



## John Kunz

March 26, 1923 - September 4, 2020

ROYAL OAK - John W. Kunz, 97, of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully at home on September 4, 2020. He was born in Detroit Michigan, served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War, and graduated from the University of Detroit. During World War II, his unit received a commendation for their role in intercepting coded messages. He worked as a manufacturer's representative with the John W. Gillette Company and, with his wife Marilyn, founded Global Enterprises, an international automotive supplier. John loved golfing and ballroom dancing, particularly at Red Run Golf Club. John and Marilyn celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in August.

John is survived by his wife Marilyn, brother Francis (Gail) and four sons Jim (Kris), Don (Jean), Bob (Laurie) and Bill (Charmaine). He is further survived by grandchildren David (Kate), John, Thomas, Phillip, Steven, Ashley Popovic (Nick), Dominique, Justine, Ryan and Michael, as well as great-grandchildren Olivia and Marko Popovic.

John was a long-time member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak. A private memorial Mass was celebrated. Those wishing to pay tribute to John are encouraged to send memorials to the Evans Scholars Foundation or to Angela Hospice.

View obituary and add tributes at [SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Comments

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“ It was a pleasure and honor to have caddied for Mr. Kunz for nearly a decade. He has left myself and many caddies at Red Run with countless memories and sage advice. I don't know if I have ever met more of a gentleman and a friend in my lifetime than Mr. Kunz. The world now more than ever needs more people like him.

You will be sorely missed by all, especially by me.

-Ogeen Kada

**Ogeen Kada** - September 16 at 02:41 PM

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“ It has been a real pleasure to share our Children & Grandchildren with John & Marilyn all these years. Many good memories. Sending caring thoughts to the Kunz family.

Larry & Suzanne Lemire

**Suzanne & Larry Lemire** - September 13 at 10:49 AM

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**Justine Kunz** - September 09 at 02:58 PM

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“ Truly a real Gentleman he was & always will be Mr. Red Run every time he would see me he would say  
“barev-inches” that's Armenian for Hello how are you.  
And a Great Family.  
Eddie & Nancy Krikorian

**Nancy Krikorian** - September 08 at 09:27 PM

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**Justine Kunz** - September 08 at 02:03 PM

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“ Truly a great man and a real gentleman. He will be greatly missed by many. Lee and Marsha Yambura

**Lee Yambura** - September 08 at 10:06 AM



“ John was a wonderful person and devoted family man. The Coccia family  
**chester coccia** - September 08 at 11:00 AM



“ A friend for over 70 years. We shared a love of baseball, family, picnics, bowling, golf and eating out. He will be missed.  
**Roy Halmhuber** - September 08 at 12:52 PM



“ I was so lucky to have worked for him and he was the kindest person you could have known. I was proud to call him a boss and friend! Rest in Peace!  
**Susan Skelly** - September 08 at 01:50 PM



“ A truly wonderful person! I feel blessed and very lucky to have known John! The world lost a great man but heaven gained one!!  
**Keith Potter** - September 08 at 03:02 PM



“ I will always remember John for his passion for life and how he lived it to the fullest and how he wanted to bring others along on his journey. Thank you John for your kindness and I am blessed to have known you!  
**John McRoberts** - September 08 at 03:10 PM



“ John and Marilyn are Mr. and Mrs. Red Run! I will always remember John as a real Gentle Man! Kind, courteous and very congenial! He will be missed by all, especially is equally sweet and kind wife, Marilyn. So very sorry to the Kunz family for their loss!  
**Joyce Biebuyck** - September 08 at 07:54 PM



“ Marilyn & "boys", although there are no words to fully express my sorrow I wanted you to know how special John was to me. From the first day I met him, he & Marilyn took me under their wing and have always been there for me. John in my eyes was the epitome of what a true gentlemen is. His wit, wisdom, kindness will be missed and will leave a true void in so many lives. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mary Beth  
**Mary Kohloff** - September 09 at 08:46 AM



“ John was the definition of a gentleman. We were fortunate to have him as a friend.

Chuck and Marilyn Elliott

**Marilyn Elliott** - September 09 at 10:12 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family

**Johnny Bossio** - September 10 at 09:12 AM



“ My condolences to the extended Kunz family. What a wonderful guy. A kind, loving, family man who was as many people have indicated the ambassador and face of Red Run. Practically every time I came to the club, he and his family or friends would always be at the same table in the corner. Practically everyone would stop to greet him as they came in or left. Just as we have Kramer's corner in the locker room, I will always think of that as the "Kunz Corner" in the grill room. Sure we will all miss him but glad we had him for all these years.

**Ed** - September 11 at 08:50 AM