



John Patrick Kerr Jr.

September 3, 1958 - December 16, 2010

John Patrick Kerr Jr.

52, of Lynn Township died on Thursday, December 16, 2010, at home following a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his wife Maureen, and their two daughters, Erin and Emma.

John was born in Detroit 52 years ago on September 3, 1958, the son of John and Mary Anne (Quigley) Kerr.

His marriage to Maureen Clancy took place on May 16, 1987, in Washington Michigan. John was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yale, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Fr. P.J. Cullinane, Council #8710.

John was employed as a sales representative for Atlas Block of Canada for twelve years. He was an avid lifelong hockey player and loved bluegrass music. Many happy hours were spent with Maureen, Erin, and Emma attending bluegrass concerts and festivals. John loved tractors, trucks, traveling, being outdoors, and socializing with family and friends. He was very much a "people person." His smile could light up a room!

Surviving, in addition to Maureen, Erin and Emma are his parents, John and Mary Anne Kerr of Sterling Heights, brother Dan (Nancy) Kerr of Macomb, brother Christopher (Kimberly) Kerr of Buffalo, NY, sister Terry Lewis of Sterling Heights, and brother-in-law Don Lewis of Sterling Heights, along with many nieces and nephews.

To honor John, his family invites you to visit and share memories with them on Monday, December 20 from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Capac, with a scripture service at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a one-hour visitation on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Capac, before proceeding to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yale for the Rite of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Jerry Slowinski and Fr. Paul Czarnota will co-celebrate the Mass. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yale. Luncheon will follow at the Father Larry Dunn Parish Hall.

Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers to his Children's Education Fund.

For information and Guest Book

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Previous Events

Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yale
N. Main Street
Yale, MI

Tribute Wall



“ John will be in our prayers sorry for your loss of your son John and Mary Ann
may you always have found memories of your son and we will
prayer for you
Love Tim and Carolyn Kowalski###imported-begin##carolyn
kowalski###imported-end##

December 21, 2010 at 10:45 PM



“ Dearest MaryAnn and John,

There are no words to tell you the sadness we feel for both of you and your loving family. What a great struggle John, jr. endured. Know that he is at peace and will be celebrating the Christmas season with all of you from his vantage place in heaven.

Keep your spirits high and remember all the fun times you all enjoyed together.

John will remain alive in your hearts with your wonderful memories of him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

Peace, love and light

*Pat and Peggy Donovan McCourt###imported-begin##Pat and
Peggy McCourt###imported-end##*

December 21, 2010 at 08:38 AM



“ It is with great sadness that I express my deepest sorrow to hear that John has left us and this world. He was one of the most inspiring people that I have met in my life. The time we shared was too short. His genuine love for life and others was contagious and was evident at every get together we shared. John's dedication and love of his family was a lesson for everyone to follow. We loved you and will dearly miss you John.

Terry, Bev and Amanda Jensen

John, Paul, Greg, Steve, MaryAnn, Michele Jensen and our spouses and children.##imported-begin##Terry Jensen##imported-end##

December 21, 2010 at 01:15 AM



“ Dear Mary Ann & John, Dan, Christopher, Terry, Maureen, Erin and Emma and to all John's nieces and nephews, may our Lord comfort and console you all. John will always be with us in our prayers and in our hearts. I will never forget our times together as children at our home (the Jensen's) or up at the cottage in Perth, at Uncle Willie's farm and at Aunt Edith's or when we were all together at the El Macombo in Toronto to see Steve's band Surrender play. John always had a great smile and laugh.##imported-begin##Paul, Johnny and Stephen Jensen##imported-end##

December 21, 2010 at 12:29 AM



“ My prayers and heart go out to you. May God see you through it.##imported-begin##carol smith-simkow##imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 08:22 PM



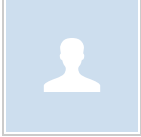
“ Terry,

You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I hope that you understand why I'm not there to support you, it's just too difficult for me. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to let me know. Stay strong and know that soon, it'll be a little easier. Keep the happy memories of you and your brother forever in your heart.

Love,

Kris##imported-begin##Kristin R. McBurrows##imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 02:15 PM



“ Dear Mary Ann and John and Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers upon the loss of your beloved son, husband and father. I want to share this poem with you as it helps me to cope with the greatest loss in my life.

