



## John V. "Ku" Kulavik

August 22, 1949 - January 17, 2018

John V. "Ku" Kulavik, age 68 of Moundsville, WV died Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in Liza's Place, Wheeling, WV.

He was born August 22, 1949 in Glen Dale, WV the son of the late John and Jane Wharry Kulavik.

He was a retired safety inspector from McElroy Mine; a member of VFW, Earl Francis Post #3 American Legion, Moose Lodge, and Knights of Columbus.

John was a wonderful husband, father, and grandpap; and his close-knit family was very important to him.

He loved watching sports; was an avid New York Yankee Fan; and enjoyed playing cards with his close group of friends.

John loved all of his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; and he was very proud of his two sons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Tamara Sneigle; and his good friend, Thom Biega.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Miriam Schorr Kulavik; two sons, Johnny (Patty) Kulavik of Cameron, WV, and Tommy (Casie) Kulavik of Wheeling; four grandchildren, Knox Kulavik, Amanda (Kyle) Warsinsky, David (Samantha) Klug, and Johnny Bopp; and his best buddies, "Cookie" (Carla), Bill (Bonnie), and Tracey.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 2-4 & 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville where funeral services will be held Saturday at 11am with Pastor Dave Sessums officiating.

Interment in Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Liza's Place, c/o Valley Hospice,  
10686 State Route 150, Rayland, OH 43943.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

Round Bottom Hill Rd.  
Moundsville, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
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## Funeral Service

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JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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400 Jefferson Ave  
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# Tribute Wall

LN

“ *Miriam, we were so very sorry to hear of John’s passing. We have been out of town for the last several weeks and are just hearing about your loss today. I will always remember John as a fun-loving cheerful guy and we shared many good times with you and John. Please tell Johnny and Tommy we are thinking and praying for John and all of you.*

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**Loretta Niemiec** - February 11, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Miriam and family, I am so sorry for your loss! I am truly heartbroken ! John was undeniably one of the most gentlest souls I ever met. Just a kind sweet person. I had the privilege of knowing him and taking care of him 3 times a week. I will remember him for his love of his family, being a very proud pappy to little Knox,his love for mountaineer football,and that ornery smile. He will be greatly missed! Love and prayers to all of you! God bless you through this difficult time!*

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**Nicole Naegele** - January 19, 2018 at 06:10 PM

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“ *Had The pleasure to have played baseball with John years ago.R.I.P. John Prayers out to the family.*

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**Richard Elza** - January 19, 2018 at 12:44 PM

WM

“ *Miriam, John, & Tommy;  
Sending our condolences and deepest sympathy to all of you and to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God never created a better human being. In the 40 some years I worked with and knew John, I never had a better friend. All of us will share in your loss and will miss him greatly..*

*Wayne & Susie McCardle*

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**Wayne McCardle** - January 19, 2018 at 12:15 PM

RH

“ *A fantastic guy that is gone way, way too soon. RIP Johnny K!*

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**Russ Hall** - January 19, 2018 at 09:54 AM

EJ

“ *One of the most supportive parents of a wonderful family. I grew to know John and his family in my days at Bishop Donahue as a teacher and coach. He supported his kids and those that coached them in a wonderful manner. Very rarely do I run into a kinder group of people. To Mrs. Kulavik, Johnny and Tommy, please accept mine, as well as my families' most heartfelt sympathy in your time of need. He was a wonderful person, but more importantly a loving Husband, Father and Grandfather. Very saddened to hear of his passing. May God Bless all of you.*

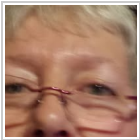
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**Eric James** - January 19, 2018 at 08:53 AM

JK

“ One of my fondest sports memories as a grade schooler was following in awe the 1966 Moundsville Trojan basketball team on their magical run to the finals of the WV State tournament. I even remember the various road announcers often mispronouncing John's last name (KU la vik) as he hit those key left handed shots game after game. Little did I know at the time I'd later play on some successful softball teams with John and have more sport memories of the quiet southpaw.. Through sports, John and I remained lifetime friends, He was one of the most honest and trustworthy people I have ever known, rarity in today's world. One of the only handful of people who if someone said anything negative about, I'd question the accuser's character, not John's. "Ku" was definitely "One of Life's Guys" who I will never forget. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family and friends.

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**Jay Knapp** - January 19, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ You are in our prayers. Gary worked with John at McElroy. He was a kind and caring man. A friend to all. Rest in Peace John! Gary and Janet Goode

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**Janet Goode** - January 19, 2018 at 12:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John V. "Ku" Kulavik.



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January 18, 2018 at 09:24 PM

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“ I have never known a kinder more gentle soul. Rest In Peace my friend. You will be missed by MANY. Thanks for all the memories!

Rob Taylor (Tay) - January 18, 2018 at 02:33 PM

SG

“ It is so sad to see that another one of our classmates has passed away. John was such a sweet guy in high school. always smiling..was glad I got to see him at our 50th reunion last July. Rest in Peace John.

Shirley Gray George - January 18, 2018 at 01:49 PM

JG

So sorry John, Tommy and Miriam. Always keep the good memories close to your heart. May the lord give u all strength in the days to come.

Jade Goodnight - January 18, 2018 at 03:42 PM

JS

“ Condolences to the family. John and I played basketball and baseball together , worked together at Burger Chef and were classmates but best of all he was good friend. I share your sadness today and send my prayers.

John Szeligo - January 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM

SM

“ Miriam and family.....So very sorry to hear of your loss. John was such a fantastic guy....always a good friend. You are all in my prayers..... Love and hugs....Sandy and Neil Miller

Sandy Miller - January 18, 2018 at 10:33 AM

CF

“ *Chuck and Jeanne Dedo & Family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of John V. "Ku" Kulavik.*



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**Chuck and Jeanne Dedo & Family** - January 18, 2018 at 09:48 AM

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**Mike Blackwell** - January 17, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John V. "Ku" Kulavik.*



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January 17, 2018 at 04:13 PM