



John M. Kruzel

September 23, 1930 - December 11, 2016

John M. Kruzel, 86-year-old resident of Sobieski, MN passed away Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Little Falls Care Center in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Matthew Langager officiating. Burial will be at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church Cemetery in Sobieski, MN. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Friday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and from 10-11 A.M. on Saturday at the church. St. Stanislaus Rosary Sodality at 4:30 PM, followed by Parish Prayers at 5 PM. Military Rites will be conducted by the Swanville American Legion Post #313.

John was born on September 23, 1930 in Swan River Township, Morrison County, MN to the late Joseph Sr. and Agnes (Prokott) Kruzel. He grew up in the Sobieski area and on May 25, 1953 he married Mary Magdzairz at St. Stanislaus. John and Mary lived on a farm near Sobieski where they raised their son, Donald. John was a charter member of the Sobieski Lions Club, Greater Minnesota Two-Cylinder Club. John volunteered endless hours at the local care center, helping neighbors. He also loved to take pictures, go snowmobiling and host a haunted Halloween house at the farm. One of John's greatest enjoyments was dressing up as Santa Claus spreading joy during the Christmas season to many families around the area who knew he was the "real Santa Claus". John is survived by his son, Donald Kruzel of Sobieski, MN; significant other, Diane Magdzairz of Sobieski, MN; sister, Mary Brezinka

of Royalton, MN; brothers, Joseph Kruzal Jr. and Anthony Kruzal both of Little Falls, MN; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rita & Wilfred (Bud) Kruschek of Hillman, MN and Grace & Virgil Kapsner of Redwood Falls, MN. John was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; parents, Joseph Sr. and Agnes; brothers, Damasius, Frank and Sylvester. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ted Kapsner and the Sobieski Lions. Active Pallbearers will be Jacqueline Hoeschen, MiMi Kruschek, Donald Krebs, William Brezinka, John Brezinka and Randy Kruzal.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery - Sobieski

Sobieski, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John M. Kruzel*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 16, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *John M. Kruzel*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *John was such a remarkable person. What I will miss most about him is his ability to walk in a room, command everyone's attention, and make people laugh -- truly laugh. He could brighten anyone's day. Although I didn't know John for very long, I can say he made a genuine and positive impact. He will be missed. -Nicole Bach*

Nicole Bach - December 19, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ *Rita And Doug Lemieur lit a candle in memory of John M. Kruzel*



Rita and Doug Lemieur - December 16, 2016 at 07:21 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 16, 2016 at 10:05 AM

SA

“ *John was a wonderful gentleman and brought joy to so many. He would visit folks at the Little Falls Care Center and brightened everyone's day. He was quick to laugh or tell a joke, bringing joy to others. John was an amazing listener and what you had to say was important to him. Don, he was so proud of you and beamed when he talked of you. He would tell farming stories; sharing his excitement, satisfaction and knowledge. Diane, you were so special to John and he wasn't afraid to show it. John was a wonderful Santa and he helped people feel loved - feeling special because Santa listened, cared and laughed. John will be greatly missed by so many. I will greatly miss John and my life has been better because he was part of it. Scot Allen*

Scot Allen - December 15, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ You Will Always Be Remembered To Me As A Kind and Gentle Person. What A Jubilant Reunion You Must Be Having With Grandma & Grandpa & Your Brothers Sylvester, Danny & Frank. Love & Miss You Dear Uncle Johnny. May You Rest In Peace. Lovingly So, One of Your Favorite Nieces Shirley Kruzel Reecy :(

Shirley Reecy - December 14, 2016 at 12:55 PM

BK

“ Ben And Donna Kuklock lit a candle in memory of John M. Kruzel



Ben and Donna Kuklock - December 14, 2016 at 12:42 PM

RF

“ Rob Czech Family lit a candle in memory of John M. Kruzel



Rob Czech Family - December 14, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ Alice Mattern lit a candle in memory of John M. Kruzel



Alice Mattern - December 13, 2016 at 10:42 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Alice Mattern - December 13, 2016 at 10:44 PM

RS

“ 75 yards away, Ma, John and Don Kruzal was my neighbor for many years. They were good folks and I miss them so. They all were happy go lucky, from Santa Claus, the witch at Halloween and all the good times shared over good meals and conversations. I was Robsie to them and will always be. May my prayers be with Don and relations at this time.

Robert Suszka - December 13, 2016 at 10:28 PM

PD

“ I remember John--many years ago when he would play Santa for us. We loved him. He was the best Santa ever! Our sympathy to his loved ones.

Phyllis Dobis - December 13, 2016 at 10:02 PM

GW

“ I will remember John for the "happy go lucky" guy he was. He was always happy to see you Know matter where you were. When He saw me he always called me "Neighbor", that He always was. I will miss him! My sympathy's to you Don!



Greg Welinski - December 13, 2016 at 07:00 PM



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



December 13, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *Michelle Olson lit a candle in memory of John M. Kruzel*



Michelle Olson - December 13, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ *Stan Dee Wielinski lit a candle in memory of John M. Kruzel*



Stan Dee Wielinski - December 13, 2016 at 10:58 AM



Have good memories of John, so glad I did stop in to see him last week. Dee Wielinski

Stan Dee Wielinski - December 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM

LK

“ Don I'm so sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers. I always remember Uncle John's smile and he always gave me good hugs. I'm sad I didn't get to see him when I was home last summer. He is in my heart and memories. Love you cousin.

Lisa Kruzel

Lisa Kruzel - December 13, 2016 at 12:12 AM

RK

“ Don and Diane, you are in my prayers, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Uncle John as a very happy man who always had a smile when I would run into him or stop in to visit with him. God be with you both during this very difficult time.

Randy Kruzel

randy kruzel - December 12, 2016 at 12:32 PM