

John "Jack" E. Kraus

June 29, 1931 - July 3, 2022

KRAUS, John E.

John E. "Jack" Kraus passed away peacefully at home on July 3rd at the age of 91. Adored husband for 65 years of Lois. Beloved father of John (Rebecca), Joseph (Mary), James and Jeffry (Jerilyn). Cherished grandfather of Lauren (Derek) Coatney, Cecilia (Alexander) Horbal, Gregory (Kaylyn), Kathleen, Matthew (Katherine), Andrew, Megan, Sean (deceased), Benjamin, Jack and William. Dearest great-grandfather of Connor, Grace, Leah, Daniel, Nora and Claire. Loving son of the late John and the late Mabel Kraus. Loving brother of Rita (the late Hank) Spezia, the late Tom (the late Marge), (Sally), Jim (Susan) and Ann (John) Getz. Loving brother-in-law of Irene (the late Walter) Zimmermann. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Born in Detroit on June 29, 1931, he grew up on Ashland Street and he was an "East-sider" his entire life. He went to St. Ambrose school and began his working life as a young delivery boy, pulling groceries in his wagon outside the A&P store on Jefferson Avenue.

In high school, he worked as a butcher's assistant but soon discovered his true passion for numbers and finance. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War, where they wisely gave him a desk job fighting the war on paperwork from Fort Riley, Kansas.

After his military service, he returned home and attended the University of Detroit, compliments of the G.I Bill. He graduated with a degree in accounting and became a C.P.A. -- his lifelong profession which he practiced for over 60 years!

Jack married Lois LaVigne on October 6, 1956 and together they raised four sons in Warren and later Clinton Township. They enjoyed spending summer weekends at their cottage in Lexington and annual trips to Grand Marais, Michigan. With all four sons attending the University of Michigan, Jack became a die-hard Wolverine fan and consummate tailgater, decked out in maize and blue on game days for over 40 years.

Jack also went back to school himself and earned a Masters in Taxation from Walsh College. Although his professional life kept him active and engaged until his mid 80's, he and Lois enjoyed traveling the world with friends and family -- including many memorable trips to Rome and the Holy Land with the Capuchin Brothers and good friends from St. Bonaventure in Detroit.

A man of deep faith, Jack leaves behind a legacy of hard work, commitment to family and friends and true compassion for the least among us.

Visitation Thursday, July 7, 2022 from 3-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile), with Rosary 7pm. Funeral Friday, July 8, 2022 with instate 10am until the 10:30am Mass at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery 1820 Mt. Elliott Detroit. Burial to be held at a later date at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Grand Marais. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in John's honor to the Father Solanus Casey Center or charity of donor's choice. Please share memories with the family on their "Online guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Rosary

JUL 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Instate / Funeral Mass

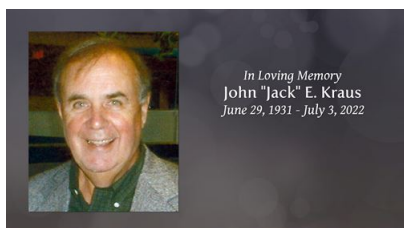
JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliot
Detroit, MI 48207

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Jack" E. Kraus*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - July 05, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BC

“ *On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Jack. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Kraus family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Jack.*

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - July 12, 2022 at 09:57 AM

NR

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with all the Kraus family members. God bless.*

Nancy Ramsey - July 07, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Kraus.*



July 07, 2022 at 08:09 AM

JS

“ *Met Jack and Lois at the monastery with my sister, Sally. A fine gentleman and most charming wife, Lois, made me feel most welcome. A wonderful memory of a wonderful couple.
John F. Smolen*

John F. Smolen - July 07, 2022 at 12:50 AM

LF

“ Love, The Bier Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of John "Jack" E. Kraus.



Love, The Bier Family - July 06, 2022 at 11:52 PM

WF

“ With love & prayers, Nancy D. & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" E. Kraus.



With love & prayers, Nancy D. & Family - July 06, 2022 at 08:43 AM

TF

“ The Kriho Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John "Jack" E. Kraus.



The Kriho Family - July 05, 2022 at 09:21 PM

RC

“ Hey Old Blue. How I'll miss our afternoon chats on the porch. God Bless. Roger

Roger Calam - July 05, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Kraus.



July 05, 2022 at 06:47 PM

FS

“ *Fr. Zoy & Staff of St. Lawrence Seminary purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of John "Jack" E. Kraus.*



Fr. Zoy & Staff of St. Lawrence Seminary - July 05, 2022 at 04:55 PM

MH

“ *Sweet Mr. Kraus, you were one of a kind and I will always love and miss you dearly. I have so many great memories of you growing up, the one I will never forget is the sound of your whistle, I am sure every child in Bridgewood knew if they heard Mr. Kraus's whistle they better hightail it home! The other is you considering me your original daughter, what an honor, I am so happy that God blessed you with additional ones!! One other thing, thank you for forgiving me for scheduling my wedding smack dab in the middle of the Michigan\Ohio State game, and thank you for still attending!!*

Mrs. Kraus and family, I'm so sorry, he will be missed but will continue to be loved, and you now have an additional angel to watch over all of you.

Love and hugs to all of you,

Mary O'Connor Herbert

Mary O Herbert - July 05, 2022 at 01:14 PM