



Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk

August 5, 1958 - April 5, 2021

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/>

Events

APR 12 Visitation 08:30AM - 09:30AM

Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services
36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH, US, 44039

APR 12 Prayer Service 09:30AM

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APR 12 Funeral Mass 10:00AM

St. Peter Catholic Church
35777 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH, US, 44039

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - April 11 at 12:56 PM



“ 12 files added to the album DAD



Natalie Marie - April 11 at 11:54 AM



“ Amy Bailey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



Amy Bailey - April 10 at 02:58 PM



“ 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.

Rebecca Cawrse - April 10 at 02:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



April 10 at 10:06 AM



“ Love, your cousins, Pam and Mary Beth Hepner purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



Love, your cousins, Pam and Mary Beth Hepner - April 10 at 12:10 AM



“ Larry T. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



Larry T. - April 08 at 10:53 PM



“ 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.

Rachel Turner - April 08 at 07:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



April 08 at 06:04 PM



“ 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

Patrick Campbell - April 08 at 05:15 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

Wick Pancoast - April 10 at 02:18 AM



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

Marge Bartick - April 11 at 09:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



April 08 at 04:52 PM



“ 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.

Luther Weber - April 08 at 03:35 PM



“ 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.

Mike Zinicola - April 08 at 03:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



April 08 at 03:07 PM



“ 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



Sylvia Alberts - April 07 at 10:32 PM



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

Camille Baron - April 07 at 06:36 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Kaczmarczyk.



April 07 at 05:46 PM