



John "Jack" Krueger

December 24, 1936 - March 12, 2026

John "Jack" Martin Krueger, 89, of Liberty Center, Ohio, passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 12, 2026. He was born on December 24, 1936, to the late Paul and Laura (Mabus) Krueger in Napoleon, Ohio. On September 10, 1955, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Schwab, and spent a loving 70 years together.

Jack was a graduate of Liberty Center High School and lifelong supporter of Liberty Center Athletics and its community. During his high school career, he played basketball for Liberty Center and had the honor of earning Senior year Team MVP, NWOAL Honorable Mention awards. After high school, Jack was a scorekeeper for LC JV and Varsity basketball teams, helping with tournaments and clock starting. He participated in the chain gang for the football team and was the announcer for 46 years. He won the NW Ohio Football Coaches Association Pete Moore Merit Award in 2020. Jack also mowed the trail for the cross-country team when they competed at Widewater. He was nominated for the Jefferson Award for his lifelong dedication to Liberty Centers community, sports, churches, and school. During his later years, he spent much time with his wife Marilyn traveling to all 50 states and all seven continents around the world. He was a very proud lifelong blood donor for the Red Cross and donated nearly 200 units of blood, while also serving on the County Red Cross board. Jack was a loving man to not only his family, but his community.

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Marilyn Krueger; children, Joe

(Cindy) Krueger and Phil (Margy) Krueger; grandson, Matthew (Ryan Foust) Krueger; siblings, Bill Krueger and Carol Flory; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jack is preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Krueger.

Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 2pm until 7pm. A funeral mass will be held for Jack on Thursday, March 19, at St. Patrick's Providence Catholic Church, Grand Rapids, Ohio, at 10:30am with an hour of visitation prior to mass. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed towards Liberty Center Athletic Boosters, Henry County Hospital Foundation, St. Patrick's Catholic Providence Catholic Church-Stained Glass Restoration, or the donor's choice. Online condolences may also be left for the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

12705 Toledo Lake Erie and Western
Railroad
Grand Rapids, OH 43522

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

MAR 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
14010 S. River Road
Grand Rapids, OH 43522
<https://stpatrickprovidence.com/>

Mass

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Daryl Chamberlain Family & Paige Fielder purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "Jack" Krueger.*



Daryl Chamberlain Family & Paige Fielder - March 18 at 03:32 PM

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“ *Daryl Chamberlain Family & Paige Fielder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Krueger.*

Daryl Chamberlain Family & Paige Fielder - March 18 at 03:32 PM

AH

“ *Our condolences to Marilyn and the family of Jack. Trent and I will forever be grateful for the memories of Jack and Marilyn attending our wedding as Santa and Mrs. Claus! Their willingness to join us in such a special way on our special day was truly meaningful. Jack will surely be missed.*

Abby Hertzfeld - March 18 at 11:03 AM

CK

“ *Heartfelt sympathy Marilyn and family! Meeting Jack and the Krueger family touched my time in Napoleon in so many ways and I cannot think of a single time that Jack did not greet me with an enthusiastic smile. I am so grateful our paths crossed. May Jack's memory be a blessing. Carolyn Snedeker Kazdan*

Carolyn Snedeker Kazdan - March 18 at 10:51 AM

SS

“ I enjoyed being with you for Sunday doughnuts. You were always welcoming.

Sister Valerie Schneider - March 18 at 07:46 AM

BW

“ I was privileged to be a scorekeeper with Jack. I believe he and Marilyn were also friends of my late Uncle Gene Giffey. I always enjoyed the talks we had when our two schools played each other. Jack was a very special person. My sympathy and prayers for the family. Barb Wiechers

Barbara Wiechers - March 17 at 04:26 PM

JF

“ Sending sympathy and prayers for your family.

John and Barb Fritz

John and Barb Fritz - March 17 at 03:40 PM

DR

“ My condolences to Marilyn on the earthly departure of her husband Jack. He was joy to talk with on just about any subject. No matter the situation, Jack looked for the positive spin. Im certain he'll be miss by you and your family.

Diann Rowe - March 17 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ My sympathy and prayers prayers for the family of “Uncle Jack”. He certainly lived life to the fullest and so loved his family, friends, sports and Liberty Center. He and Uncle Larry Mabus also would take me to sporting events in Cleveland and fueled in me my lifelong love for the Cleveland Indians. Uncle Jack was a larger than life personality who all knew and loved. Thank you to his family for sharing him with so many others!

Jeff Baker - March 16 at 06:55 AM

DE

“ Jack was a friend, neighbor, and employer to me as we made our home in Liberty Center. He encouraged me to drive bus while still working for him which was a special accommodation with my work hours. Marilyn, you are a special friend to me and I never forget the kindness you and Jack have expressed to me and my family. Jack's passing is a great sadness to us all!

Diane Endicott - March 15 at 11:04 AM

RS

“ What a. guy! Enjoyed volunteering with him at Blood Drives and The Henry County Hospital at the Welcome Center.

Rita Schweinhagen - March 14 at 03:50 PM

RR

“ Oh my what can I say! Jack and I volunteered at Henry County Hospital for years and he always brightened up the Welcome Center when we worked together. He inspired all of us volunteer! To Dr Joe and Cindy, my sympathy and hugs for you.



Rebecca J Rohre - March 14 at 02:00 PM

CT

“ Celia Thornton purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of John "Jack" Krueger.



Celia Thornton - March 14 at 10:55 AM

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PB

“ You're in my thoughts and prayers. I loved serving Jack and Marilyn in the cafe, and sharing stories from over 30 years ago while his mom was at Alpine Village. You'll truly be missed 💕💕

Pam Bruns - March 14 at 06:45 AM