



## Joseph Gilbert Green Jr.

January 23, 1927 - May 15, 2022

Joseph Green Jr. was born January 23, 1927 on Avondale Avenue in Toledo, Ohio to Joseph Gilbert and Verlita Medesta Green and passed away May 15, 2022.

He was a good student at Gunckel, Robinson, and Macomber, where he specialized in auto mechanics. He then studied engineering at the University of Toledo for 2 ½ years before he was drafted into the US Army at the end of World War II and stationed in Germany. When he returned from service, he had to drop his university studies and work full time to support his parents and sister, Zora. His childhood friend, David Copeland, and his wife Vesta introduced Joseph to Ella Mae Frazier, and they married eight months later. They had four children, Julie Ann (Topping), Carol Louise, Linda Marie, and Joseph Gilbert.

He retired from Owens-Illinois in the mid-80s. He was an excellent father, teaching and telling stories about nature, history, and math (He loved slide rules!). He would drop everything to drive his children around the city or country to help them pursue their interests. He loved lively music, especially Boogie Woogie. He also loved baseball, bowling, reading,

Westerns, and tinkering with broken objects. He was a caretaker to his mother and his wife in their later years. He was a strong fatherly presence in the lives of many children who didn't have fathers, plus he had a great sense of humor.

He is survived by his four children; grandchildren Courtney Green, Thomas Topping and his wife Amanda, and Elliott Free; two great grandchildren; son-in-law Edsel Free; sister-in-law Mattie Bacon; special friend Dorothy Arnold, and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

MAY 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Third Baptist Church  
402 Pinewood Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43602

## Funeral Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Mr. Green was such a nice man. He was good friends with my Grandfather, David Copeland. I would attend their weekly bowling sessions as a child in the summer, and to this day, I can hold my own on the lanes from what I learn from Mr. Green and my Grand Dad. Rest in Heaven.*

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**Ryan Marable** - June 08, 2022 at 11:47 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss Judy, Carolyn, Joey I am just learning about your dad's passing. Your Dad was one of the nicest people I've ever known and he was my father's best friend for 70 yrs. I'm praying for you all God Bless 🙏*

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**Kelly Copeland (Marable-Hiltman)** - June 08, 2022 at 09:57 AM

PE

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Greens passing. My prayers will include your family for strength and ability to endure the heartache and pain of losing your dear loved one. May you find joy in the many fine memories you have collected through the years. Always remember and know that the God of all comfort is always there with his loving arms to comfort your family in a mighty way.*

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**peggi** - May 28, 2022 at 10:38 AM

LM

“ *My prayers and condolences are with the family of Mr. Green. The fond memories of him at Thursday Senior bowling League and his kind and smiling face will forever be missed. REST IN HEAVEN MY FRIEND.  
From LINDA D. MICKLES*



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**Linda D. Mickles** - May 23, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Gilbert Green Jr..*



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May 22, 2022 at 10:39 PM

GJ

“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord  
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family*

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**Gwendolyn E.March Jones** - May 21, 2022 at 10:33 AM