



John Kraly

March 7, 1945 - November 24, 2023

John Kraly, 78, of Marengo, Ohio passed away surrounded by all his family on November 24, 2023 in Columbus, Ohio.

John was born March 7, 1945, in Lorain, Ohio to parents Frank and Mary (Ducar) Kraly. He was preceded in death by his parents, his three sisters: Dorothy McGinty, Mary Ann Lemley and Betty Turner, his brother, Frank Kraly, and his good friend and weight lifting coach, Mike Brandon. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sally (nee Stockum); his brother, Tom (Karen); his daughters and their husbands, Jen Ey (Carl), Carrie Freed (Dave), and Laura Knox Lee (Bryan); and his granddaughters, Madison and Reese Knox, Sydney and Morgan Freed, and Emerson Ey. He also leaves behind his sister-in-law, JoAnn Kraly, his first cousin, Pat Flowers (Jesse), his close family friend Mary Lou Lesiecki, and many dear cousins and nieces and nephews.

John graduated from Admiral King High School in 1963 where he participated in track, wrestling, and choir. He attended Ohio University where he became a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, Varsity Club, and the Olympic Style Weightlifting Club. He also attended Lorain Community College where he was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Academic Society.

He worked at Lorain Tubular (U.S. Steel) for 30 years mostly as a Quality Control Inspector. John and Sally raised their three daughters in Brownhelm

Township and, after retirement, moved to Marengo, Ohio to watch two of their three daughters continue to prosper and raise their own families in Dublin, Ohio. They were also able to travel often to Alexandria, Virginia to share in their eldest daughter's successes. He was happy to have all of his daughters living in Ohio for his final years with many wonderful memories made together. John's hobbies included gardening and classical music. His lifelong passion was Olympic Style weightlifting. He loved his family and enjoyed hosting potluck gatherings with family, friends, neighbors, and newcomers into their lives. He made new friends wherever he went and had a passion for storytelling and making connections through people and experiences.

Visiting hours will take place at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Home at 3224 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio on Saturday December 2, 2023 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM with the funeral liturgy at 11:00 am. Father Andrew Nagrant, pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will take place immediately following the service at the Brownhelm Cemetery on Sunnyside and North Ridge Road, Vermilion, Ohio. A meal will be served immediately following the burial at the fellowship hall of the Brownhelm Congregational United Church of Christ located at 2144 North Ridge Road, Vermilion, Ohio.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the St. Nicholas Roof Fund by mailing a check to: St. Nicholas Church, 2711 W 40th St, Lorain, OH 44053.

Cemetery Details

Brownhelm Cemetery

North Ridge Rd & Sunnyside Rd
Vermilion, OH 44089

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Kraly.

December 01, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ John was a Phi Kappa Sigma (Skulls) fraternity brother at Ohio University. He will always be remembered as a loyal brother and friend and always willing to help others and the fraternity. He was a big man and a big supporter of our brotherhood in Athens and through this year and will be missed. Curt Loveland

Curt Loveland - December 01, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ To Sally and your family, over the years of knowing John, we will miss his wit, kindness, generosity, to name a few. We hold your family in our thoughts and prayers. John and Sharon Schandorsky

sharon Schandorsky - November 30, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Missy Eaton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Kraly.



Missy Eaton - November 30, 2023 at 09:43 AM

AD

“ Anthony D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Kraly.

Anthony D. - November 29, 2023 at 07:50 PM

JJ

“ Dear Sally and Girls, so sorry to learn of John's passing. His obituary captured John's gregarious personality of joy of life and family. A pleasure to have known John. He will be missed by many.
Janet Jones

Janet Jones - November 29, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Kraly.



November 29, 2023 at 03:30 PM

JF

“ We always enjoyed our time and lunches together. I will miss John's insights and hints about gardening.

John & Judy Freed - November 29, 2023 at 12:08 PM

TD

“ Tania D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Kraly.

Tania D. - November 29, 2023 at 07:36 AM

LJ

“ Sally,

I was saddened to hear of John's passing and would like to express my condolences to you and your family.

Sitting here listening to WCLV and remembering stories about family trips, volleyball, big dogs and gardening. You and John were the ultimate 'Sunshine Couple' - bringing quick smiles and ready laughs to greetings and conversations centered around family, friends and life in general. Please know that he will be missed by my family.

leo

Leo Evans Jr. - November 28, 2023 at 10:46 AM

PF

“ Pam & Jim Hoepner & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Kraly.

Pam & Jim Hoepner & family - November 28, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Kraly.



November 28, 2023 at 10:30 AM

PH

“ So very sorry, Sally and girls. John was a wonderful man. I remember him patiently allowing me to tag along and "help" in the big gardens as a kid when we would visit. :) We are sending lots of love and prayers for comfort and peace to you all, Sally, Jen, Carrie, Laura and families.

Pam (Jim & kids)

Pam Hoepner - November 28, 2023 at 10:11 AM

KA

“ Karen A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Kraly.

Karen A. - November 28, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Kraly.



November 28, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Kraly.



November 27, 2023 at 08:59 PM