



# Joseph Kortan

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Joseph J. Kortan, age 60, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2010 at St. John West Shore Hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York and had been a resident of North Olmsted since 1961 moving from Westlake.

Joseph was a school teacher with Parma High School where he taught for over 30 years, retiring in 2002. He then continued to substitute teach.

He loved to read and enjoyed history and politics.

Survivors include his mother, Gertrude Kortan of North Olmsted.

He was preceded in death by his father, William in 1969.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 PM at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville where a prayer service will be held on Thursday at 8:45 AM.

A 9:30 AM mass will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 26855 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Rev. Charles Stollenwerk, pastor, will be the celebrant.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Cleveland.



## Tribute Wall

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BL

**Barb & Tom Layton** posted:

Our deepest sympathies to your family. I hope the words in John 5;28,29 will give you hope and comfort.

April 14 at 8:00 PM

DI

**Dietrich** posted:

I was very sad when I opened the paper and saw that Mr. Kortan had passed. He was my ninth grade math teacher at Fay (1979-1980). He was always the one that I remember most. I think it was because he never minded that we threw spitballs when he turned his back. He always had a smile on his face when he turned around. Sometimes he would pull detention duty and, since I spent a good amount of time in there, it was always welcome because he never cared if we talked the entire hour. He started the conversations a lot of the time and it would always turn into an algonquian roundtable....unless, of course, someone came into the room,..someone with authority,...and then it would be as quiet as a country church on a Friday night. I remember one time he complimented me on my new Pink Floyd t-shirt. (It was of "The Wall"). He then explained the entire story to me. (He never struck me as a fan of Floyd, however.) I don't remember any of the other teachers there. I remember Mr. Kortan. He was one in a million. The world is a darker place today. My condolences to his family. Respectfully, Dietrich (that's what he used to call me)

April 13 at 8:00 PM

BH

**Becky Hoagland** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Joe through Parma High during his years of substituting and had greatly enjoyed his humor and friendliness. He will be sadly missed. A true gentleman.

April 12 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Jan Szal** posted:

My condolences to you on the loss of your son. I knew Joe through Parma High when he would substitute. A true gentleman and scholar.

April 12 at 8:00 PM



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PD

**Psh Math Dept** posted:

Our sincere condolences to you and yours. We loved Joe; he will be missed! We could ALWAYS count on Joe for his continuity in teaching our lessons to our students when we were absent from classes; he so enjoyed teaching math as well as teaching math to the kids. Thank you for supporting Joe throughout his contributing years in education within the PCSD. We are most appreciative. Again, our condolences.

April 12 at 8:00 PM

DB

**David Bakonyi** posted:

Joe is someone who loved to teach. As a substitute, he always had great enthusiasm for the classroom and loved to communicate with the staff and students. I am sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed.

April 12 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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