A Note from Heaven

*If I could write from Heaven,
this is what I'd say,
Please don't miss me too much,
I'm with you throughout your day.
You may not see or hear me,
but if you're quiet and still,
You may just feel my presence;
because, in Heaven, there is free will.
Don't worry for the day,
it will come and go as planned.
Enjoy each moment you are given,
keep worry from your hand.
Keep sorrow to a minimum;
For if Heaven you could see,
You'd know I'm safe and happy,
I did not cease to be.
Moments in time are brief,
until we'll be together again,
as Eternity lasts forever ,
our lives, they have no end.##imported-begin##RoseMary
Roy##imported-end##*

December 20, 2010 at 11:49 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Johns passing. We have often talked of him and the family and how nice you all are. How considerate of each and everyone. Steven was really hit hard when he herd the news. John has a real special place in his heart. He will be missed by this family.

Know that you are in our prayers!

God Bless: Steve, Debbie and Steven Hazzard###imported-begin##Steve & Debbie Hazzard and Steven###imported-end##

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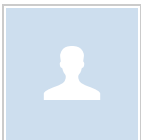
“ We are very saddened by the news of your loss. John was a very good friend and will be missed dearly. I am sure that he is with his father and will be guiding his girls as they live their lives.

May God bless all John's family through the Holidays and the coming years.

Our Prayers are with you always!

Mark & Roni###imported-begin##Mark &Roni Kwiatkowski###imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 10:55 AM



“ John and Mary Anne I will keep you in prayer. The loss of a child is one of the most difficult things to endure. Be blessed with the wonderful memories that are in your memory of your son. May God keep you in this time of sorrow###imported-begin##Jonnie Hamilton ###imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 10:08 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences to Maureen and her daughters, John and Mary Ann and family on the loss of John. He and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mary and Tim Czajka##imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 10:04 AM



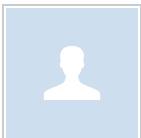
“ My deepest sympathy goes to the entire Kerr family. Anyone who knew John was forever blessed. His heart-warming smile will be one memory that will never fade.##imported-begin##Kathrin Pennanen##imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 09:47 AM



“ John,
Thanks for the many great times we had playing hockey. Your great battle with that horrible disease gives us all inspiration and confirms what an outstanding individual you are!!!##imported-begin##Dave Forbes##imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 07:47 AM



“ John was a great man and a great friend. It was an honor to be his friend and teammate at hockey for more than 30 years. Our deepest sympathies to Maureen, Erin, Emma, his parents, his family and his many, many friends.##imported-begin##Steve, Jeanne and Shayna Yollick##imported-end##

December 19, 2010 at 06:55 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to John and Mary Anne and John Jr.'s wife and children.##imported-begin##Barbara Scott##imported-end##*

December 19, 2010 at 05:46 PM



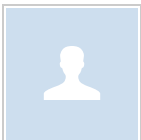
“ *Dear Maureen & Family,*

With a very heavy heart I wish to extend to you my deepest condolences on John's passing. I am very proud to have gotten to know John and to call him my friend. I will always admire the way he lived his life with an unrelenting love for each of you and how he extended that love and commitment to each of his customers and to our industry. His example will always be one which I try to follow. John's greatness will I am sure make my attempts humble. I hope each of you strength and love at this difficult time.

With Sincerity,

Nino Papa##imported-begin##Nino Papa##imported-end##

December 19, 2010 at 04:28 PM



“ *Dear John,*

It has been my honor to have known you and call you my friend. I am so glad that we were able to stay in contact after all of these years. We will all miss you so much, but you will remain in our hearts forever.

*Cheryl Cole Bartolomei##imported-begin##Cheryl
Bartolomei##imported-end##*

December 19, 2010 at 11:43 AM



“ I had the good fortune of working with John in the early 80's at St. Rene Church. It was my first job, and John certainly made it a memorable time of my life. Everyone at the church loved John, and his bright smile! He will not be forgotten. My prayers are with all of John's family and friends during this sad time.##imported-begin##Theresa Olekszyk##imported-end##

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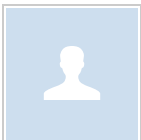
“ To let you know that thoughts of deepest sympathy are with all of you. John's positive outlook and compassion will always be remembered. His smile always lite up the room and lifted the spirits of everyone.##imported-begin##Eric, Kris, Jeremiah and Aaron Bachmann##imported-end##

December 19, 2010 at 07:40 AM



“ We cannot be with you to say a final "until we meet again" but we will be there in spirit. Our heart felt wishes to the entire Kerr family, you are in our prayers. John's smile in this picture is the same as I remember as when I was a child and I remember it fondly. Mary Ann##imported-begin##Mary Ann Jensen and sons, Thomas & Stephen Polutnik##imported-end##

