



John A. Kolarovsky

November 22, 1955 - September 14, 2008

Surrounded by his loving family, John A. Kolarovsky received God's ultimate healing on Sunday, September 14th, at his home in Smithville.

John was born November 22, 1955, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio to Rev. Andrew and Ann (Morrison) Kolarovsky. He was a graduate of Wooster high School in 1974. He had worked at the Apple Creek Developmental Center as a Staff Trainer for 30 years, retiring in 2004. John proudly served as a firefighter/EMT for 13 years at Apple Creek Fire Department and Central Fire District. He was also an amateur stand-up comedian.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Wooster. John also enjoyed traveling to Disney World and Las Vegas with his family.

Surviving are his wife, Tracy (Frost) Kolarovsky, whom he married November 18, 2000; a son, Ian Kolarovsky of Wooster; a daughter, Kendra Stepp of Smithville; sisters, Andrea (William) Nelson of Maine; Mary Ann (Brenton) Knowlton of Wooster; and his faithful boxers, Maxwell and Brinda. His parents preceded him in death.

John and his family wish to thank everyone who assisted in his care over the past three years. You brought us many moments of joy.

A celebration visitation of John's life will be held on Thursday, September 18th, at Zion Lutheran Church in Wooster from 6-8 p.m.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, September 19th, 2:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Alan Nathan officiating.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster is handling

arrangements.

Words of condolences may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

In lieu of flowers, John asks that memorial contributions be sent to Camp Mowana, 2276 Fleming Falls Rd., Mansfield, ohio 44903. It is a place of many fond memories and spiritual growth for him as a camper and a volunteer.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
301 N. Market St.
Wooster, OH

Service

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

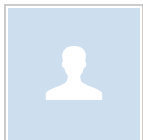
Zion Lutheran Church
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Wooster, OH

Tribute Wall



“ Hi friends!
I'm new here. I've accidentally found this brilliant site and made up
my mind to sign up here!
I hope we'll communicate with each other nicely! So this is my first
post!###imported-begin##cofrederovoto##imported-end##

November 02, 2008 at 03:11 AM



“ Hi webmaster!###imported-begin##Kazelmisc##imported-end##

October 18, 2008 at 10:57 PM



“ Hi!
My name is Jessika!###imported-begin##TrameDren##imported-
end##

October 12, 2008 at 12:01 PM



“ I am so sorry that John is no longer making us smile here on earth.
As a coworker at ACDC and at WCH I will forever remember his
strong compassion for people in general. His good humor made life
workable even under the most stressful situations as we worked
side by side at WCH in the ED. His love for his family was always in
his mind and I hope Tracy and the kids carry that love with them as I
am sure everyone else will that has come into contact with
him.###imported-begin##Jean Rochester##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 03:12 PM



“ Dear Maryann and Andrea and all of John's family. It was with great saddness that I read of John's passing and I want you to all know that we will lift you in prayer during this difficult time. I remember so clearly the day Ann and Andy brought wee John home from the hospital and how thrilled his sisters were to have a baby brother. I wish we could have spent more time together during our adult years. May God bless you all and give you peace as you face the days ahead. With our love, Joanne and Tom.##imported-begin##Joanne (Hodgkiss) and Tom Ingledue##imported-end##

October 03, 2008 at 12:18 AM



“ As friends and neighbors of Andrea and Bill Nelson, our sincere condolences to the family of Andrea's brother, John, upon his recent death. Andrea's many heartfelt sharings of her kind and courageous brother always communicated a deep sense of love and admiration. Our sympathy to you all.

