



Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk

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Raymond James Kaczmarczyk, age 62, of Elyria, passed away suddenly on Monday, April 5, 2021 in Cleveland, Ohio. He died while doing what he loved most - attending opening day with a close friend, beer in hand, enjoying a spring day perfect for baseball.

He was born on August 5, 1958 in Fullerton, California to Marie and John Kaczmarczyk. He lived and worked as an architect/contractor/carpenter in Northeast Ohio for the majority of his life. He loved creating unique designs and remodeling spaces, often inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright design and architecture.

Ray was an avid fan of Cleveland sports teams, particularly the Indians and the Browns. He enjoyed going to live music and sporting events, traveling to see family and spending time outdoors, particularly on the shore of Lake Erie catching sunrises and sunsets. Ray's greatest joy in life was his two children, and he often shared how proud he was of them with anyone he met.

Ray is survived by his former spouse, Sharon Kaczmarczyk; son Christopher Kaczmarczyk (Chanttel); daughter Natalie Weis (Andrew); two brothers Larry Tracey and John Klein; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents John Kaczmarczyk and Marie (nee Gilgenbach) Klein, his stepfather Frank Klein and his brother John Kaczmarczyk.

Family will receive friends in the Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Rd., N. Ridgeville, on Monday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. where a 9:30 a.m. prayer service will precede a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Peter Church, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., N. Ridgeville. Rev. Joseph Robinson will officiate. Interment will be private.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Habitat for Humanity.

<https://www.habitat.org/>



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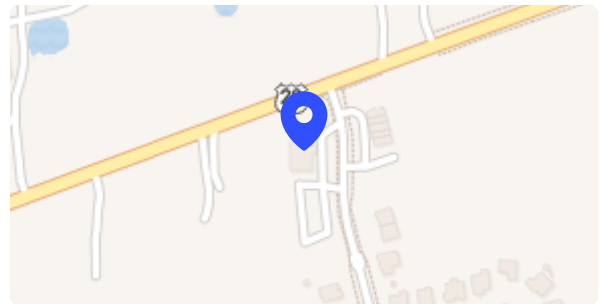
Visitation

 **Monday**, April 12, 2021

 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM ET


 **Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services**

36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH
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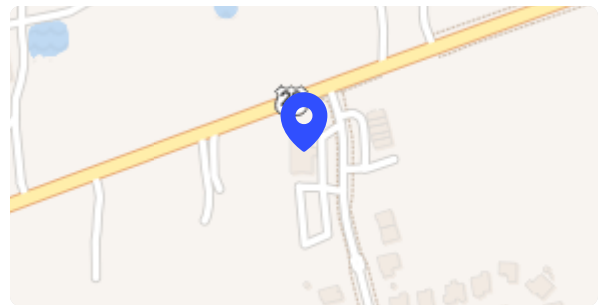
Prayer Service

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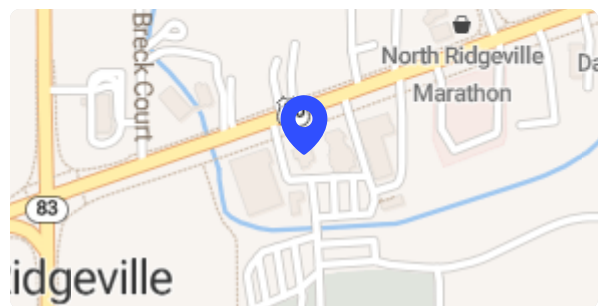
Funeral Mass

 **Monday**, April 12, 2021

 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Peter Catholic Church**

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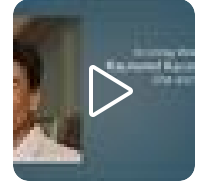
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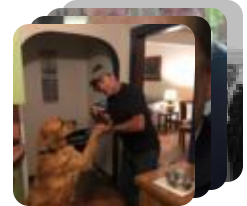
Bogner Family Funeral Home And Cremationservices shared a **Video**.



April 11 at 8:56 AM



Natalie Marie shared an album called **DAD**.



April 7 at 1:46 PM



Amy Bailey sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kaczmarczyk family.



April 10 at 10:58 AM



Rebecca Cawrse posted:

My deepest sympathies go out to the family of Ray. I had the great pleasure of babysitting Chris and Natalie and the entire family was a joy to know. I made a donation to Habitat for Humanity in Ray's name. God Bless.

April 10 at 10:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kaczmarczyk family.



April 10 at 6:06 AM



Love, Your Cousins, Pam And Mary Beth Hepner sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Kaczmarczyk family.



April 9 at 8:10 PM



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Larry T. sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Kaczmarczyk family.



April 8 at 6:53 PM



Rachel Turner posted:

We will miss Ray's kind heart and incredible craftsmanship. I'm so thankful for the way he used his gifts of woodworking, architecture, and art to bless our family with spaces to gather and connect. Not only was he an incredible artist, he was also a kind, imaginative, thoughtful, and caring man whose physical presence will be greatly missed. He will surely live on through the ripple effects of his art and gentle spirit.

April 8 at 3:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Kaczmarczyk family.



