



## John Mueller

November 19, 1964 - March 14, 2016

John Mueller, 51, of Kearney died Monday, March 14, 2016 in Kearney. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with the Father Paul Colling and Father Joseph Hannappel celebrating. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the church with a vigil / prayers service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Arrangements are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

John Carl Mueller was born November 19, 1964 in Detroit, Michigan to Carl and Diane (Arbanas) Mueller. He grew up in Brighton, Michigan and was a 1982 graduate of Brighton High School. While in High School, John was a stand-out athlete. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI. It was there where he met the love of his life. On November 28, 1987, John was united in marriage to Joanne Minogue in Nashville, TN. John had a passion for coaching youth sports, spending the past 18 years positively impacting many young athletes. Most recently, he was the head coach of the Kearney Catholic Boys Soccer team and also previously helped with the Tri-City Jr. Storm hockey club. John was an avid Denver Broncos and Detroit Red Wings fan.

John was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church. He was a man of strong faith. John was never far from Joanne's side and his family meant the world to him. Nationwide, there is evidence of John's beautiful craftsmanship. John refurbished distressed wood and had a mission to increase awareness of how things or people, that may appear to have no purpose, can be transformed into works of beauty. His most recently completed project was in January and is proudly displayed at BarVino in Lincoln, NE.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Joanne Mueller of Kearney; sons Michael Mueller of Toledo, OH, Jack Mueller of Kearney; daughters, Gina Mueller of Texas, Megan Mueller of Kearney and Heather Shepard of California; parents Carl and Diane Mueller of Brighton, MI; brother Francis (Ashley) Mueller of Macomb, MI; sister Marjorie Mueller-Harwood of Brighton, MI; mother-in-law, Josephine Minogue of Toledo, OH; sister-in-law Donna (Kenny) Gaughan of Bartlett, IL; brother-in-law George (Mary Jane) Minogue of Lake In the Hills, IL, as well as, many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his father-in-law, John Minogue.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
2407 W. 56th Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

## Vigil / Prayer Service

MAR 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
2407 W. 56th Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
2407 W. 56th Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Mueller*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *2 files added to the album John*



**Jim Clark** - July 25, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Joanne -- I was sad to hear the news this week of John's passing. You and the kids are in our thoughts and prayers. I last exchanged email with John last fall when he wrote after reading the USA Hockey article. It was clear hockey was a passion for him. We made a donation in John's name to DJHA to remember his love of youth hockey. Best wishes to all from Texas.*

*The Williams (Marla, Chis, Evan and Ethan)*

**Marla Williams** - March 25, 2016 at 03:50 PM

AS

“ *Joanne and family,  
We are deeply saddened by the passing of John. You were one of the first families we made friends with when we moved to Texas. Our hearts are very heavy. Sending love and prayers to you all.*

*Jack, Griffin misses you and is sorry for your loss.*

*Andrea, Craig and Griffin Sugasawara*

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**Andrea Sugasawara** - March 23, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 23, 2016 at 12:53 AM

KB

“ *Carl and Diane, words cannot express how much my heart goes out to your family. The thought of losing a child is unbearable but yet it is has come to pass. Find peace in knowing that John knew the Lord and you will see him again. ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Love you all very much and wish you peace during this difficult time. To Joanne and family, I never had the pleasure of meeting John or you guys personally but Carl proudly displayed your pictures and I have heard countless stories. I feel like I know you. My heart is with you and you are in my prayers. Sincerely, Kim Branham*

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**Kim Branham** - March 21, 2016 at 08:27 PM

KM

“ My name is Kath. My Dad's name is Fred Petersen. I just wanted to say how sorry i am for your loss. I'm almost certain that John was in my graduating class at Brighton High school! Life is never easy, I have had to face many difficult times myself and still am trying to work through them. I am sending my prayers and thoughts to all of you. I hopes that you may find peace.

Kath Mohr - March 20, 2016 at 04:09 PM

RK

“ Bob, Renee, Alexa and Cameron Kessler send their deepest sympathies to the Mueller and Minogue families. Although we are not there in person, our hearts and minds are with you. We will remember John always because he positively touched so many lives. Our love and hugs to all!!!

Renee Kessler - March 20, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Mueller.



