



## John Michael Jankowski

May 16, 2022

John was born on Fathers Day, 1955 to Alvin and Dorothy Jankowski and born to Eternal Life May 16, 2022. He died peacefully in his sleep, at home, of natural causes. Beloved Husband and Best Friend of Victoria Blankenheim for 33 years. Devoted Father to Bridgette Ard (Ryan Baumer) and Robert Dean Ard, III. Most Wonderful and Adored Grandpa to Olivia Baumer and Amelia, Grace and James Dean Ard. Loved brother of Sharon (Tom) Mack, Paul (Dr. Sue Weber) Jankowski and the late James (the late Elizabeth) Jankowski. Further survived by many relatives and many lifelong friends.

John was the perfect family man, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was always there to help or fix anything, and always, with his beautiful smile. John had a 30 year career as an engineer with MMSD.

The family will receive family and friends for a Visitation Friday, May 20 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services – Lincoln Village Chapel (703 W. Lincoln Av., Milwaukee)(ATTENTION: Due to a Concert taking place at the Basilica across from the Funeral Home, traffic & parking will be challenging after 6:00 PM). Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Saturday, May 21 at the BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT (601 W. Lincoln Av., Milwaukee) (Please Meet at Church). Private cremation to follow.

In lieu of flowers, kindly donate to the charity of your favor.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Lincoln Village Chapel  
703 W Lincoln Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
(414) 671-5200  
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Basilica of St. Josaphat  
601 W. Lincoln Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ My condolences to John's family. I worked with John during the 2000s at MMSD. He was such a great co-worker and a delight to be around both at work and for a couple of drinks after work. His smile conveyed his joy of life. He will be missed.

*John Kittelson*

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**John H Kittelson** - May 20, 2022 at 11:38 AM

TS

*So sad to hear of John's passing. He was such a wonderful person and I was fortunate to work with him at the MMSD. His smile was so enjoyable to see. He seemed to make everyone feel better because of him. He will be missed dearly. My condolences to his family.*

*Tom & Mary Simmons*

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**Thomas Simmons** - May 21, 2022 at 10:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Michael Jankowski.*



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May 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Michael Jankowski.*



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May 19, 2022 at 02:52 PM

PD

“ i never golfed much with john but when i did, i felt i knew him a long time. I had the honor of golfing with john and 5 others last week at hawks view and feel lucky to have seen him one more time. Last year at my last golf round at nagawaukee, i asked john on putting green can you give me one tip on putting. He did and I made most of my putts that day and reminded him in clubhouse . It should have cost me money for the tip. Just a wonderful person as are all the golfers. I am so thankful for being able to see him one more time last week. What a sad time when my brother mike called me on monday and gave me the story. Life isn't fair at times but as gamblers, we know we are dealt a hand and have to play it. Bless his family for having the nicest guy you could ever meet in your family.

*Pat Donohoo*

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pat donohoo - May 19, 2022 at 11:31 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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Jeff Shilling - May 19, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Michael Jankowski.



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May 18, 2022 at 07:30 PM

BN

“ On behalf of the entire Nitkowski family, let me express our deepest sympathies and condolences to Victoria and the rest of their families and friends. My sister, Jane, and I went to grade school with all the Jankowski kids, and their parents and family members were always involved in the various school and church activities of St. Josaphat's, having lived less than a block away from the basilica. Fast forward years later and John and I (and others who loved playing golf) reconnect as part of the Friday Fanatics to play some golf at the end of our hectic work weeks. Fast forward decades later, and after his retirement from MMSD, John volunteered to become the point person to coordinate tee times for upwards of two to three foursomes, at perhaps one or two courses on a weekly basis. He truly loved the camaraderie and friendships formed on the golf course, and to a person everyone loved the "Janks"!!! (His other golfing group which played on Sundays referred to John as "Pencil")! The Friday Fanatics plan on coordinating the planting of some memorial trees on a couple golf courses in John's honor. Most importantly, John was a kind and caring brother, father and grandfather who loved his wife and looked forward to spending time with his family and grandchildren. We often talked about his family get-togethers and trips, and the happiness that they brought to him. Over the past couple days, many texts, phone calls and voicemails were exchanged among a number of people, and - THIS IS NO EXAGGERATION - everyone said that "JOHN WAS THE NICEST PERSON THAT THEY HAD EVER MET"!!! Rest in peace John, we love you and miss you.

*Bill & Kay Nitkowski & Family*

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Bill Nitkowski - May 18, 2022 at 04:07 PM

MD

“ On behalf of all of the "Friday Fanatics" golfing group we send our deepest of condolences to all of John's family. To a person we know we could not have met a more humble and caring friend and we already are missing him and know this huge hole in our hearts is nothing compared to what all of you are experiencing so please accept our best thoughts and prayers going forward. RIP our good friend.

*Michael "Doc" Donohoo*

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**Michael Donohoo** - May 17, 2022 at 11:52 PM