April 8 at 2:04 PM



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Patrick Campbell posted:

Christopher & Natalie, I got to know your dad in the summer of 1979 when the two of us toiled away as co-op employees in the model building shop of Dalton-vanDijk-Johnson in downtown Cleveland. He helped me learn how to build architectural models that were up to the high standards of Pete vanDijk without inadvertently removing my fingertips with an Xacto knife. We also discovered our mutual love of softball when we played for the DvDJ office team that summer and he began to slowly convince me that the Indians were worth rooting for despite their perennial losing teams. That was sage advice. Now if they could just win a World Series! Ray was a wonderful guy and I was lucky to get to know him. He will be greatly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of spending time with him. Please accept our deepest condolences. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. - Patrick Campbell and family

April 8 at 1:15 PM



Marge Bartick April 11 at 5:24 PM

My condolences to the family of Ray. Sincerely, Marge Bartick



Wick Pancoast April 9 at 10:18 PM

I am so shocked and deeply saddened to hear this news. Ray was such a wonderful and caring soul. When I was in high school in the early 90's, Ray built a new home for my parents in Bay Village. I got to know Ray over the year or so of construction and he took a genuine interest in me. I remember feeling so lucky to have found a new big brother and mentor. Over the years Ray continued to return to work on the house and my parents Carol and Dave developed a deep fondness for him. They trusted Ray completely and he became more like a member of the family than a contractor. They bonded over Cleveland sports and stayed informed on Christopher and Natalie's developments. I was always happy to catch up with Ray whenever I was back in town. In 2006, my parents' health began to falter and both my sister Jennifer and I lived on West coast. Out of the kindness of his heart, Ray would regularly check on them and on one occasion when my Mom didn't answer the phone Ray came over to find her in a desperate state and drove her to the emergency room likely saving her life. He was that kind of man. Dutiful, loving, joyous and humble. I looked up to Ray as a teenager and cherished him as an adult friend. I'm struggling with the news he is no longer with us—such a young and vibrant spirit. He will be missed terribly. Jenn and I send our condolences and love to all those family and friends dear to Ray. Wick Pancoast



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kaczmarczyk family.



April 8 at 12:52 PM



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Luther Weber posted:

Dear family, Ray's class of 1983 in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati are all stunned to hear the sad news and send our deepest sympathies. We fondly remember Ray's quiet, kind and gentle spirit, his contagious ever present smile and his willingness to help anyone with anything, even if it cost him his own time and resources. Some of us played together on a co-ed rec softball team as a distraction from our tedious school projects, where we learned of Ray's great love for baseball. When I moved to North Olmsted for a couple years shortly after graduation, Ray welcomed me into his circle of friends and made me feel like family. He also helped me salvage some precious materials out of some old school buildings slated for demolition. He got the slate chalk boards and wanted to use them in his own construction project, because, "you know they don't make em like that anymore!" he said. And that's exactly how I feel about Ray. In fact, with Ray, they completely broke the mold. My thoughts are with you in mourning his death and in celebrating his life.

April 8 at 11:35 AM



Mike Zinicola posted:

Natalie: your father was my reliable go to guy for many contracting needs. He was a Salt of the Earth guy and he will be missed. I am sorry sorry for your loss. He will be remembered fondly by me and the many clients of mine that he worked for.

April 8 at 11:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Kaczmarczyk family.



April 8 at 11:07 AM



Sylvia Alberts lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

Dear Natalie and Family, We are very sad to hear the loss of your Father. You are all in our thoughts and prayers... Our deepest sympathy... Sylvia and Samantha Alberts



April 7 at 6:32 PM



Camille Baron posted:

I remember Ray telling me that his kids were good spellers early on because their last name was Kaczmarczyk !!

April 7 at 2:36 PM



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Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Kaczmarczyk family.



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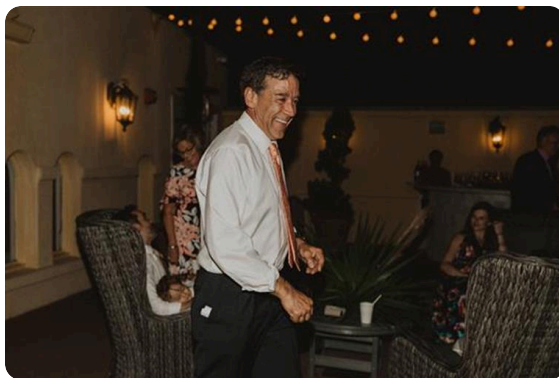
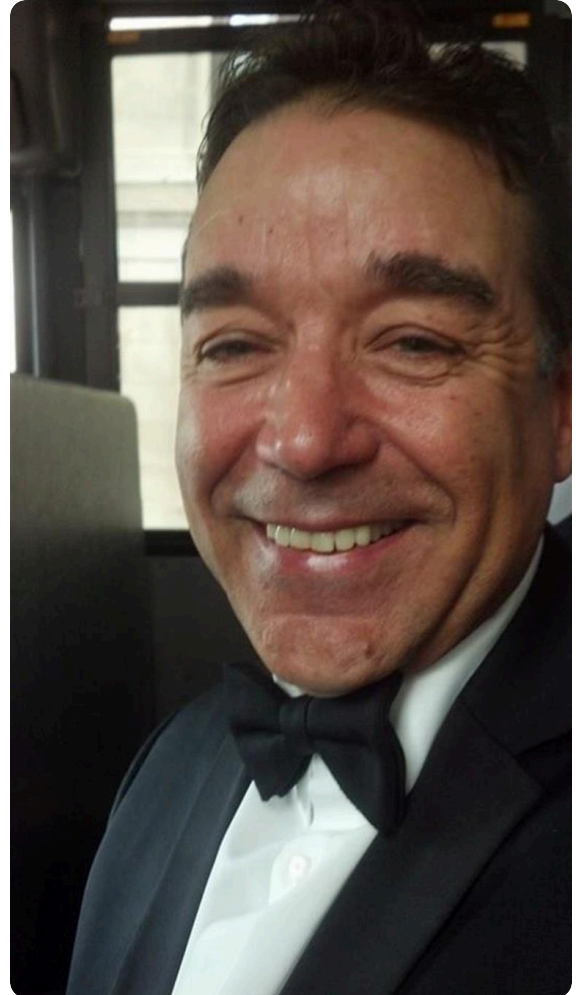
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Natalie Marie shared 12 photos to the **DAD** album.