Bonnie and Richard##imported-begin##Richard & Bonnie Farmer##imported-end##

September 24, 2008 at 10:19 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Andrea's brother passing away. I pray for the family and ask God's blessing to be with all of them.##imported-begin##Theresa Nelson##imported-end##

September 22, 2008 at 11:29 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sorrowful time. John was one of the "good guys" at ACDC and I never minded going to training because I knew he would make it "fun" for all of us. Now he has a new audience to make laugh. If there is anything you need Tracey, please call me.##imported-begin##Ann Rollins##imported-end##

September 21, 2008 at 05:05 PM



“ Dear Andrea and Family, I know you are greiving during this time. I hope you find comfort from those that are praying for you.
Love,
Bernadette##imported-begin##Bernadette and David
Luce##imported-end##

September 21, 2008 at 12:25 PM



“ The people of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Brunswick, ME continue to hold your family in our prayers. May the power of Christ's resurrection surround you and comfort you throughout the days ahead.##imported-begin##Rev. Rebecca Parrish
Wegner##imported-end##

September 21, 2008 at 07:17 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to all of you, especially Ian, who I gave music lessons to as a youngster. I also knew John from attending Zion Lutheran Church with him. He was a good person and always had a smile on his face. I'm sorry I was not able to attend the Memorial Service.##imported-begin##Tom Long##imported-end##

September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ What do you say at a time like the only thing we can say is he was the most wonderful to have in our liives. Thank you Tracy for bring in him to this family. he brouht so much to this family, I got the big brother I never had so thank you. John will be miss so very much, he was a person who was loved so much and loved from alot of people. You all will be in our throuhts and prays.##imported-begin##john, judie, and boys##imported-end##

September 20, 2008 at 07:02 PM



“ It really is hard to put into words what kind of man uncle john was because he was so much to all of us. besides the fact that he could all make us laugh to the point wherre we were crying he cared so much about all of us no matter what our problem was he could always make us feel better. im so glad that we were lucky enough to have him be apart of our family he brought so much to us that none of us will ever forget. once again he will be truly missed and all my thoughts and prayers are with you. please dont hesitate to ask for anything no matter how big or small. i love you so much.##imported-begin##jennie,paul,kaylee,andlogan##imported-end##

September 20, 2008 at 06:51 PM



“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##Charolette Gravius##imported-end##

September 20, 2008 at 06:33 PM



“ *What a lovely service for John. Very touching and the words said were so realistic. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##*

September 20, 2008 at 08:26 AM



“ *Tracy & Family sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers go to the family may god wrap his arms around you and the family at this time John was a good trainer learned alot from him*

you are in my prayers

Chris Carter##imported-begin##Chris Carter##imported-end##

September 19, 2008 at 07:07 PM



“ *Tracy,
I was saddened to hear of John's passing. He was truly a wonderfully kind, and funny man who devoted his life to making others happy. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grieving.
Sincerely,*

Deb McMullen(former Applecreek staff)##imported-begin##Deb McMullen##imported-end##

September 19, 2008 at 12:28 PM



“ To Tracy and Family; John was the fun instructor,the one who made everyone laugh. He will always be remembered for that. He was always so happy and positive. He will be missed by all of us that knew him. I'm sorry for your loss and your families,but no more suffering for John###imported-begin###Ann king###imported-end##

September 19, 2008 at 10:36 AM



“ Tracy and Family,
I am so sorry your family is going through such a difficult time. My prayers are with you and your family and if you need anything let me know. Sharon###imported-begin###Sharon Herrman###imported-end##

September 19, 2008 at 09:34 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about John
he was a good guy. We always had a good time when we were in class. He was a good friend. Our prayers go out to his family.###imported-begin###Pam Shinabarker and Nancy Klett###imported-end##

September 18, 2008 at 11:25 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family through this time. John was a wonderful man, a fantastic mentor, and one "Stand-Up" guy.

His humor will resonate with me always.

Blessings and peace to you through your grief.

~Katrina Brown & family##imported-begin##Katrina & "Yeti" Brown##imported-end##

September 18, 2008 at 11:16 AM



“ John had one of the greatest gifts of all - to make others smile. I don't think I ever heard him complain, but I can still hear his laughter. My deepest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Kay Chave##imported-end##

September 18, 2008 at 09:19 AM



“ Tracy, John was a friend to all of us and he sure did have his moments in class when he was a comedian. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. you will always have the happy memories with John to remember, God bless Deb Duncan##imported-begin##Deb Duncan##imported-end##

September 18, 2008 at 08:05 AM



“ Tracy my thoughts are with you##imported-begin##Claudia (Smith) Ferrell##imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 11:36 PM



“ Tracy,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you, Kendra, and all John's family is in my thoughts and prayers.