March 20, 2016 at 09:39 AM

LC

“ *Dear Joanne and family  
My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I've known John since middle school always kind to the younger sister as my brother Jim was a good friend. Joanne came to our house in lake of the pines in Brighton when she saw a duck she screamed is that a duck! We fell in love with her right away. I have watched the admiration John had for his family and the passion with which he lived from afar with respect. I will miss him. Love to Frances, Marjorie and Johns parents.  
Lisa Clark*

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**lisa clark** - March 20, 2016 at 09:09 AM

JC

“ *Dear Joanne and Children,  
  
Jim and I are saddened at the death of your dear, precious husband and father. We have so many fond memories of our son Jim and John playing athletics together. They were close friends. Our son Jim, was best man in John and Joanne's wedding and Jim and I attended also. Our hearts are heavy. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. John will be dearly missed by many, many youth whose life he touched in a special way. He was such a loving, caring, father and husband. He will be sorely missed by many of us who loved him. We hope that thought will bring comfort to you knowing we are sharing your sorrow. We love you,  
Jim and Winnie Clark*

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**Jim and Winnie Clark** - March 19, 2016 at 09:07 PM

JF

“ *Praying For Your " Family"..  
God Bless!*

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**Janke Family** - March 19, 2016 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 19, 2016 at 05:17 PM



“ *The Ogle Family...Bob, Therese, Kate, Hannah, Trey & Claire purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John Mueller.*



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**The Ogle Family...Bob, Therese, Kate, Hannah, Trey & Claire**  
- March 19, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 19, 2016 at 01:26 PM

JC

“ *My memories of John are unfailingly positive. For a long period of my life he was one of my best friends.*

*We met in Brighton playing Little League baseball, and became teammates in 5th grade in Little League football. In high school we trained together during the summers, John always intense and pushing us both to get better. He ran countless hours of pass routes, never getting tired, always eager for more, never taking taking a day off. He wanted us both to be the best we could be. He was a serious competitor on and off the field. Tough, disciplined, a great teammate. Off the field he was a friend I could always count on in good times and bad.*

*During our college summers we painted houses, cleaned lakes and hustled to make a few bucks. John brought the same intensity, friendliness, and positive outlook to every day. We spent a lot of great times together over the years. He was the definition of nice, I can't remember him ever saying bad things about anyone.*

*From afar I admired his commitment to his family, and to making the world a better place. I am sure his family is proud of John Mueller, as a human being.*

*John was a great friend. He impacted my life in many positive ways, helping form who I was then and now. I am deeply saddened, and will miss him dearly.*

*Jim Clark,  
Tampa, Florida*

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**Jim Clark** - March 19, 2016 at 12:32 PM

SL

“ *Sherry Lindsey lit a candle in memory of John Mueller*



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**Sherry Lindsey** - March 19, 2016 at 12:31 PM

SL

“ *My heart broke when I read the news! Such a beautiful and amazing man! It hurts me so much to think of the pain your family must be going through right now! As busy as life got, I've never forgotten the kindness that your family has shown me, and have spoke of you often to my husband. I've always wanted him to meet you guys! It saddens me that such a wonderful family has suffered such a loss and so much pain! I love you guys, and will be lifting you all up in prayer!! If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to call!! We are happy to help in any way we can.*

*Much love,*  
*Sherry Lindsey*

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**Sherry Lindsey** - March 19, 2016 at 12:07 PM

CG

“ From my Facebook post on the Brighton High School class of 82 page:

*This is a tough weekend. A man I "used to know", John Mueller is being laid to rest. Left behind are countless family members, friends and students that are shocked and saddened. Even though I hadn't spoken to John in over 3 decades, he did impact my life and had a hand in who I have become. I'm very sad he is gone.*

*John was one of the good guys. Always determined and focused and yet encouraging and optimistic. He had this natural ability to motivate others through his own drive.*

*The memory is a funny thing. Over the last couple of days I have grappled. Trying to remember every interaction, every nuance of John. What's left is stark, but what is lacking in quantity, is made up for in quality. The John Mueller I remember gave everything he had, every play, he RAN back to the huddle after a hard-fought short gain, and for eternity what I will always remember John saying, with this huge smile on his face, "that was fun, let's do it again."*

*Rest in peace John.*

*Charlie Guild,  
Chicago, IL*

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**Charlie Guild** - March 19, 2016 at 10:36 AM

LW

“ Lee, Tammy, Kylie and Kinsie Wright purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Mueller.



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**Lee, Tammy, Kylie and Kinsie Wright** - March 18, 2016 at 08:47 PM

JS

“ *Jerry, Sherri and Allyssa Simpson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Mueller.*



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**Jerry, Sherri and Allyssa Simpson** - March 18, 2016 at 08:05 PM

TF

“ *The Beyreis Family lit a candle in memory of John Mueller*



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**The Beyreis Family** - March 18, 2016 at 07:55 PM

CJ

“ *Joanne and Kids,*

*We were saddened to hear the news of Johns passing. We will never forget what a wonderful coach & mentor he was to Blake. John touched a lot of youth hockey boys lives here in Texas. We have you all in our hearts.*

*To Jack, Blake says Hi and he's very sorry for your loss.*

*Cindy, David, Haley and Blake Jeanes*

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**Cindy Jeanes** - March 18, 2016 at 05:06 PM

JV

“ Jennifer Poyner, Julianne Jacobus, Lacey Walz & Gracie Valadez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Mueller.



