



## John Kujawa

February 27, 1936 - March 23, 2023

Our dad, John Kujawa, joined his wife of over 50 years Nancy and beloved grandson Boone on March 23rd, 2023. As Dad was about to start his journey to meet God, his son Paul had a vivid image of Boone excitedly welcoming his grandpa into heaven.

When Dad was young, his mother gave Dad and his sister one piece of advice they diligently followed: “stick together”. This advice started at an early age for his sister when she would be sent to school to explain his rambunctious behavior to the nuns. His mother’s advice has been carried down to the next two generations with our family continuing to stick close together through good times and bad, with Dad always reminding us that “we are all in this together”.

After returning from serving his country in the army for two years, Dad came back to the bank that his father started where they worked together, side by side, growing the bank with the goal of seeing the community flourish. Dad enjoyed walking to work every day with his father. After his father passed, this family tradition continued where Dad was blessed to be able to work alongside three of his children and eventually his grandchildren, which made him immensely proud. It meant the world to him to work with his family every day. Dad also had the honor of working with his faithful employees who he loved dearly and who were instrumental in making the bank what it is today. He had a lasting impact on the lives of his family and employees.

Throughout their life, Dad and his sister traveled together throughout Canada

and the U.S., embarking on numerous adventures. As traveling became a thing of the past, they had nightly calls to discuss family, books, music and the world. Dad instilled his love of travel to his children and grandchildren. It was a point of pride that he had traveled with his family to 48 states, Mexico and Canada. Many fond memories have been retold at get-togethers; the dollar dad paid another dad for a diaper after a blowout disaster, finding a jacket for someone to wear in 90-degree heat because a kid puked on their shirt, and of course, the brown liquor box which he needed while vacationing in a car with his family for two weeks.

Along with being a traveler, Dad was also a classic “dad” athlete. Whether it was playing basketball for hours in his dress shoes, playing catch in the backyard, summer cane-pole fishing or jumping beaver houses on a Canadian fishing trip, our dad never shied away from being active with us. One of his favorite activities to do with his family was to go hunting. Dad understood the most important aspects of hunting were family and tradition. Many a weekend was spent at the Farm pheasant, duck, deer and turkey hunting with his children, carrying them through the mud and sitting in a boat hoping for a bite. This tradition continued with his grandchildren but in a more advisory role. Bringing his binoculars, candy and stories, he would spend the day with his grandchildren creating memories they will always cherish.

Dad was also a supporter of other people’s dreams, ambitions and goals and he took an active interest in the education of his children, grandchildren and the community. When doors were shut in people’s faces and they turned to him, he encouraged, supported and helped financially. He “scholarshipped” many young people he ran into throughout his travels. Many a waiter, valet attendant or housekeeper found themselves telling Dad their dreams and aspirations. After which he “scholarshipped” the aspiring students generously. Dad will be most remembered for his love of his community. Whether it was a church function, a school fundraiser or charity, Dad never hesitated to be the first to support the cause. Dad truly understood the meaning of philanthropy, never looking for accolades. He lived his father’s words: “you can’t change the

world but you can change the world around you". Dad gave generously because he believed in education and his community. He was a kind and generous soul who faithfully served his community and church. His children and grandchildren are so much better because of his guiding influence. One of his most special roles was the proud grandfather ("Papa John", "Grandpa John", "Gpa", "Gampy") to ten beautiful grandchildren that he loved more than anything. It did not matter how old his grandchildren were, he took them everywhere. A normal sighting around Berlin was Grandpa and a group of grandkids attending church and then eating dinner, stopping at the gas station, or getting ice cream; always paying with crisp new bills. He loved nothing more than spending time with his grandchildren, especially seeing them at their sports games or races. There was no town too far, no day too cold or hot, that he would not travel to see his grandchildren play or run. John was born February 27, 1936 in Berlin, the son of Harry J Kujawa and Agnes H (Drexler) Kujawa. He graduated from Marquette University in 1958 and served in the army from 1958-1960. He married Nancy J (Devere) on October 23, 1965. He is survived by his four children and their spouses, Catherine Kujawa (Dave Osterberg), Paul (Crystal) Kujawa, Elizabeth Kujawa and Peter (Lucinda) Kujawa. He is further survived by his cherished grandchildren; Dane, Bria, Nya, Elyse, Amanda and Nick (Chelsie) Osterberg; Frank, Tess and Pearl Kujawa; Harry and Jude Kujawa; Tyler and Marissa Kwidzinski; great grandchildren Aurora, Maverick and Oakley Osterberg. His sister Mary Bayorgeon, niece and goddaughter Julie (Vince) Maro and their children Ben, Marissa, Sasha and Ilya and nephew Stephen (Fabi) Bayorgeon and their children Harrison and Hannah. His faithful church and dinner partner cousin Judy Martin and his fun loving cousin Judy Gross. His brother-in-law Mike (Luanne) Devere, niece Amanda (Gary) Fischer and their children Reagan, Maddie and Bryce; sister-in-law Kevin (Louis) Moore, niece Megan and nephew Matt. And his Farmers Family.

