



John David Kashner

July 10, 1960 - December 8, 2022

John David Kashner, age 62, of Royal Oak, completed his life's journey on December 8, 2022.

Beloved husband of Karen (née Nixon). Loving son of Mariam and the late Sy. Dear brother of Martha Kashner and Charlie (Gary Wasserman) Kashner; brother-in-law of Maria (Mark) Stiles and Cheryl (Kevin) Clouthier. Dear uncle of Nicole (Andy) Stewart, Katrina (Tim) Klein, Mark Stiles, Wayne Stiles, and Colton Kashner; and great-uncle of Eliza Stewart, Julia Klein, and Owen Klein.

John served as a football, wrestling, and track & field coach throughout his career in high school athletics. He coached football at Royal Oak, Andover, Berkley, Cousino, Rochester Hills, and Milford; wrestling at Andover, Rochester Hills, and Milford; and Track & Field at Andover and Lakeland. Outside of work, he was very involved in the Masonic fraternities. He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Northwood-Ancient Craft Lodge #551, Eastern Star, and Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Royal Oak.

John loved to travel and-in particular-visit lighthouses. He had personally seen nearly every lighthouse along the shores of the lakes surrounding Michigan, and he made a special trip to Maine to visit many of the lighthouses along its coast. Closer to home, he loved to cook and was fond of sharing stories, telling jokes, and playing pranks. It's fair to say that John was the type of guy

who never met a stranger. He will be dearly missed.

Visitation will take place on Sunday, December 11 from 1 - 8 p.m. and Monday, December 12, from 12 p.m. until time of Eastern Star Service at 7 p.m. and Masonic service immediately following (around 7:30 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers, the family is collecting donations for trees to be planted in John's memory. If there is a special place you'd like to request a tree be planted, please let the family know.

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Visitation

DEC 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Eastern Star Service

DEC 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Masonic Service

DEC 12. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He coached me in football, wrestling and track during my time at Andover. We may not have won many games, but he whooped me into shape and he always made things fun. He truly loved his athletes "kids" and we loved him back. A good coach, but better man. He will be missed by everyone he taught. Sincerest condolences to Karen and the rest of his family.

Albert Kim - December 14, 2022 at 01:20 PM

KM

“ Kathy Meyer sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Kashner



Kathy Meyer - December 12, 2022 at 07:15 PM

KM

“ Karen, my heart breaks for you knowing how badly your heart hurts. I just found out that John's funeral is tomorrow morning. I'm so very sorry I won't be there. You are in my thought and prayers.

Kathy Meyer - December 12, 2022 at 07:13 PM

SJ

“Kashner was the one adult in my high school and college years who I felt I could really trust and have back me up. He was never afraid to let me know when I was going on the wrong direction but never made it feel like he was disappointed in me. He gave me confidence to be myself and play football and wrestle when it was not always well received in Bloomfield hills. He may not have had kids of his own but every one of his athletes and many students all considered him a bonus parent! We will miss your humor and hugs Coach!!

Stephanie Montera Johnson - December 12, 2022 at 06:40 PM

KF

“My sympathy is with Karen and John’s family. John was such an out going and fun guy. I worked with him at Andover high school, we were hall monitors in 2000. All the kids loved him. RIP Kashner

Kathi Fisher - December 12, 2022 at 02:10 PM

CO

“My deepest sympathy to Karen and the family. He has had a long and hard journey. RIP



Carol Oravec - December 11, 2022 at 12:31 PM

JJ

“Our thoughts and care are with you. Julie Johnson & Scott Whitman (Napa CA)

Julie Johnson - December 10, 2022 at 09:01 PM

ER

“ John David brought us all tremendous joy when he was born in 1960. He was an inspiration throughout his lifetime with his tremendous ability to fight the good fight, rise above adversity, maintain a positive attitude, overcome the challenges of health issues, share his many talents, demonstrate his optimism, display his wonderful sense of humor, and his drive to contribute to so many individuals and organizations to make things better. If anyone deserved a lifespan of 100 years, it was John David Kashner. We shall miss him and extend our sincere sympathy to the entire family. Eli and Betty Ruben - Sun City Center, Florida.

Elias Ruben - December 10, 2022 at 02:47 PM