



## John Roger Kromer

March 20, 2021

John Roger Kromer, 60, of Allentown, passed away March 20, 2021 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Twp. He was the loving husband of Elizabeth L. (Seng) Kromer. They were married for 28 years. Born in Allentown, he was the devoted son of Mary H. (Kedl) Kromer of Allentown and the late John J. Kromer. He was a member of the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. John was employed by the United States Postal Service as a Mail Handler at the Lehigh Valley Processing & Distribution Center. Formerly employed by Bell Sponging Co and Modern Slack Creations. He was a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School and had an Associate Degree in Business from LCCC. John was so full of life and had a sense of humor that left any person he came across laughing like they never laughed before. Almost every person he came across, he gave them his own special nickname.

Survivors: Wife, Mother, Brother: James F. Kromer and his wife Jennifer of Indianapolis, IN; along with Sisters and Brothers in Law and Nieces and Nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 18th and Turner Sts. Allentown. Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 29, 2021 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. in the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 16th and Hamilton Sts. Allentown, and on Tuesday, from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in the Church. Facial masks and social distancing will be practiced. In memory of John,

casual attire is acceptable.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

2735 Walbert Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18104

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc  
1601 W Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 433-5161  
[info@jsburkholder.com](mailto:info@jsburkholder.com)  
<https://jsburkholder.com>

## Calling Hours

MAR **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Catholic Church  
1825 Turner Street  
Allentown, PA 18104

## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAR **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Catholic Church  
1825 Turner Street  
Allentown, PA 18104

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of John Roger Kromer.*



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April 23, 2021 at 03:18 AM



“ *Liz, so sorry to hear of John passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this trying time. It was good working with him before I retired.*

*Del Grosenick*

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**Delvin Grosenick** - March 31, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ *Liz, so very sorry for your loss! Extending my deepest sympathy to you and your family. i will keep you in my thought and prayers.*

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**Scott Himmelberger** - March 30, 2021 at 05:50 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Roger Kromer.*



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March 28, 2021 at 11:16 PM

SG

“ John and I may have met when we were Chem Lab Partners during those quadruple mods at CCHS. We became good friends in high school and during the immediate years after. During the summers of our younger years, the gang of us (along with Farkas, Feiertag, Kroboth, Pavlacka, and others) went down for good times at the Jersey shore in Wildwood. Down there, John wore this radiant white dress shirt with columns of fruit---maybe oranges, or apples. One night, we made far too many burgers, and John happily went around the Motel handing out the extras to the Senior Citizens.

We lost touch over the years. I often wondered how he was doing. It's been almost 40 years since I last saw him, yet I can feel his loss. We had a nickname for him back then...maybe it started with that shirt...he was "Sunshine" to us.

*My deepest sympathies to John's family,*

*Steve Grabarits*

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**Steve Grabarits** - March 28, 2021 at 08:03 PM

SC

*Dear Liz, we send you our deepest sympathy on the loss of your darling John. He certainly kept us entertained on the Mississippi River cruise. I know he was a devoted husband and a fine man. I won't forget him. You are in my prayers as you struggle to manage without John at your side.*

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**Sue Carlson** - April 21, 2021 at 09:01 AM

AM

“ Jim,  
We are so very sorry about Roger. Much love to you and Jennifer  
and to Liz and Mary.

We're thinking and praying for you all.  
Xxoo

Aimee, Jane & Dana MacArthur

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Aimee MacArthur - March 27, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of John Roger Kromer.



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March 27, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
John Roger Kromer.



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March 26, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of John Roger Kromer.



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March 26, 2021 at 06:03 AM

Jl

“ My last words to Rog were "STFU, I will talk to you in a few days!" trying to ease his mind as he was doing what he always did in making sure people were taken care of. Had I even had a clue... I wouldn't have changed a thing other than to make sure he knew he was finally coming out of Caveman status now that he was the last person on earth to get a cell phone. Now who is going to call me The Lord? I don't think I'll ever be able to fill his slot in FFB... I'll just draft the garbage he usually did so I can remember him each week and smile. I never got to make him the amazing dinner he said he never got when he visited... there are so many amazing memories I could write a novel.

All the times he told me I should not worry with my business and how I was overreacting. I hope I didn't fail to ease his mind the one time I was called upon. Rog was always good for making you see the bottom line and laugh about the rest. I wish I could live the way he did from that perspective, there wasn't much that ever bothered him. I am going to miss that the most.

Say hi to dad for me....

Jim

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Jim - March 25, 2021 at 11:13 AM

Ll

Jim some days there are just no words....