It seems only yesterday that you both were planning your wedding. Time is a gift, and it is at times like this that we are all reminded that living each moment is the most important thing we can do.

The road ahead will be difficult, but with support of family and friends, you will hopefully have the love and care you need.

Take care and know you have my prayers and support.

Sue##imported-begin##Sue Joseph##imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 10:52 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Johns passing. John always made people laugh. He always seemed to enjoy his job at ACDC. He was a great guy and will be missed more than words can say. My condolences to Ian, Kendra and Tracy.##imported-begin##Joyce Jamison##imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 10:18 PM



“ The wonderful thing about being and having a best friend is that you know how each other is feeling even when the other can't even express it in words. You are there for each other through good times and bad. We'll make it through this one too, my friend. Everyday, every minute, you are not alone. Most importantly, when John has faded from most individuals' memories as inevitably happens with the passage of time, he will not ours. And, I will be there in those times too to talk, share, and make you laugh. I am so sorry that I cannot bear this pain for you. It makes me heartsick. I feel no need to share my thoughts and feelings with you in prose as all of you are in my prayers and thoughts daily -- always have been and always will be. So, John, peace be with you for eternity, my friend. May you have all the "Jesus" cake you can stomach. And Tracy, I am honored to be your best friend and after we get through this time of sadness, we will embark together into your new chapter. I love you always. C.##imported-begin##From your best friend, Tracy##imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 09:41 PM



“ I remember John in so many ways. He was my teacher at Apple Creek and made class so pleasant. Along with Frank, they were a team. With the closing of Apple Creek I have moved on, but I have often thought about John and wondered how he was doing. He made an impression on all of us that worked at ACDC and made the day so much better. He will always be in our hearts and God bless you that are feeling his loss. We loved him...##imported-begin##Lois Santmyer##imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 06:32 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. I enjoyed talking with John on the few occasions that I was able to do so.##imported-begin##Paula Shearer##imported-end##*

September 17, 2008 at 03:11 PM



“ *Ian,*

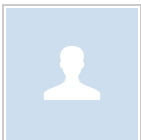
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He was a great man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Fallon##imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 02:35 PM



“ *god bless you my friend no more pain no mope suffering sleep well my friend.##imported-begin##adrienne lytle##imported-end##*

September 17, 2008 at 01:42 PM



“ *Ian and family,*

I'm very sorry for your loss. John "Dad" will always be one of the strongest and best spirited people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. His humor and ability to care for others was unmatched. Thanks for everything you did for us dad.

With love and much respect,

Tommy##imported-begin##Tommy Force##imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 12:00 PM



“ Tracy, we are sorry to hear of John's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Kendra and Ian and your family as you go through this difficult time. Please remember we are here for you if you need us for anything.

David and Jim###imported-begin##David Brandt and Jim Nusbaum###imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 10:16 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss & the pain you are feeling now. Keeping you in prayers that you feel God's loving arms wrapped around you to give you the strength & comfort to see you through.

- Love & Prayers- Jo###imported-begin##Jo Gress###imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 09:37 AM



“ Tracy, Ian and Kendra....What can I say except for we will miss him so very much and we are here for you always. John brought so much joy, laughter, unforgettable moments and sometimes tears (good tears) and man, could he tell a JOKE!!! He will forever be in our hearts, our souls and watching over all of us. We love you all very much and if you need anything, don't hesitate to ask.###imported-begin##Melanie, Michael, Halle and Izzabella Ball###imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 09:23 AM



“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. We love you and pray that God will continue to give you strength as you face the difficult days ahead. My heart goes out to you. Love You Lots!###imported-begin##Luella Gilbert###imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 08:56 AM



“ I worked with John on Apple Creek Fire Department. He was always kind, funny and just a great guy to be around. It was obvious that he loved his family and enjoyed helping others. I will remember him fondly.###imported-begin##Susy Deliman###imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 07:01 AM



“ Tracy:
You and your family are in my thoughts.
Kathleen###imported-begin##Kathleen###imported-end##

