



John S. Kolach

December 26, 1922 - April 22, 2014

Albany-John S. Kolach, Sr., 91, died Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Hospice at Memorial Hospital of natural causes. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Martin and Marianna Lapiesz Kolach.

John is the loving husband of Catherine M. Reinhart Kolach, whom he married August 19, 1951. He is the very proud and loving father of Judy M. Fargione and the late Vincent A. Fargione, Sr and John S. Kolach Jr and his wife Pauline. Cherished grandfather of Vincent A. Fargione, Jr, Catherine M. Gardner (Wesley), John S. Kolach, III and Marianna R. Kolach. Brother of Stanley Kolach (late Margaret), Frances Kazmierczak (late John) and Joseph Kolach. Brother-in-law of Alfred and William Reinhart.

At age 9, John and his family moved to Poland where he was raised and attended college for electrician training. He returned to the United States in 1947 and was drafted into the US Army in 1948. John proudly served as a member of the 82nd Airborne Unit, also seeing duty in Okinawa and Japan, 76th Construction Battalion.

He was employed by Niagara Mohawk and Allegheny Ludlum Steel Co., Watervliet, NY for 35 years as a Millwright. After retirement, never one to sit still, John became a seasonal employee for the New York State Division of Tax and Finance until April 2007. Wherever he went, John made many

friends. John was an avid Yankee fan, visiting the stadium many times. Working was his hobby. He also liked spending time with his family attending all their sports activities and musical performances. Many of his grandkids friends also called him "Dziadzi." One of his greatest pleasures was a good cup of coffee with his family at Panera. John was also an avid walker at Colonie Center with his buddies.

John was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church since 1955. He was an usher at church, member of the Holy Name Society, and also volunteered at the church bingo and bazaar for many years.

His friends would say what a kind, sweet, and gentle man he was, always willing to help anyone. He will be missed dearly. John's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the nurses and aides at Memorial Hospital Hospice unit for all their professional and personal care given to Dad.

Funeral services Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 9:45 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Friday, April 25, 2014 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember John in a special way may send a contribution to the John and Louise Bradley Scholarship Fund, c/o Fr. John Bradley, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

To leave a special message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Service

APR 26. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John S. Kolach*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 24, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ *John S. Kolach*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 01, 2015 at 03:25 PM



“ *Dear Judy and Family:*

We are so sorry to hear of your Father's passing.

I remember him as a kind and gentle man.

Our sincere condolences for your loss.

With sympathy,

Maura Farrell Miller, Husband Steve and Daughter Sara Megan Miller

Peter J. Farrell and Mary E. Farrell (my Brother and Mom)

Blessed Sacrament Church

Maura Miller - April 28, 2014 at 09:23 PM

DG

“ To the loving family of John Kolach Sr.

I wish to extend my sincere condolences to each of you upon learning of John Sr.'s passing. I do not know what made me check the paper of Friday, but I am glad that I did. It offers me a chance to share with you a little story about meeting John.

Not very long ago, (as well as memory serves at this point), I stopped to a lab for a blood test. The office was empty but for one gentleman. When I signed in, I noticed the last name above mine was the same as a classmate in Blessed Sacrament grammar school as well as a co-worker at the Westgate JC Penney. I had to ask. Sure enough John & Judy, I met your dad. We had a most delightful chat. He had a quiet aura about him that radiated a natural kindness and a manner of charm and grace that made you glad to have met him. I know that I had a better rest of the day.

I hope that the rippling affects of his kindness to others returns to you in multiple ways now and in the years to come. I further hope that these many kindnesses, great and small will provide a measure of comfort to you in addition to reassurance in God's plan for all of us especially when your grief is most acute. God Bless.

Donna L. Gallagher-Parisi

Donna L. Gallagher-Parisi - April 26, 2014 at 07:17 PM

KD

“ *The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit.*" Missing Uncle John and sending love and prayer to all the family today. Love, Kathleen Doran

Kathleen Doran - April 25, 2014 at 04:48 PM

DG

“ *John, Pauline, Johnny and Mari,*

We are so sorry for your loss. We never had the pleasure of meeting John, but by all accounts he was a wonderful man. He will surely be missed, but the love and happiness he brought you will live on in your hearts and minds forever.

Debbie, Joey, Jason & Stephanie G.

Debbie G. - April 25, 2014 at 08:29 AM

PR

“ *The Ripchik Family would like to send our thoughts and prayers*

Paul Ripchik - April 24, 2014 at 08:30 PM

DN

“ *To all the family you are in our prayers, sorry for your lost. He was such a nice man!! God bless you all. Tom & Darlene Nicholson. Darlene knew him, wife, and daughter at the 4pm mass.*

Darlene Nicholson - April 24, 2014 at 12:51 PM

NA

“ *Dear Kay and family - we are so very sorry for your loss. John was such a sweet, kind man and such a dear friend to Steve.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you - Pam, Nadine & Julia Azarian

Nadine Azarian - April 24, 2014 at 11:31 AM

RT

“ Jack,
I'd like to extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father John. I just read his obituary, what a great man he was and a Yankee fan too!

Sincerely, Ron Tritto

Ronald Tritto - April 24, 2014 at 08:44 AM

BL

“ John, Pauline, Johnny and Mari,

I am so sorry for your loss. My sympathy goes out to your entire family. He was such a sweet man. You are in my thoughts and i am here if you need anything.

*Much love,
Barb Leonardo*

Barbara Leonardo - April 24, 2014 at 05:31 AM