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Liz - March 25, 2021 at 04:33 PM

JJ

*On our drive home I just broke down every time a Styx or Steve Miller song came on. Throughout the years he was always the Styx guy and I was Steve Miller. I remember we went to see a concert and I had to call him when Fly Like an Eagle was played.. we could hardly hear each other but it was something we shared. I hope he is doing just that.... Later dork! I will see you again sometime.*

Jim - March 31, 2021 at 02:47 PM

RP

*“ I didn't know Roger well, but had the opportunity to meet him on another somber occasion, the passing of his dad. Knowing his brother for decades and spending some time with his dad, I have a sense for the kind of man he was. Jim is everything a friend should be, loyal, fun loving, honest, and reliable. The Kromer men are a rare breed. Roger will be missed.*

Rich Pepe - March 25, 2021 at 10:52 AM

LI

*thank you Rich*

Liz - March 25, 2021 at 04:34 PM

EK

*“ Eileen Kedl lit a candle in memory of John Roger Kromer*



Eileen Kedl - March 25, 2021 at 08:03 AM

JZ

*“ With deepest sympathy for your loss Joan Zilavec*

Joan Zilavec - March 24, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Roger Kromer.



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March 24, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of John Roger Kromer.



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March 24, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of John Roger Kromer.



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March 24, 2021 at 03:18 PM

BR

“ You only meet one Roger in a lifetime, and I was fortunate enough to call him family. From monkey jobs, to some of the greatest quotes ever recorded, Roger was an expert at making people laugh.

*Till we meet again brother, you will truly be missed.*



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**Brian** - March 24, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JJ

*I remember Uncle Rog saying, “you better take a picture of this” because he never wore suits :)  
These are beautiful words Brian- you guys had a lot of laughs.... we have to create those “unmotivational” posters in his honor! ;)*

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**Jenna Jebitsch** - March 24, 2021 at 12:14 PM

AS

*Beautiful Jenna and Brian. ❤️*

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**Anna Siwy** - March 24, 2021 at 12:43 PM

LI

*Jenna I remember him saying that.*

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**Liz** - March 24, 2021 at 07:10 PM

JJ

*His FFB handle.... PostalMonkeys.... sounds like it was apropos*

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**Jim** - March 25, 2021 at 12:43 PM

RM

“ I'll miss your great laugh, Partner! We will miss the good times sitting around the fire with all of our friends. I know you're in that great gambling hall in the sky, pick a winner for me! Liz, we will keep you in our prayers. Love Randy and Monica Martrich

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**randy martrich** - March 24, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JJ

“ Rog, my life will never be the same without you, you were more than a brother. You were always there to pick me up when I was down, like when I was heading out for a trip on Sunday night and at breakfast I would hear those precious words from your mouth: Jebotz, you're already in the truck, you don't leave till tonight. Saying I'm going to miss you just don't get it, because there are no words. I was at 6:30am Mass today which I offered up to you, but you already know that because you were sittin right there next to me. Holy shit man what am I going to do without you, you were such a big part of my life. I love you Rog, RIP, I'll see you soon. JEBOTZ and your friend DRIVE BY

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**Jim Jebitsch** - March 24, 2021 at 10:06 AM

AS

Well said Jim. You two were great buddies. I am so sorry you lost your family member and best friend.

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**Anna Siwy** - March 24, 2021 at 10:27 AM

LI

Awwww Jim

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**Liz** - March 24, 2021 at 07:12 PM

JS

“ Liz,

*I was shocked when I heard of your husbands' passing. I had worked with John for a number of years and knew him to be a very personable and friendly guy. I am truly sorry to know he was taken from us so suddenly. The pain you feel now and in the coming days, months, and years is like no other feeling in the world. Be gentle with yourself and lean on family and friends when you need to. Knowing he is by your side, always.....I hope brings you some comfort. Talk to him, he is listening.*

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**Joanna Scott** - March 24, 2021 at 08:38 AM

LJ

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Linda Jebitsch** - March 24, 2021 at 08:10 AM

AS

*Beautiful photos sister.*

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**Anna Siwy** - March 24, 2021 at 08:37 AM

JJ

*The Mafia drinks Yukon Jack.*

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**Jim Jebotz Jebitsch** - March 24, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JJ

*The Mafia may drink the Yukon but only Rog chased it with Kool-Aid*

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**Jim** - March 25, 2021 at 12:48 PM

LJ

*LOL Jim, that's right. Rog and his dam Kool-Aid!*

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**Linda Jebitsch** - March 26, 2021 at 10:09 AM

HG

“Heaven definitely gained a kind hearted angel!! We will miss game nights and sitting by the fire pit and all the fun laughable times!! Dinner in the break room will never be the same without out!! We will truly miss you, until we meet again ❤️ Harvey & Kim This is for you 🙏🙏 our friend

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**Harvey George** - March 24, 2021 at 07:51 AM

JJ

*How could I ever forget the Rog “thumbs down”...*

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**Jim** - March 25, 2021 at 12:50 PM

