



John Jesse Alexander Kistler

July 16, 1937 - April 10, 2020

John Jesse Alexander Kistler, 82, of Newcomerstown, passed away at his home after a lengthy illness on Friday, April 10, 2020. He was born Friday, July 16, 1937 in Newcomerstown, Ohio to Dr. John B. and Ruth (Alexander) Kistler. He attended Newcomerstown Schools, graduating from Worthington High School (1956) and Ashland College (1966). A lifetime entrepreneur, John owned and operated a number of local businesses over his lifetime. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and attended the Church of Christ in Christian Union. John enjoyed lifetime membership in the Model T Club of America and was a 60-year member of the Lone Star Masonic Lodge. He was a supporter of local country musicians and founded Frogtown Music Hall, which brought joy to local residents for 17 years. He was also an avid steam engine enthusiast, ham radio operator, history buff, and cyclist. John loved being outdoors, spending time at his campground and lake. Most of all, he loved spending time surrounded by family and friends.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth (Emerson) Kistler; six children, Kathy (Siamak) Shahbodaghi, John, George (Jolinda), Marianne (Jeff) Burrier, Genny (Craig Wales), Thomas (Heather); 13 loving grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and extended family. John was preceded in death by grandson Bret Burrier; a sister, Floride Kistler Sturm; a brother, George Kistler. John was a cheerful and loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend.

Private services are planned, and burial will be at West Lawn Cemetery in Newcomerstown. The family will hold a memorial gathering at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Addy Funeral Home. The family suggests that contributions in John's memory be made to Community Hospice, 716 Commercial Ave. S.W., New Philadelphia, OH 44663.

Cemetery

West Lawn Cemetery

21628 Oxford Twp. Rd. 258

Newcomerstown, OH,

Comments



“ It was my pleasure to have known John. He was a great friend. I'm deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Bob (NEMO) Nemeth

Bob (NEMO) Nemeth - April 26, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to Ruth and The Kistler Family. What an amazing man John was. I will treasure the many happy memories I was so fortunate to have! I know my Dad and John are in Heaven sharing all the good times they had together. May you all take comfort in knowing that your husband, Dad was a truly wonderful man. I will treasure him forever. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers. Love to all. As your Dad liked to refer to me as the, “Columbus Chick”. Mimi



Marianne Koepf - April 20, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Such a loss , a truly great person , a man's man in every sense of the word , thoughts and prayers to the family

Floyd Quillin - April 20, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ So sorry to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Zach&Hayley Miller - April 14, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ Lester R Sharrock lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



lester r sharrock - April 13, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Jesse Alexander Kistler.



April 13, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ The Cahill Family sends our deepest condolences to Ruth and the entire Kistler family. We have so many good memories of the entire Kistler family starting with John. He was always a very kind and generous man with a boisterous voice and laugh that could be heard through the Frog Town camp ground. John and Ruth have been letting our family camp there as long as I can remember. He will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to the Kistler family.

Mike Cahill - April 13, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ Enjoyed having him as a teacher at Madison. Always remembered me as I run into him over the years. My deepest sympathies to Ruth and his family.

Sam Ward - April 12, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ I enjoyed my phone calls and visits with John over the last several years. He always had such wonderful stories to share about my mom (his cousin) and my grandparents, especially my grandfather. He brought them back to life for me. He had such a great memory and was a gifted story teller. I loved his laugh...I will never forget it. The entire Kistler family has my deepest condolences.

Jackie Speelman Hickle

Jackie Hickle - April 12, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ My condolences. Another cousin is gone. Every time I saw Johnnie I left with a big smile on my face. When memorial services are held I probably will not get back from Illinois, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Terry Geese - April 12, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ John always took a minute to talk to me whenever I would be at frog town doing laundry. He was a very nice and respected man. I will miss his beautiful smile and his interesting stories. Prayers and hugs for the Family



Penny Rine - April 12, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss! He was my home room/ science teacher in the seventh grade at Ridgewood, science was so much fun with him an his laugh was infectious. Even after all those years since then he still remembered me an I will never forget him.

Jacqui Cutshall

Jacqui Cutshall - April 12, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ Esther lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



esther - April 12, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ So sorry for loss.our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Bob and Theresa Shepherd



Bob Shepherd - April 12, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ I remember when I was laid off , went down and enjoyed music with them all. Thoughts and Prayers to the family.