John was preceded in death by his wife Nancy, grandson Boone, his parents

Harry and Agnes.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home  
116 S Adams Ave  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-2050

## Visitation

MAR **31**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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116 S Adams Ave  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-2050

## Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 11:30 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish  
N8566 WI-49  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-5252



# Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Kujawa*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - March 28, 2023 at 09:37 PM

HS

“ *Our relationship with the Kujawa family goes back to when Harry helped Henry Senior with funds to start farming in the Berlin area, to now when our grandson is an employee of this fine bank. So we grieve with you all in the loss of this fine man. Henry and Lois Stark*

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**Henry and Lois Stark** - April 01, 2023 at 03:13 PM

CO

“ *Christine O. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Kujawa.*



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**Christine O.** - March 31, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



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March 30, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



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March 30, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *Your Friends at Bankers' Bank purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Kujawa.*



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**Your Friends at Bankers' Bank** - March 30, 2023 at 09:51 AM



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



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March 30, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



March 29, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Chad, Lucas, Eric, Oscar, Matt, Andy, Meg purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of John Kujawa.*



**Chad, Lucas, Eric, Oscar, Matt, Andy, Meg** - March 29, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *Jordan Fowler and the PSN Team purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of John Kujawa.*



**Jordan Fowler and the PSN Team** - March 29, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



March 29, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



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March 29, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



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March 29, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



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March 29, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ 312 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - March 28, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.



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March 28, 2023 at 01:55 PM



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



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March 28, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ ~ the Molter's & Todd Zielinski purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Kujawa.



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~ the Molter's & Todd Zielinski - March 28, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.



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March 27, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.



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March 27, 2023 at 07:04 PM



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



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March 27, 2023 at 05:42 PM

JJ

“ My Condolences to the Kujawa Family. John was a very good man!

Jody Jansen - March 27, 2023 at 04:36 PM

FT

“ We will never forget the kindness John showed to us. He truly made our world a better place. We will miss him.

Frances Treder - March 27, 2023 at 03:59 PM

EC

“ My deepest sympathies to all of The Family of John Kujawa. Prayers for God's comfort and love for peace through this sad time 🙏 I will miss your Dad's friendliness at the bank, in the community and school events. Such a wonderful person who has now gained his angel wings ❤️

Ellen Caswell - March 27, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ Loved going to Berlin to visit my Aunt Agnes, Uncle Harry and my cousins, Mary and John. Always a big part of my childhood. Such wonderful memories! Rest in peace, Johnny!

Gail Germanson - March 27, 2023 at 02:49 PM

FD

“ From Cousin Gail and her husband, Doug purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Kujawa.



From Cousin Gail and her husband, Doug - March 27, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.*



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March 27, 2023 at 11:19 AM



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



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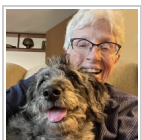
March 27, 2023 at 01:28 AM



“ *I remember as a little girl watching John and Harry walk past my Grandparent's house (Shebelske) on their way to work. They always had a hello and a big smile for me. John's friendliness carried on his whole life. I took my little Granddaughter into the bank and out of his office came John to meet her with a big smile and a quarter!! He was a one in a million gentleman. RIP John and keep a watch on us till we meet again. My thoughts and prayers to his family.*

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**Mary Jo Lesnick** - March 26, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *We lost a close friend and a kind and generous gentleman. RIP John!*  
*Tom and Linda Hansen*

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**Linda Hansen** - March 26, 2023 at 03:48 PM

DP

“ I was so sorry to read of John's passing. I have many memories of the Kujawa family (Harry, Agnes, John, Nancy, and others) visiting the Potters in Oshkosh or of our family stopping in to visit the Kujawas whenever we were in Berlin. John's grandfather, Theodore Drexler, and our grandmother, Theresa Drexler Potter were siblings. My condolences to the family. John was a wonderful and kind man.

Don Potter - March 26, 2023 at 01:31 PM

Chris Beck

“ Chris Beck lit a candle in memory of John Kujawa



Chris Beck - March 26, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.



March 25, 2023 at 04:24 PM

JW

“ Very sorry to hear of John's passing. He always had a kind word or compliment whenever we met.

Jim Wolff - March 25, 2023 at 10:23 AM

GD

“ Gerald Donna Dutcher lit a candle in memory of John Kujawa



Gerald & Donna Dutcher - March 25, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of John Kujawa.



March 25, 2023 at 08:15 AM

LM

“ Lois Mattice lit a candle in memory of John Kujawa



Lois Mattice - March 25, 2023 at 04:44 AM

PL

*Rest in peace Mr Kujawa. You made life alot easier for alot of us. Still remember my dad bringing me in to setup a loan on my first vehicle and the check that didn't go through right. You made things go fine. Thank you.*

Pamela Lind - March 27, 2023 at 06:59 AM