April 11 at 7:54 AM

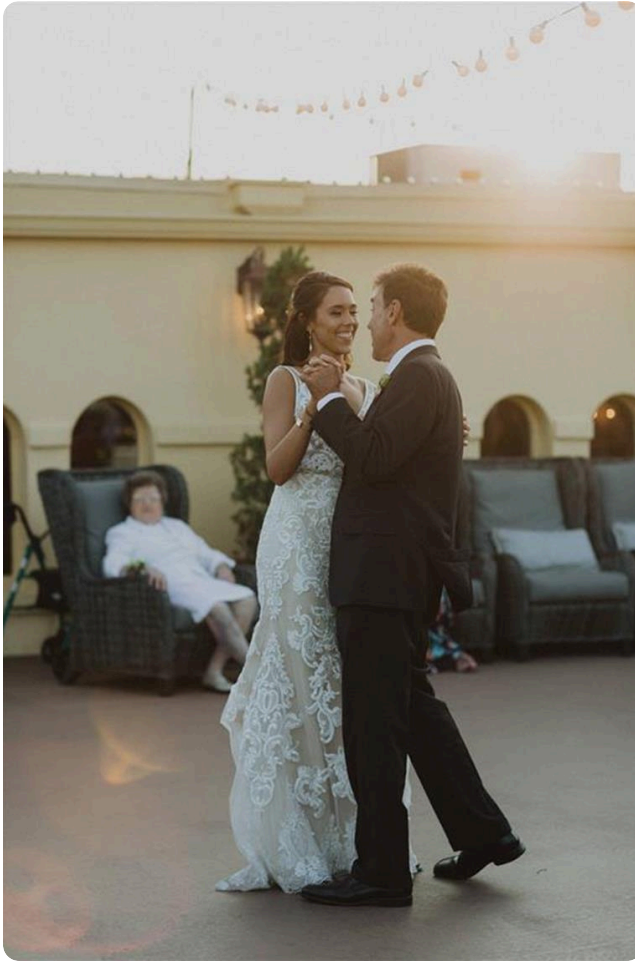




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James Schiely April 19 at 1:39 AM

Natalie, Chris & Sharon I am so, so sorry! Something made me look up your Dad last night and I saw this. I did not know . I am stunned and sad for your loss. We would have been there last week for you. Many thoughts, memories and prayers! -Jim Schiely

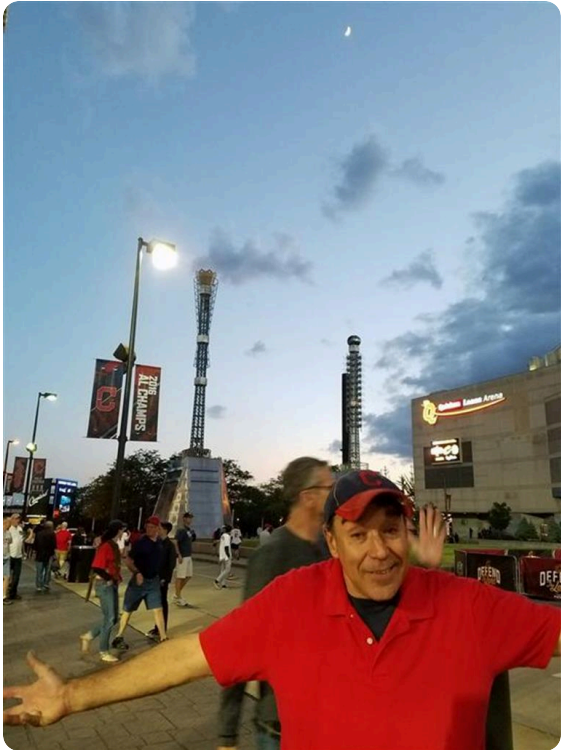




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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