Daniel John - April 12, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ Myriam Styer lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Myriam Styer - April 12, 2020 at 01:03 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss , thoughts and prayers to the family.

Myriam Styer - April 12, 2020 at 01:07 AM



“ John was a lifelong friend of mine we go back to when we were kids

Ron Furbay - April 11, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Faylene Simmerman lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Faylene Simmerman - April 11, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss! I John always had a story to tell me about him and my dad about things they did in school, which always made me laugh. Always sounded like they were always thinking of things and pranks! Thoughts and prayers to the family and those who knew John! Terry and Karen Stahl



Karen Stahl - April 11, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Mary Goslin lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



mary goslin - April 11, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Mr & Mrs A. Naylor lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Mr & Mrs A. Naylor - April 11, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ My prayers are with the family. So sorry on John's passing. He was such an interesting man. He experienced so much. He lived a full life. He will be missed.



Lee Brobston Hunt - April 11, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts are with you and the rest of the family.

Rod and Becky Nelson - April 11, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ We offer our deepest sympathy to all of his family. He and my husband, Jim Wolff, were friends for so many years, were in the amateur radio club for many years, and our children were good friends. He will most certainly be missed by so many people

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Judy Wolff - April 11, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ Lori Maloy Billings lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Lori Maloy Billings - April 11, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Jesse Alexander Kistler.



April 11, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ I am so sorry, Ruth. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.. Hugs



Fanny Arnold - April 11, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing.For most of my years growing up,they were spent at Kistlers lake and farm.I have many ,many memories of the Entire Kistler family.My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Beth Gardner - April 11, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. John was a great man, and I have very fond memories of him. Thinking of you all during this time. You're in my prayers.

Joanna McIntire - April 11, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss.. Sending lots of prayers to the family



The Grahams - April 11, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ Maggie Crosswhite lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Maggie Crosswhite - April 11, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Anne & Butch Lot #2 lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Anne & Butch Lot #2 - April 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Hugs & prayers to all of the Kistler family



Tara Westfall Troendly - April 11, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ Marc Tuffor lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Marc Tuffor - April 11, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ John was my teacher at Madison school.He will be missed



june sanchez - April 11, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Prayers for comfort and healing.



Julie Meeks - April 11, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to all.
John was a kind, sweet man who always shared a laugh or smile. Will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.



Kathy Casteel - April 11, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ Michelle Fyock lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



michelle fyock - April 11, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Shannon (Couts) Gribble lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Shannon (Couts) Gribble - April 11, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ To John's family, you have our deepest condolences in the passing of John. Anyone who knew John, will always have a smile on their face just thinking of him and the stories he shared. His laughter was contagious. May you find comfort and strength in this time. So many memories, a life time of love and knowing he loved you all so very much. Gods Blessings



Bill and Hellen Miles - April 11, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ Ruthie so sorry to hear of Johns passing He and you are special people John always had a smile on his face He will be missed Gee nobody left to call that crazy nickname lol RIP John

Bobbi Opphile - April 11, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Don&Marjorie Carr lit a candle in memory of John Jesse Alexander Kistler



Don&Marjorie Carr - April 11, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ John was one of the kindest most compassionate men I have ever known! Was honored to call his family my friends for as long as I can remember! Gods peace be with this family!



Ellen Coutts - April 11, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Sorry for your loss! Thinking of your family.

Mary Herron - April 11, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ Prayers and sympathy to all family and friends. We are Easter people.

Pr. Will Haggis - April 11, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Kistler Family; You have my deepest condolences. John and I go back many years. Prayers to all family members. John was one of few people that called me Bear, I will miss that. R.I.P. my friend.

David - April 11, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Ruth and family, you have my deepest sympathy. Some of our most favorite times were spent at Kistler's Lake. John was fun to be around. He and Richard shared so many memories. My prayers are with you now.

Barbara Quillen - April 11, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ Prayers and much Love to Ruth and the entire Kistler family! I have many memories of John and will always cherish my time spent with you. I will always remember his laugh and the way he always made you feel special. I know he is in a much better place, but will be sorely missed!

Carol - April 12, 2020 at 12:17 PM