



John Frank Kukura

March 6, 2018

John Frank Kukura, age 80, of St. Albans, died peacefully on March 6, 2018.

John was born in Casper, WY, and was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, June Marie Chambers Kukura, and his parents, John and Mary Kukura, infant daughter Rose Ellen, and many other relatives and friends.

John, a very caring, loving father and husband, enjoyed buying gifts as well as keeping up with the news and current events. A particular personal passion was loving and caring for animals, especially cats, but also feeding birds which also it seems, pleased the cats. He was a licensed ham radio operator, who also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved attending the grandchildren's soccer, basketball, and football games, swimming meets, and tournaments with Mom. John volunteered over many years with community groups and organizations including the Community Music Association, the West Virginia Symphony, Boy Scouts of America, and midget league football. Dad received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines, was a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and was a commissioned officer for Occupational Health Division offices, Public Health Service in Salt Lake City, Utah. After getting married in Utah, Mom and Dad moved to West Virginia where he worked for more than 40 years in the area chemical plants as a chemical engineer. Originally a Carbider, he then worked for other companies including Rhone-Poulenc, Aventis CropScience,

CDI, Kvaerner, and Augusta Engineering.

John, father of six, is survived by offspring and grandchildren: daughter: Mary and Bob Straw, and their children Brendan and Emer; son: John and Kelli Hill Kukura, their children Katelin and John Cole; daughter: Anne and Roger Burdette, their children Roger and Andrew; daughter: Kathryn Sayre and daughter Kristen; daughter Alicia and Rick Miles, their children Colin, Morgan, Evan, and Ian; and son: Michael. John is also survived by his sister: Barbara Kumpf, and sister-in-laws Claire and Jim Stanley, Anne and Craig Swanson, nieces and nephews, all of their families, and special friends.

We had fun family vacations over the years, will always remember the cars, especially the blue Volkswagen full of kids, and the blue van crossing the country and getting stuck in snow, and the best steaks ever. The family gives many thanks for the care and attention given to him by the loving assistants, nurses, and staff at Broadmore Assisted Living. We, the family, also wish to give a special recognition of gratitude to daughter, sister and favorite nurse, Alicia, for her extra care and help over the past several years.

In lieu of flowers, we suggest donations to the Kanawha-Charleston animal shelter or St. Francis of Assisi School.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated, at 11:00am Saturday, March 10 at St. Francis Church, 1023 6th Avenue, St. Albans.

Visitation will be from 9-11am, Saturday at the church. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Scott Depot.

You may share memories of John on his tribute page by visiting ChapmanFuneralHomes.com

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Kukura family.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Joyce Road
Scott Depot, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
1023 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Frank Kukura*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I have known John for many many years . Our children went to school together and John and June and I ushered for the Symphony and worked on Community Music board. A great family, raised by two great parents. My blessings and prayers for all, love you. I have been out of state and not able to attend the service.*

jacquie Switzer - March 14, 2018 at 06:49 PM



Thank you

Alicia Kukura Miles - March 18, 2018 at 12:19 AM



“ *John and I worked together for many years as well as being members of the same church. My condolences to his family. My he Rest In Peace.*

Mike Shawler - March 10, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ *Sending my love and prayers to the Kukura family at this sad time. What a wonderful family! It was a joy to teach two generations of this family at Saint Francis School and Alban Elementary! I will keep you all close in thought and prayer. God bless you!*
- Deb Austin Brown

Deb Austin Brown - March 09, 2018 at 12:49 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara Kumpf - March 08, 2018 at 06:16 PM

DR

“ We would like to extend our sincere condolences to your family and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We were your neighbors on S. Walnut Street for many, many years. We recall many front porch chats between our parents...John and June; and Ray and Helen Rogers. The years have passed quickly so we hope that all of us have our fun memories to carry us forward.

God Bless

Dave and Kelly Rogers
Orwigsburg, PA

Dave Rogers - March 08, 2018 at 12:07 PM

TT

Condolences to the Kukura Family! I remember your Dad as a Great Family man and Provider! Sending my Best!
Tina Bullard Tye

Tina Bullard Tye - March 08, 2018 at 04:37 PM

BN

“ My memory of Mr. Kurkura comes by way of his daughter, Alicia. I'll forever think of Broadmore as he named it, "The Biltmore", and his love of bananas. His sneaking to feed the birds, and cats at their home in St. Albans demonstrated his caring nature, although his wife probably knew he was feeding them. I know his daughter, Alicia will especially miss him as she took him for regular outings, even if it was just a "road trip " to get him out of "The Biltmore" for a while. I met him briefly when his wife, June, was very ill, and know he stayed by her side until she passed into heaven. May you rest in peace, Mr. Kurkura as you are reunited with your wife, June and your infant daughter.

Barbara Neal - March 08, 2018 at 08:46 AM

KF

Buddy was my cousin, several years older, but I have very fond memories of my handsome, smart cousin. Sounds like he became such a wonderful man. And I think love of cats and birds runs in the family, I enjoy my feathered friends and cat. Very sorry for your loss. Kathy Kukura Fritts. (Eddie's daughter)

Katherine fritts - March 08, 2018 at 10:26 PM

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Thank you 🙏

Alicia Kukura Miles - March 18, 2018 at 12:22 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Frank Kukura.



March 07, 2018 at 08:50 PM

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“ *Deepest sympathies.*

The Hypes Family - March 07, 2018 at 03:34 PM