



## Paul J. Kruse

August 7, 1945 - February 10, 2024

Paul J. Kruse, age 78, died February 10, 2024 in Shelby Township. He was born August 7, 1945 in Erie, Pennsylvania to the late Paul E. and Mary M. (nee Griffin) Kruse. Loving, caring and supportive husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Paul entered into eternal life with family by his side, he is survived by his children Mary (Jim) Kruse-Jacks, Jean (Craig) Irwin, Lorrie (Kevin) Kruse, Nancy (Dave) Ewald and Jade Kruse, his brothers Robert and Alan and sister Suzy. He is predeceased by his wife of almost 53 years, Anna, his daughter Katie and sons Joseph and Patrick. Papa Paul was the proud grandfather to Brenna, Alexis, Jack, Kyle, Matthew, Benjamin, Andrew, Emma and Owen. Paul grew up in the country enjoying camping and playing with his siblings and cousins. After high school he set off to GMI in Flint, MI to pursue his love of cars and engineering. It was while working for General Motors, his lifetime employer of 43 years, that he met the love of his life Annie in Cleveland while on a blind date. They married and welcomed three daughters in Ohio and later settled in Michigan growing the rest of their family. He was a master gardener (farmer Jack) that loved tractor pulls, road trips back home to Pennsylvania and asking his children out of the blue trivia questions which when given the correct answer he always followed up with "well you know why that is, don't you?". Paul also enjoyed collecting car literature, fixing and riding bicycles, reading and watching sci-fi like Star Trek. He introduced his daughters to the original HGTV - This Old House and Victory Garden. Paul's greatest joy was spending time with his wife, children

and grandkids. Paul was a genuine blessing to his family - he will be forever loved and missed. The Kruse family will receive friends on Thursday, February 15th from 2:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke Avenue on the north side of Hall Road) Utica. On Friday, February 16th he will lie in state at 10:30 a.m. until the time of his Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Road (north of 25 Mile Road), Shelby Township, Michigan. Burial Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. Please share a memory with his family at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Prayer Service

FEB 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Instate At Church

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FEB **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
54045 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## Funeral Mass

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FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
54045 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

# Tribute Wall



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.* ”



February 15, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.* ”



February 15, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ *Love The Mulonas & Prappas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Kruse.* ”

**Love The Mulonas & Prappas Family** - February 15, 2024 at 07:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.* ”



February 15, 2024 at 07:37 AM

DT

“ *Dylan Truance-Lewis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Kruse.*

Dylan Truance-Lewis - February 14, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.*



February 14, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.*



February 14, 2024 at 08:39 PM

SC

“ *Such a loss of a great big brother*



Suzanne Carstater - February 14, 2024 at 06:24 PM

MI

“ Mark Improta purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul J. Kruse.



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**Mark Improta** - February 14, 2024 at 05:13 PM

LF

“ Lisa Curran and Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Paul J. Kruse.



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**Lisa Curran and Family** - February 13, 2024 at 09:08 PM

LA

“ Love, Linda and Alexis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Kruse.

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**Love, Linda and Alexis** - February 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.



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February 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM

ML

“ With deepest sympathy to Mary and the entire Kruse family. We wanted to let you know that the Ford Motor Company Van Dyke team is thinking and praying for Mr. Kruse and the entire family. May Mr. Kruse Rest in Peace and may god bless your entire family during this time.



Mike Lang - February 13, 2024 at 02:58 PM

BG

“ Brenda Gailliard purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Paul J. Kruse.



Brenda Gailliard - February 13, 2024 at 12:30 PM

RK

“ Paul Kruse family, please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. I will miss talking cars with uncle Paul (Jack) I understand he was a great father and grandfather to all. Your Family are all in prayers.- Ryan Kruse

Ryan Kruse - February 13, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.



February 12, 2024 at 06:25 PM

VH

“ Dear Kruse family, please accept our deepest sympathies on your loss. It is very hard to lose both of your parents in a relatively short period of time. Please know that you are all in our prayers. We are your cousins in Cleveland, Ohio. We will be having a Mass said for your parents at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Bedford, Ohio. Veronica and Rosemary Horvath



veronica and Rosemary Horvath - February 12, 2024 at 05:15 PM

TF

“ The North Macomb Community Soccer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Kruse.

The North Macomb Community Soccer Family - February 12, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.



February 12, 2024 at 04:52 PM

RO

“ ROB AND LAURIE GOLDI OXOX planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Kruse.

ROB AND LAURIE GOLDI OXOX - February 12, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kruse.*



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February 12, 2024 at 04:28 PM