December 18, 2010 at 05:48 PM



“ John was a gentle person with a great smile and attitude. The world will not be the same without him. I skated with John on several occasions and was honored to be the ice with him.##imported-begin##Keith Nelson##imported-end##

December 18, 2010 at 03:19 PM



“ We were very sorry to hear about the death of John. We remember he always had a smile on his face. He suffered so much during these years, now he is at peace. Our prayers are extended to the family at this time.##imported-begin##Jim & Mary Dudley##imported-end##

December 18, 2010 at 09:23 AM



“ I am very sorry for your family's loss. John Jr. has fought a good fight but the Lord wanted him to come home where he would be free from pain and sorrow. It is so hard to say goodbye, but he is in a much better place.

May God Bless You and Keep You.

Sherry and the late Patrick McKenna##imported-begin##Sherry and the late Patrick McKenna##imported-end##

December 18, 2010 at 12:06 AM



“ Words cannot express the sorrow the Kerr family feels for the loss of our brother. John was a wonderful father, husband, son, brother and friend to many.

So many wonderful summer vacations in Perth Ontario, Christie Lake with extended family. What good memories we have (even in the log cabin.)

John fought his battle until the bitter end. On one of his final days with his family by his side, John said "It's been a great life, I love you all, and thank you for sharing it with me."

Those words will forever be in my heart.

Maureen, Erin and Emma are truly blessed to have this wonderful man in their life.

John, we love you and God speed.

Your loving sister, Terry##imported-begin##Terry Lewis
(Kerr)##imported-end##

December 17, 2010 at 08:03 PM



“ Maureen and girls, Mary Anne, John, Terry, Danny and Chris, I cannot convey how sad we are, but am glad that John is no longer in pain, and going through so many operations, he put in a courageous battle. When I think of John, I picture this big guy jumping out of his truck, with the best and brightest smile on his face, and a big hug for all, having just come from a fiddling contest. I remember many great summers when John would stay here with aunt Teresa, we had fun. I will always think of him and miss him, all my love and prayers are with you.

Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon Sprague##imported-end##

December 17, 2010 at 05:49 PM



“ We have lost an outstanding Man
A big man with a gentle heart. John worked hard and played Hockey
hard.
How he battled his cancer will be an inspiration to me forever.

He will be missed but never forgotten.##imported-begin##Tom
Bommarito##imported-end##

December 17, 2010 at 05:45 PM



“ From Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada. Our thoughts and prayers are
with you as always##imported-begin##Dick & Elizabeth
Donaldson##imported-end##

December 17, 2010 at 02:09 PM



“ What a brave Man John was. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you. We will never forget the look of pure joy on John's face
watching his children at his parents 50th Anniversary
Party.##imported-begin##Tom and Carolyn Godwin##imported-
end##

December 17, 2010 at 01:38 PM



“ *Maureen, Erin and Emma:*

*I am so very sorry for your loss. Your husband/dad was the nicest, fun, personable and courageous man I have ever met!
My love and prayers to you and your family in this difficult time!
God truly picked an Angel to go work with him!
He will be missed by all of us he left behind.*

*Sue Asper
James Brothers Landscape Supply##imported-begin##Sue
Asper##imported-end##*

December 17, 2010 at 01:21 PM



“ *Dear John & Marianne,*

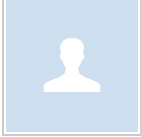
Margarita and I give you our heart felt condolences at this tragic time.

*John was a great kid that I spent "fun times" with in Perth at Christie Lake during summers many years ago and unfortunately I did not have much interaction with him lately, save and except the both of you as his parents.
May God Bless his soul as he is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Love,

Your cousin Michael and Margarita in TorontoToronto##imported-begin##Michael & Margarita Cormack##imported-end##

December 17, 2010 at 01:14 PM



“ My condolences to Maureen and all John's family at this time of great loss. I always enjoyed seeing John come in to our London branch, he was very positive and caring. I will remember him, he was an outstanding rep. and person.##imported-begin##Ron Flannery##imported-end##

December 17, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ I always enjoyed seeing John come into Patenes Building Supplys. John was always so positive and I have to say one if the better Sales Reps.in this industry. John you will be truly missed. From all the staff at Patenes.##imported-begin##Jerry VanWyk##imported-end##

December 17, 2010 at 11:13 AM