September 17, 2008 at 06:14 AM



“ I'm glad John became part of my our family! He was a great guy and always making us laugh!! He will never be forgotten!! We love you and will miss you!!###imported-begin##Kevin, Corie, Austin and Skylar###imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 10:39 PM



“ Tracy & Family: Deepest sympathy to you all on your great loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all. May John rest in peace; pain free! He was truly blessed to have you as his family and vice versa. If you need anything, please call. God Bless you all. Karen##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 09:24 PM



“ Tracey,Ian Kendra I am so very sorry for your loss God Bless you and help you thru these days ahead He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered all my love Pam##imported-begin##Pam Howell##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 05:39 PM



“ Dear Tracy and Kendra,
We sincerely send our deepest sympathy to you for the loss of John. Knowing him makes us believe that he brought so much laughter and security to your lives..... He has touched us and all that knew him with something special that is hard to describe in mere words.....The loss of him in mortal terms is hard, but the celebration he must be embarking on now is beyond what we can ever imagine!!!! His pain has been eased and his peace is in full bloom with God! We hope that you will find peace as well in the months ahead knowing that too.....Please know that we are here if there is anything we can do.....We Love You Both Very Much!

JR, Val and Emily Rufener##imported-begin##JR, Valerie and Emily Rufener##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 02:31 PM



“ Tracy, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mimi Patterson##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. John will always be remembered with a smile. He always made you laugh no matter what the situation.

With deepest sympathy,
David & Susan Sprang##imported-begin##Susan & David Sprang##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 12:56 PM



“ Sorry to hear of John's death. My prayers are with you and your family as you go through this difficult time. Remember we are here for you when you need us!##imported-begin##Tennille Cline##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 12:30 PM



“ Tracy, I'm very sorry for your loss. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help.
Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Dunlap##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 12:03 PM



“ Tracy, Kendra, Ian and family,
Please know we are praying for you all. We pray that Jesus
comforts you and holds you in His Arms.
With Love, Bee & family###imported-begin##Bee Miller###imported-
end##

September 16, 2008 at 10:49 AM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of John.
I knew from St Peters Lutheran Church in New
Pittsburg.###imported-begin##Roger McKinstry###imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 10:35 AM



“ Tracy - my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. John
always made me laugh - he will be truly missed.###imported-
begin##Brenda Markley###imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 10:02 AM



“ goodbye old friend.. your suffering is over now and you're walking
the streets of gold.###imported-begin##barry jenkins###imported-
end##

September 16, 2008 at 07:30 AM



“ Dear Tracy,
we were sorry to hear of your husbands' death. Please know that
you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Randy and Becky Kemper##imported-begin##Randy and Becky
Kemper##imported-end##

September 16, 2008 at 06:13 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. John was one of the
good guys.##imported-begin##Merry Stokes##imported-end##

September 15, 2008 at 11:12 PM



“ May God, in His infinite wisdom, let His face smile down on you and
give you peace. May He fill the void you are feeling with His
love##imported-begin##Marian Longshore##imported-end##

September 15, 2008 at 10:46 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of John's passing. All ACDC employees
knew John because of the position he held. I guess you could say
we were his first audience as a stand up comedian. He always
made me laugh.
He really enjoyed his job and he passed that enthusiasim on to
others along the way. God Bless his family and loved
ones.##imported-begin##Dena DeVaughn##imported-end##

September 15, 2008 at 10:04 PM



“ Tracy, Ian, Kendra, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband and father. He was a great guy and will be missed more than words can say, of course I wish I would have seen him more although we did keep in contact via Myspace. May God assist you in finding peace and Tracy I love you.##imported-begin##Ramona##imported-end##

September 15, 2008 at 08:28 PM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cindy Henry##imported-end##

September 15, 2008 at 07:49 PM



“ Tracy,
I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. I have many fond memories of him from over the years. We worked together at Gruters (with his Mom) then several of us followed his move to ACDC where we all worked together (with his Dad) in Unit E. A lot of fun was had in those years. John was a great man and the world is a better place for having had him walk through it. My sincere condolences to you and his children.
Donna Marshall##imported-begin##Donna Marshall##imported-end##

September 15, 2008 at 07:06 PM