KH

“ Dear Liz,

*My heart is breaking for you.*

*Looking at this picture of Roger just reminds me of the times our paths crossed and it makes me chuckle. It's mentioned that he had a nickname for people. There was a gesture he would make when he saw me...no it's not "that gesture" (wink). He always had a twinkle in his eyes. I mean, look at this pic, here! Exactly how I will always remember him.*

*This is hard, Liz. It's hard on those who had the privilege of being a part of his daily life. There is a huge void in your life. But in my mind, death is not dying. I hope you hang on the hope that we are assured of because of what Jesus did on the Cross. Jesus defeated death. This life as we know it is temporary. Roger is now experiencing eternal life. Reminds me of that song I Can Only Imagine. Can you imagine what he is seeing now!*

*I pray your grief is light and that you feel God's indescribable peace in all the days to follow. I am always here for you. I will continue to pray that our loving Father gives you the exact measure of faith and strength you need to get through those days when you miss Roger.*

*I love you.*

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**Kathy Habrial** - March 24, 2021 at 07:45 AM

AS

*Beautiful message Kathy.*

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**Anna Siwy** - March 24, 2021 at 08:37 AM

LI

*Kathy I know what gesture you are talking about, lol.*

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**Liz** - March 24, 2021 at 09:27 AM

AS

“ My deepest sympathies go out to my sister, his mother and brother and his wife. To all of his loved family, friends and coworkers. Roger was indeed one of a kind or as they would say a rare breed of a person but so well loved by us all. We are all so heartbroken over his loss. Roger was my brother in law but so much more than that. He was so loved by us all over the simplest things that life has to offer. He could make you laugh over the most ridiculous things that can happen in life and turn it into the most hilarious story when describing it back to you. The world will not be the same without you dearest Roger. You were taken too soon but you must have a purpose waiting for you. RIP Roger and watch over my beloved sister Elizabeth. Hugs and kisses to all his beloved family.

Anna Siwy - March 24, 2021 at 06:52 AM

SA

“ So many memories...all of them with a funny story and laughter. Rog you were a great husband, son and friend. I will always think of you when I use cinnamon! Liz will be forever my bestie and will forever look out for her. Rest easy. ❤️

Sally - March 24, 2021 at 06:32 AM

AS

Awe so sweet Sally.

Anna Siwy - March 24, 2021 at 08:39 AM

LI

OMG cinnamon

Liz - March 24, 2021 at 09:32 AM

KN

“ John was one of my favorite people to work with. No one told a story quite like him. He will be greatly missed.

knobby - March 23, 2021 at 10:48 PM

NW

“ It truly is devastating to lose such a joyful person. Roger and liz have been friends with my parents for a very long time, and I always enjoy his company. I will never forget making creepy crawlers with him when I was a child or the funny stories he always told and the nicknames he had for everyone. Or when he would say "look at that helmet" when referring to someones hairstyle. I enjoyed going out to dinner with them and just talking for hours about memories we all shared. It is truly heartbreaking to know I will never be able to hear his great voice or his funny laugh or see his happy smile ever again. But he will forever live in our minds and in our hearts. I will always cherish these memories I got to create. Roger I promise Matika, Jimmy and I will look after Liz and be there for her the best we can. Love you and miss you my friend, until we meet again.

Nicole Wynkoop - March 23, 2021 at 09:29 PM

BA

“ MANDATORY EARLY JOHN!

Barna - March 23, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ Roger, we have been next door neighbors for many years and also became good friends. We will miss you so much, but know you are in a better place. Heaven has another angel. Rest in peace, and keep them laughing up there. With love,  
Sharon and Tom Stewart.

Sharon Stewart - March 23, 2021 at 09:22 PM

RB

“ Hey Johnny Roger,  
I've heard it said that laughter adds years to one's life. If that's true,  
you've certainly added years to mine as well as many others. Ya'  
gotta' love a guy for that. A great coworker, friend and Movie Night  
Musketeer... Gonna' miss all those things about you...

*Rest In Peace... See you on the other side...*

*Rob Bossert*

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**Rob Bossert** - March 23, 2021 at 07:52 PM

LI

“ The hole in my heart is so big. My best friend is gone. Knowing that  
I will never be able to wrap my arms around my husband again is an  
unbearable thought.

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**Liz** - March 23, 2021 at 07:08 PM



*My heart is so heavy for you!! We're always here for you ❤️*

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**Kim Yoo** - March 24, 2021 at 08:07 AM

AS

*My deepest condolences sister for the loss of your husband and friend.  
Jeff I and our sons and families are here for you. Roger is looking down  
at you and knows you will be taken care of by family friends and  
coworkers.*

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**Anna Siwy** - March 24, 2021 at 08:36 AM