Jennifer Poyner, Julianne Jacobus, Lacey Walz & Gracie Valadez - March 18, 2016 at 04:41 PM

WF

“ With Love, The Kobus Family purchased the My Fair Lady for the family of John Mueller.



With Love, The Kobus Family - March 18, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Mueller.



March 18, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Mueller.



March 18, 2016 at 03:43 PM

JL

“ *John & Kathy Moore and family with all our love. purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of John Mueller.*



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**John & Kathy Moore and family with all our love.** - March 18, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 18, 2016 at 02:10 PM

PF

“ *Paul and Tracy Arbanas & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Mueller.*



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**Paul and Tracy Arbanas & Family** - March 18, 2016 at 01:19 PM

TF

“ *The Keating Family lit a candle in memory of John Mueller*



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**The Keating Family** - March 18, 2016 at 10:30 AM

DF

“ *Diane Keating And Family lit a candle in memory of John Mueller*



Diane Keating and Family - March 18, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ *Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



March 18, 2016 at 09:13 AM

SL

“ *Sincerely, Lisa, Robert, Alex, Emilie & Logan Limoges purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Mueller.*



Sincerely, Lisa, Robert, Alex, Emilie & Logan Limoges -  
March 18, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



March 18, 2016 at 07:15 AM

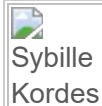
 Sybille  
Kordes

“ *Sybille Kordes lit a candle in memory of John Mueller*



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**Sybille Kordes** - March 18, 2016 at 01:53 AM

 Sybille  
Kordes

*To a wonderful friend, cousin and brother.  
We are with you with our thoughts, prayers and our love.  
Your beautiful artwork will always be a statement of your great  
personality. It makes us feel the truth about life. That every little thing  
deserves acceptance and commitment, that every moment is worthy.  
Thank you for being a part of our lifes.  
We will miss you!*

*Sybille, Thomas, Meta, Jonas, Heinz and Doris.*

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**Sybille Kordes** - March 18, 2016 at 02:07 AM

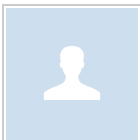


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 17, 2016 at 10:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 17, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Mueller.



March 17, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of John Mueller.



March 17, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Mueller.



March 17, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dan & Gerri Burress* purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of John Mueller.



**Dan & Gerri Burress** - March 17, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 17, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ *One of the many that I have but this one makes me laugh.. i believe we were juniors on the Brighton Varsity baseball team. Our spring trip took us to Panama City Beach. John, being the fair skinned maiden that he was... decided to walk with down the beach for what we thought was maybe a couple of miles to where others were staying away from the team. Turns out it was close to an 8 mile walk in the middle of the day. John was so burned, and being the great teammates we were, we layed him on the bed and put cold wet towels all over him.. then I took a picture..*

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**Jim Shaddock** - March 17, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *No words can express the Sadness we feel💔 Wishing we could be there with you. Praying that you will all find Peace in the days and months to come. We Love you.  
Forever in Our Hearts❤️  
Rest In Peace John Carl.*

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**Cousins Laura, Darryl, and Alexa** - March 17, 2016 at 06:10 PM

SF

“ Shirley And Tom Faille lit a candle in memory of John Mueller



Shirley and Tom Faille - March 17, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ Kelly Stehle lit a candle in memory of John Mueller



Kelly Stehle - March 17, 2016 at 05:05 PM

MD

“ Carl and Dianne our hearts and prayers are with you and your dear family. With sincerest sympathy, Gary and Marge Dobry



marge dobry - March 17, 2016 at 03:19 PM

TF

“ The Bosch, Frenzel, Fuleky, and Yark Families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of John Mueller.



The Bosch, Frenzel, Fuleky, and Yark Families - March 17, 2016 at 02:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Mueller.* ”



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March 17, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ *From our family to yours - The Molczyk's purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of John Mueller.* ”



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**From our family to yours - The Molczyk's** - March 17, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Mueller.* ”



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March 17, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of John Mueller.* ”



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March 17, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 17, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ *Don Lien lit a candle in memory of John Mueller*



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**Don Lien** - March 17, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Mueller.*



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March 16, 2016 at 03:19 PM