande where he proudly helped to secure \$11 million dollars for the development of University programs and facilities with \$4 million dollars achieved through his own personal relationship building and networking with corporate contributors.

Greg is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sally (Jenkins) Fields, three adoring daughters, Kyle (Marty) Exline of Jackson, Shelley (Jason) Brown of Jackson, Kristin (Josh) Mauer of Virginia Beach, Virginia, ten grandchildren –Kate and Ryan Exline, Keely, Teagan and Jasper Mauer, Haydn, Norah, Thatcher, Phoebe and Rhetting Brown. He is also survived by brothers Ron (Georgia) Fields and Mitch (Amy) Fields, both of Chillicothe along with brother-in-law Don (Karen) Jenkins of Jackson. Greg is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews along with countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Melvin and Imogene Fields, brother Doug Fields, infant son Jon Bradley, along with in-laws Don Jenkins and Marva (Jenkins) Richards and sister-in-law Patty Sue Washam.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 2pm to 8pm at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home at 135 Broadway Street in Jackson. Funeral services will also be held at Mayhew-Brown on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1pm with Pastor Russ Strange officiating. Greg will be laid to rest at Fairmount Cemetery in Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Greg's honor to the University of Rio Grande Alumni Association, Attention: Institutional Advancement, P.O. Box 500, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674 or make an online contribution at [www.rio.edu/donate](http://www.rio.edu/donate). Or we encourage you to donate in his honor to The Markay Cultural Arts Center c/o Southern Hills Arts Council, P.O. Box 149, Jackson, Ohio 45640.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson.

Condolences may be sent to [www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I had a friend send a passage from ISAIAH 43:1 today which reads in part: "for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine." I am broken hearted at your loss and pray that you receive comfort and peace to help you through this. I counted Greg among my friends and have memories of our conversations when he came to the shop to get his hair cut. We shared stories of children and then grandchildren. He loved you all so much. He was a very special person and I will always remember. Love and prayers to you all.

Steve and Pam Mapes - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

MC

“ Thinking of all of you during this very difficult time. Many Prayers to all.

Michael Carlisle - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

KW

“ So sorry , prayers for you all .

Kenny Shirley Wyant - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

BH

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Prayers for your family.

Bill and Renae Hughes - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

MS

“ Sally and family, please accept our heartfelt sympathies for this loss of husband and father. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Michael and Deanna Stroth - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

MP

“ Keeping the Fields family in our prayers. Pastor Mike and Karen Percell

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**Mike and Karen Percell** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

MC

“ My dear sweet friend, this sadness came too soon. May you be surrounded with your loving family and all your dear friends and may your memories sustain and give you comfort on a marriage filled with so much joy and happiness...

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**Mary Ann Claesgens** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

RI

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family

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**Robert (Bobby) Bragg III** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

CR

“ Sally, I have wonderful memories of Greg and sending heartfelt sympathy to you and your dear family. As difficult as this time is, may you find comfort in knowing that your loved one will be with and the memories you share are forever. Love from your Cousin, Cathy Rice

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**Cathy Rice** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

PW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.

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**Patty Wolford** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

MM

“ Sally and girls, we are so sorry for the loss of Greg. We know that it is very hard to deal with now and for some time to come. We pray that the good memories of him and your family will help carry you through and give you comfort.

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**Mary Montgomery** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

KT

“ Sally, our dearest Friend and Family, May you all feel the loving arms of all your friends and everyone who knows your Family, surrounding you with our love, thoughts, prayers, and our Lord's loving embrace. Greg, wants all of us to know, I've already run straight to the arms of God. Just remember that a life well lived is the call to love somebody to Heaven.

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**Kathleen Terry** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

BS

“ The Fields family is in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by many.

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**Brent and Shawn Saunders** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

LC

“ Sally, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

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**Larry Coburn** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Greg was a dear friend and will be missed by all who knew him.

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**Jim Cochran** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

SH

“ *My deepest sympathy, Sally, to you and your family.*

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**Susan Haft** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

TH

“ *Dear Fields family, on behalf of Tami, Cindy and Traci we just wanted to send together our most sincere condolences. Kris feels like a childhood sister and we know how much she adored her dad. We love you all like family and pray that Greg's kindness and humor will comfort you always.*

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**Tami Hughes** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JG

“ *There is so little one can say at a time of loss, for words just aren't enough to convey condolences. I'm so sorry for your loss and pray that you will find comfort and support in the prayers of others. Sending deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts.*

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**Joan Greathouse** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

BK

“ *Sally and family May you find peace in knowing others care and praying for all of you. My heart is breaking but it's comforting to know God Has taken Greg to his final resting place. My love to all of you ?Bobbi Sigrist KirkFort Mill. SC*

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**Bobbi Sigrist Kirk** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JB

“ *Sally and family, our prayer is that you will feel God's comfort and peace. With deepest sympathy,*

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**J.D. and Marilyn Burke** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ To my old friend Greg...Sadly missed by each of us and mourned by all of us...With fondest regards and truly heartfelt sympathies,Joe ThomasSinking Spring, PA

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June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ We are so sorry for the family's loss. May you be comforted by the thoughts and prayers going your way during this difficult time. Jack and Marcia

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**Jack & Marcia Shelton** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ Sending our sincere sympathy, Walter and Kathy Jordan

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**Walter Jordan** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ I was shocked to hear of Greg's passing. He lived more, loved more, accomplished more and helped other people more in 70 years than most people do who live to be 100. He certainly did not waste a moment of life that he spent here on earth. He symbolizes A life well lived. I am sure he is enjoying life where he is now. Our deepest condolences to the Fields family.

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**Reed Hunt** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

DW

“ I was so saddened to hear the news of Greg's sudden illness and passing. I have known him almost all my life from the time he was my 4-H camp counselor in the 7th grade. Greg was a larger than life personality. He always showed competence, grace, expertise, and that big personality in everything he put his mind to, from athletics to business to his personal life. He was always the best. I know his life was filled with many accomplishments, but to me the best testimonial to his character, and the one that honors him most, is his wonderful family. To have raised such three such wonderful daughters, each different in her own way, yet each so lovely and sparkling in heart and mind, speaks well of any man. You are all living testimonials to his greatness. Kent Washam

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**Daniel Washam** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

PS

“ Sally only you know what we have lost , but what Greg has GAINED. We will all miss him , but not as much as YOU and your family. Try to focus on what a difference HE made in our lives, rather than what will miss. Our PRAYERS are with YOU and YOURS. The Sites Family

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**Paul Sites** - June 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

SS

“ So sorry sally for your loss. Hugs to you. Sondra franklin sheward

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**Sondra Sheward** - March 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM