



John F. Kripli

May 6, 1965 - December 13, 2025

John Francis Kripli, age 60, of Clawson (formerly of Royal Oak), passed away on December 13, 2025.

Born on May 6, 1965, in Royal Oak, John was raised in the community he would proudly call home for half of his life. He attended St. Mary's Schools from kindergarten through eighth grade, continued on to Dondero High School, and later earned his associate degree from Oakland Community College in Royal Oak.

John dedicated virtually his entire professional career to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where he served as a supervisor in supply chain, most recently as coordinator. Known and loved throughout the hospital, he was deeply admired by colleagues and staff alike. During times when he himself was a patient, people from various areas of the hospital would stop by or ask about him—a true testament to the lasting relationships he built and the kindness he showed every day.

It was at Beaumont that John met the love of his life, Tracy. They met in December 1993, became engaged just a year after they started dating, and were married at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Hazel Park. They honeymooned at Disney, where a spontaneous timeshare purchase turned into a lifetime of cherished family vacations. Together, they raised three

daughters and created countless memories, especially during their many trips to Disney and their travels throughout Michigan, where John developed a special love for lighthouses.

A man of deep faith, John lived his life guided by God and by his favorite saying: "Everything affects everything else." He embodied this belief through his unwavering presence in the lives of those he loved. He volunteered extensively at his children's schools, attended every sporting event, music performance, and theater production, and made sure he was always there-no matter what. And his unique version of "time-outs" with his kids involved holding them close while making them watch classic John Wayne films and Casablanca.

Music was one of his greatest passions. A gifted singer, he was rarely quiet and always singing. Along with his brother, he became a wedding DJ as part of "J and J DJs." He owned more than 1,000 CDs and was an avid music fan, with a special love for Bruce Springsteen. His 60th birthday was celebrated at a dueling piano bar, where he proudly jumped up to dance to "Dancing in the Dark." In fact, if there was a dance floor, he was on it-so enthusiastically that after one cousin's wedding, he danced himself straight into physical therapy.

John was also a devoted Detroit Lions fan, played fantasy football with his friends, and loved movies of all kinds, especially Marvel and Harry Potter.

A six-year cancer survivor, John faced adversity with strength, faith, and perseverance. He was incredibly social and endlessly communicative-calling friends and family during Lions games, striking up conversations in grocery store lines, and making friends wherever he went.

Above all, John was a loving husband, devoted father, faithful servant of God, and a friend to all. His joy, laughter, music, faith, and love will continue to

ripple through the lives he touched, reminding us all that truly, everything affects everything else.

John will be remembered as the beloved husband of Tracy (née Adams). Loving father of Anna (Kevin) Balboa, Becky Kripli, and Kate Kripli. Dear son of the late Frank and Edith Kripli; brother of Joseph (Karen) Kripli, Paul (Sharon) Kripli, Marie (the late Martin) Lareau, and James (Robin) Kripli; son-in-law of Sandra Mazurek; and brother-in-law of Suzi Adams and John (Micki) Adams.

Visitation for John will be held on Friday, December 19, from 2:30 - 8 p.m. (all are invited to the preceding Rosary held from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. The Funeral Mass for John will be celebrated on Saturday, December 20, at 11:00 a.m. (visitation 10:30 a.m.) at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 581 E 14 Mile Rd., Clawson.

Memorial contributions in memory of John can be directed to the Corewell Health Foundation of Southeast Michigan at <https://corewellhealth.org/foundation/southeast/donate>

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

DEC 19. 2:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
581 E. 14 Mile Road
Clawson, MI 48017

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Tracy, Anna, Becky and Kate,

There are no words to express the amount of grief I am feeling for the loss of my brother (from another mother) John. I have sat down a number of times to write something, and couldn't find the right words to indicate what a profoundly good friend, and an even better human being that he was. We were a part of a brotherhood of friends that started out as wild-eyed teenagers, concerned only with going out, having fun, listening to music, talking sports and occasionally trying to keep each other out of trouble. We were young and, in our eyes, invincible. I told the Wayne State story at today's luncheon, but around the same time, John worked at a small carry-out place on Woodward, Black Bart's (later, it became Bartelli's). I went in at once or twice a week to grab lunch. We would stand around and talk for quite awhile...a lo-o-o-o-ong while. I don't think I ever left with a hot meal, but even cold, he made some of the best sandwiches.

We would get together to party (One St. Patty's Day with John was more than my liver could take.), with our band of brothers.

When Rob moved in with John, his house on Scotia was THE place to be. We would watch football, boxing matches and play computer Risk. And, while they weren't quite the parties that John had at his parents' house (no police calls need be made), we had many a party there. I remember it was at one of the parties John first talked about thinking of asking out "Suzy Adams' younger sister". That New Year's Eve, John and Tracy were a couple. We knew it was a love to last when Tracy stayed with John, even after he rolled his Woody minivan on I-75. We stayed in touch over the years, because of fantasy football and our love for the team in Honolulu Blue and Silver. John always knew "exactly what they needed to do" to get to the Super Bowl. Funny how he could not translate his expertise to his own fantasy team. We often joked that he loved the Lions so much because his fantasy team was the Lions.

As the years went by, and I left the TMFL, we would still get together to watch our Lions. One time, Anna joined John and me at B-Dubs for a playoff game, she said she had fun, I know we did, because it was a LIONS VICTORY!

A few years ago, I started playing fantasy football again, in a Fan Duel league. As more of our circle of friends got into it, I kept asking John to join. He would always politely decline. Just this past fall, all the asking finally must have wore him down, because he actually joined! (Thank you, Becky, for setting his phone up for him.) After all the fantasy football ridicule over the years, who knew John was a Fan Duel football savant! You could tell just how much he was loving it, too, because he was every bit as obnoxious as Rob usually is. And, quite frankly, it was refreshing to see that side of him...until two wins became three and then four. Our mantra of "anyone but Rob" became "anyone but Rob and John" and man was he loving it! His "personal assistant" (John, doing a terrible disguised voice) called me a few times to say thanks for all the money.

Three weeks ago, a bunch of us met at B-Dubs for the Lions game (I shared a pic of us to Kate's picture wall). John sat next to my older brother, John. They decided to split a Keno ticket and John's hot streak continued, as they won big there, too. He was grinning ear to ear!. As he was leaving, we did, as has been our custom for the last decade or so, tell each other we loved each other. I didn't know that it would be our last good-bye, but it was a great day all around, because the Lions won too!

I will miss you, John. So will anyone and everyone else that knew you.

RIH, my brother.

Randy Thomas - December 20, 2025 at 05:35 PM

BT

“ My deepest sympathies on the loss of your family member , R.I.P Mr. Kripli,
Sincerely, Bethany Thomas



Bethany Thomas - December 20, 2025 at 09:56 AM

AH

“ You Tracy and John were always there when I needed you during my Beaumont days. Thank you both for your dedication on and off the job. John will be missed, but will be in our hearts forever ❤️.
Ann Herron

Ann Herron - December 20, 2025 at 09:05 AM

PG

“ Pamela G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Kripli.

Pamela G. - December 19, 2025 at 12:41 PM

TF

“ The Perry and Lulaj Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John F. Kripli.



The Perry and Lulaj Families - December 19, 2025 at 06:02 AM

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The Perry and Lulaj Families - December 19, 2025 at 06:02 AM

RL

“ RJ Lawler purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John F. Kripli.



RJ Lawler - December 18, 2025 at 10:59 PM

RL

“ RJ Lawler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Kripli.

RJ Lawler - December 18, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John F. Kripli.



December 18, 2025 at 09:33 PM

KL

“ Ken Lawler purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of John F. Kripli.



Ken Lawler - December 18, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John F. Kripli.*



December 18, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Brothers, Sister, and their families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Kripli.*

Brothers, Sister, and their families. - December 18, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Brothers, Sister, and their families. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John F. Kripli.*



Brothers, Sister, and their families. - December 18, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Bob and Maria Clemente purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John F. Kripli.*



Bob and Maria Clemente - December 18, 2025 at 10:09 AM

MC

“ Praying for your family, Tracy. You never talked about your husband without a smile on your face and its clear from these messages that he shared your heart for others and will be greatly missed.

Marcy Corbat - December 18, 2025 at 09:12 AM

TC

“ The AdFL crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Kripli.

The AdFL crew - December 18, 2025 at 07:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John F. Kripli.



December 18, 2025 at 07:19 AM

LL

“ Lauren, Ben, Noah and Levi LaPaugh purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John F. Kripli.



