



John J. Craft

March 14, 1934 - December 24, 2020

John J. Craft, age 86 of East Norriton, died on Thursday December 24, 2020. He was born in Philadelphia on March 14, 1934 son of the late John Francis and Esther Marie (Schultz) Craft. He was the beloved husband of Andrea (Torres) Craft for 54 years.

John was born in Philadelphia and raised in Conshohocken. He was a member of Saint Matthew Parish in Conshohocken and then Visitation BVM Parish in Trooper where he served as Altar Boy, Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

He was a 1951 graduate of Saint Matthew High School in Conshohocken and Philadelphia Broadcasting School. John enjoyed a 35 plus year career as Philadelphia's radio personality. His radio career included WRCP, WMMR, WNAR, WNPV and Kiss-100. John also participated in educational radio programs for the Board of Education, voice over commercials and emceed many dances among the Conshohocken fire houses.

John loved watching and rooting for the Phillies. He loved the ocean, American History, classic automobiles, all animals especially cats, and watching old time movies with his wife, Andrea. But he especially enjoyed spending time with his three grandchildren.

John, a natural story- teller, was known for his quick wit and his “rich” voice.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Andrea, two daughters, Mary Kate Josten (John), and Maria Elena Addalli (John), 3 grandchildren, Juliano, Olivia and Madisyn, many nieces and nephews and a brother, Robert.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic; services were held privately at St. Matthew RC Church in Conshohocken followed by internment at Calvary Cemetery in W. Conshohocken.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate; 800-805-5856.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Matsonford Rd
West Conshohocken, PA 19428

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Johnny Craft was a key ingredient in the success of the earlt WMMR. He took to the music most excellently. I am most saddened to hear of his passing. Wish I'd have been able to keep in touch...

Michael Tearson - December 19, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MC

“ Remembering Dad

A gifted writer, an articulate speaker, a lover of animals, and a natural storyteller...and much, much more!

Covid struck us all last year and robbed us , mom, Maria Elena and me of giving you a public end of life tribute as you so truly deserved! So, it is my hope that this essay encapsulates the love that we still have for you!

You see, it was in the recovering of objects, things that caused us to pause, remembering simple times with you.

A comb filled with your beloved cat"s soft, black fur...you trained Skeeter Jane to leap upon the washer so you could easily comb her fur as she rolled on her back exposing her belly; your collection of clown figurines, paintings and ornaments; your prayer books, holy cards and Rosary beads found in your pant and coat pockets as you were never without your Rosary beads...you took them to Vet Stadium while watching a Phillie game; your collection of clocks, mantle and grandfather....how did any of us manage sleeping with all oif that ticking and ringing?

Oh, Pop, how we miss you, your smile, your contagious laugh, your hilarious expressions!

You taught us to have faith in God, so we bravely lift our heads to Heaven with the assurance that we will see you again!

Love,

Andrea, Mary Kate and Maria Elena

Mary Kate Craft - December 18, 2021 at 02:37 PM

MC


“ Dear Pop,
It is hard to believe that the one year anniversary of your passing is approaching this Christmas Eve.
Our voices still tremble, our lips still quiver and our eyes still burn when we utter your name.
You are never far from our thoughts.....you've left a huge hole in our hearts.
We love you dear father, dear dad, dear Pop!
Your daughters,
Mary Kate and Maria Elena

Mary Kate Craft - December 16, 2021 at 09:40 PM

BS

“ I worked with John at Villanova University. He was like a father figure to me .I enjoyed my time with him made my night go smoothly. I sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers to all of the Craft Family
Bill Stanton

Bill Stanton - August 19, 2021 at 11:24 PM

 Robin
Anne

“ Dear Mary Kate and Family,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. He is such a kind and good man. My memories are of listening to him on the radio when I was little. My mom always had him tuned in. I know that no words can take away the pain and sorrow, but you are in my thoughts and prayers. Robin (Ponzio) John

Robin Anne - December 28, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ I have good memories of John from back in the school days. He used to carry my books home from school every day. When we graduated from High School, we went to the graduation parties together that our friends had at their home. He stayed in touch later when ever things ocured regarding shool get togethers. One thing I rememered later that he had a very nice voice, as he was on T.V. and other gatherings going on in his life, as a radio announcer. John will be missed by all of his friends, Prayers for his wife Andrea and family. I'm so sorry Andrea, please take care and God Bless.
Sincerely, Sylvia Bradley Ratoskey.

Sylvia Ratoskey - December 27, 2020 at 11:58 AM

MS

*I remember John from high school and when he lived in Conshohocken on 8th Ave., where his mother and mine were friendly.
My sincere condolences to his wife and family.*

Mildred C. Stunkard - December 28, 2020 at 04:16 PM

FM

“ Dear Andrea and Family,

Frank and I were sadden to hear of your loss. My brother Jimmy informed me when he saw on Facebook. Sending our thoughts and prayers.

We have a remembrance of John when he was the DJ at the dances at Conshy No. 2 firehouse in the late 50's early 60's. Remember Andrea's and John's wedding at the Valley Forge Hotel in Norristown. When they bought their first home on east 9th avenue in Conshy. John will surely be missed by his family and friends.

Love Cousin Dolores & Frank

Frank & Dolores Maziarz - December 27, 2020 at 01:50 AM

CM

*Dear Andrea and Family,
Ed and I send our deepest sympathy. I was honored to be in their
wedding. John was a wonderful person. He will be missed.
Love, Cousin Chris and Ed*

Chris Mscisz - December 27, 2020 at 08:35 PM