



John LeRoy Kruse

August 28, 1957 - September 12, 2024

LaMoille - John LeRoy Kruse, departed peacefully on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at his residence in LaMoille, IL, surrounded by the warmth of his family.

John, also known as "Popo" John, was born in Napoleon, OH, on August 28, 1957, to the late James and Ruth (Ammon) Kruse. He was confirmed in Christ on April 4, 1971. He was a graduate of Pettisville High School, Class of 1975. He also attended Four County Joint Vocational School.

He married his Babydoll, Mary Kay Weirauch on March 5, 1977 in Wauseon, OH. There they embarked on a life together working and raising their family and sharing stories of adventures. John worked at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center from 2006 to 2024. Prior John worked for Schwan's Home Service from 1988 to 2004.

He enjoyed working on cars, he could fix just about anything. He became quite the woodworker, a hobby he really enjoyed and gave him so much joy. Nothing could compare to spending time with his family, especially the grandbabies. He loved being a mentor to anyone who would listen. There was always certainly a joke to be found in most conversations, quite the funny man he was.

Surviving John, his wife of 47 plus years, Mary Kay Kruse of LaMoille, IL; four children, Benjamin Kruse of Sterling, IL, Tambreah Kruse-Carter of Tiskilwa, IL, Julian (Ashleigh) Kruse of Princeton, IL and Mackenzie (Cristin) Kruse of Princeton, IL; twenty-three grandchildren and three great grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Elling of Wauseon, OH and Toni (Chris) Neuenschwander of Archbold, OH; 2 sisters-in-law, Joetta (Tom) Henry of Defiance, OH and Arlene (Dave) Agler of Napoleon, OH; brother-in-law Clarence Weirauch of Liberty Center, OH; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by one daughter Randi Kruse, his parents, James and Ruth Kruse, one sister Mary Jo Britt, two brothers-in-law, a nephew, and his beloved pets Blackjack and Tinker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charitable disbursement.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments. Viewing will also be offered 1 hour before the funeral services.

Funeral Service will take place on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Hollowayville United Church of Christ, Officiated by Pastor Mike Slutz. There will be a one hour visitation prior to services for those unable to attend the evening before from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at United Church of Christ in Hollowayville, IL.

Graveside Service to follow at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille, IL.

Pallbearers: Shane Kruse, Danyelle Kruse, Arran Kruse, Colin Kruse, Elija Kruse, Cadence Kruse, Kole Sissel, Damian Cobane, Emma Kruse-Carter, TJ Kruse-Carter, Julian Kruse, Braydyn Kruse, Landan Fairbanks, Liam

Fairbanks, Claire Gould, Millie Ratcliff, Levi Kruse, Nora Ratcliff, Lucas Kruse, Aubreanna Vogel, Travis Johnson and Charlee Kruse

Honorary Pallbearers: Ashlynn Kruse, Beau Kruse and Emmett McFadin.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Greenfield Cemetery

Washington Street
LaMoille, IL 61330

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Hollowayville United Church of Christ

Graveside Service

SEP **20**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM.

Greenfield Cemetery
LaMoille, IL

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Your entire family remains in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and comfort during this time.* ”



Kahli Wilson - September 27, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John LeRoy Kruse.* ”



September 18, 2024 at 01:39 PM

MF

“ *Mindy & Brad Fritz and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John LeRoy Kruse.* ”

Mindy & Brad Fritz and Family - September 18, 2024 at 01:39 PM

JS

“ *Jim Seibert purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John LeRoy Kruse.* ”



Jim Seibert - September 17, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John LeRoy Kruse.*



September 17, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *Mary and family, so sorry for your loss. You're in my prayers at this difficult time. Marian and Lenny Beck*

Marian Beck - September 16, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ *Walmart Transportation #6892 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John LeRoy Kruse.*



Walmart Transportation #6892 - September 16, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of mourning.*



Sherry Elling - September 16, 2024 at 01:56 PM