Lauren, Ben, Noah and Levi LaPaugh - December 17, 2025 at 10:22 PM

NB

“ *Nedra Klapproth & The Baileys purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John F. Kripli.*



Nedra Klapproth & The Baileys - December 17, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John F. Kripli.*



December 17, 2025 at 08:29 PM

LA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Laurie Ann Allman - December 17, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LA

A toast to John from his Corewell supply chain team. We love you, Brother!!

Laurie Ann Allman - December 17, 2025 at 05:07 PM

GA

“ I remember John because he use to work with my sisters husband at Beaumont and I went to high school with his brother, Paul, at Dondero. I remember him and his wife being at a Halloween party of mine in Clawson. Never a bad thing to say about anybody. A real nice guy.

Gail Anderson - December 17, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ John was a fantastic coworker who extended himself to, and beyond, his assigned area—all in the interest of helping his colleagues, and ultimately, our patients. John shared his dedication to his faith, a morality that showed in his character. I will miss John. I will pray for him. I will pray for strength and peace for his loved ones.”

Tom Kowalski, RN

Tom Kowalski - December 17, 2025 at 04:41 PM

TK

Thank you all for the beautiful notes, flowers, cards, sllepchsir donations, plants, trees and prayers!

Tracy Kripli - January 13 at 06:26 PM

LF

“ Laymans and Stukenborgs (reman folks) purchased the Fairest of All for the family of John F. Kripli.



Laymans and Stukenborgs (reman folks) - December 17, 2025 at 02:59 PM

SR

“ Sincerely Gary and Patti Phillips RTS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Kripli.

Sincerely Gary and Patti Phillips RTS - December 17, 2025 at 02:52 PM

SR

“ Sincerely Gary and Patti Phillips RTS purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John F. Kripli.



Sincerely Gary and Patti Phillips RTS - December 17, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TB

“ The DeNoyers and Bonaccis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Kripli.

The DeNoyers and Bonaccis - December 17, 2025 at 02:16 PM

TB

“ The DeNoyers and Bonaccis purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John F. Kripli.



The DeNoyers and Bonaccis - December 17, 2025 at 02:16 PM

PG

“ Paul & Pat Green purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John F. Kripli.



Paul & Pat Green - December 17, 2025 at 02:00 PM

TP

“ The Jacksons (Karen, Tom, John, Paul) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John F. Kripli.



The Jacksons (Karen, Tom, John, Paul) - December 16, 2025 at 08:40 PM

TF

“ The Beckwell Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John F. Kripli.



The Beckwell Family - December 16, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John F. Kripli.



December 16, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John F. Kripli.



December 16, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“J. Krip”, as we called him, felt so much closer than just our brother’s father-in-law. He became family well before Anna and Kevin’s wedding — comfortably taking part in our kids’ baptisms, coming to our family’s houses for bonfires or barbecues or football, or sitting with us at church. Our kids loved pointing out “Mr. Klipali” at Guardian Angels — he would sweetly wave at them throughout the Mass and took time after to catch up with us about parenting or Michigan football. We were happy to count him among our Lions viewing base and listen to his unwavering arguments against Anzalone. Conversations with him were never dull, and we always came away learning something new from his encyclopedic knowledge. Such a blessing to have known such a joyful, kind man! He always joked that our son John was his namesake — we’ll let him have that one, and make sure little John never forgets what an honor that is!

Lizzy Clemente - December 16, 2025 at 04:01 PM



We have good memories of Reunions or family gatherings and John was kind, interesting and funny. He is my cousin Edith & Frank's son. We are very sad that he is gone too soon. Sending Prayers & Love to Tracy Adams Kripli & the girls. May God comfort you all.
Norman and Janet Reetz

Janet Reetz - December 16, 2025 at 10:21 PM

KO

Sorry for your loss Tracy. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.

Kelly Orlandi - December 18, 2025 at 12:30 PM

IG

Tracy, I am so very sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of working with John for many years in my previous role—he always had a smile on his face and was such a kind, dedicated, and hardworking leader. Please know my prayers are with you and your family during this incredibly difficult time.

Isabel Gauss - December 18, 2025 at 03:00 PM

MC

Dear Tracy, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and the family are in my prayers.

Melissa Charbonneau - December 19, 2025 at 08:38 AM