



## John Kokinis

February 13, 1930 - February 13, 2017

John Kokinis, 87, at rest Feb. 13, 2017. Beloved husband of 60 years to Mary Kokinis; Loving father of William (Demetra) Kokinis and Karen (Frank) Hauptmann; Devoted grandfather of Stephanie and William Jr. and Kristina, Cassandra and Michael Hauptmann; dear brother-in-law of George (Rosemary) Kritselis and fond uncle of Nick (Lori) and George (Carol). Formerly of Niles and now Libertyville and retired employee of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. US Army veteran and member of Am. Legion Post #329. Visitation from 10 am until time of service at 11 am Thursday, Feb. 16 at Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church, 1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Interment Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the building fund of his church. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ When I hugged my Uncle John, I knew I was hugged. He always gave a tight squeeze and a solid slap on the back (or three!). He would also ask how I was in Greek the only question I could answer. Then, for fun, he would usually ask something else in Greek that he knew I could not answer. We always laughed about that. He was the best cook on the Weber Grill I have ever seen. He would check his watch before flipping a burger or whatever, not peeking until the right amount of time had passed. Everything turned out delicious. He could tell a joke really well. Most people can't. I can't. He had a way of unfolding it with just the right timing and then the punch line. The last time we golfed together several years ago, he uncannily avoided trouble. His ball stopped just before a sand trap or bounced off the surface without going in the pond. He would ask, Did it go in? because he couldn't see it and we would laugh that he missed seeing that he had, again, avoided trouble. I am missing these things and more already. I look forward to that hug in heaven.

---

**George Kritselis Jr.** - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

AF

“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. I am sure you all have some wonderful memories.

---

**Anne Gene Fortman** - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

DP

“ With Heartfelt Sympathy

---

**Dominic Persino** - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

MB

“ Good person. Nice man, our prayers are with the family.

---

**Maureen (Day) Bjorgo** - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

MB

“ I am so sad at the lost of John, my Dad and Mom's best friend. I'm sure they are partying in Heaven. When I first met Mary and John, they became family to all of us, instantly. That's how he made everyone feel. There are many happy and supportive memories I have, but, John endeared himself to me when he asked me to play Chopin on the piano. My favorite piece was Chopin. May his memory be Eternal. All I know is when my Dad would call John, they spent more time calling each other Yero, than saying anything important. Loved that man. Mary, I will call you soon. Love forever and always, Marguerite

---

**Marguerite Bratsakis-Matthews** - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

BB

“ william, could you e-mail me your contact information: [wmbaumann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wmbaumann@sbcglobal.net)

---

**Bill Baumann** - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM



“ My condolences Karen. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

---

February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM