



## John P. Crowley

October 22, 1939 - January 22, 2024

John Paul Crowley, 84, of Indianapolis, passed away January 22, 2024. He was born October 22, 1939 in Boston, MA, to the late John Francis and Anne (Mitchell) Crowley. John attended Northeastern University and St. Bonaventure University where he received his bachelor's degree. He earned his Master's degree from Boston College. He did further graduate studies and was an adjunct faculty member at Rutgers and Fairleigh Dickinson Universities, and completed his post graduate work at the Alfred Adler Institute of Psychotherapy, Chicago. John married the love of his life, Patricia Marie Sullivan, August 17, 1963, and joyfully celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past summer. He proudly served his country for five years in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

John continued his career at the University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN, as the Chair of the Social Work Department and as a staff member at Pancner Psychiatric Services. While in Fort Wayne, he established the Fort Wayne Veteran's Center in the 1980s, which is still operating today, and offers mental health support for veterans and their families. After 40 years of service as a social worker, therapist and advocate for anyone in need, John retired to his lake house on West Otter Lake where he enjoyed time spent with family and friends before finally relocating to Indianapolis.

John was a devout Catholic and longtime member of St. Charles Parish in Fort Wayne, where he was active in the Knights of Columbus and created and

facilitated a priest support group for over 20 years. He and his brother, Richard Crowley, created a Catholic trivia board game titled "Is the Pope Catholic?" which was sold around the world in the 1980s. John was an avid golfer; he wrote and published countless newspaper and magazine articles about golf and mental health throughout his career. For over 10 years he patiently and courageously fought Primary Progressive Aphasia, a rare form of dementia. John was creative, warm and witty and enjoyed interacting with everyone along his journey.

John is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Patricia Crowley; brother, Richard Crowley; children, Sean Crowley (Kamey), Colleen Kuehr (Tim), and Megan Stoltz (Pat); and eight grandchildren, Haley, Mitchell, and Kennedy Crowley; Erin, John, and Patrick Stoltz; and Keaton and Sullivan Kuehr.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (eulogy will be shared at approximately 3:30 p.m.) at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, January 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to benefit the Fort Wayne Veterans Center, Checks can be made to: Voluntary Services at VA NICHHS, 2121 Lake Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN 46805. Please reference #8123 and John Crowley's name on the memo. [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **28**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church  
11441 Hague Road  
Fishers, IN 46038

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ John was my mentor at St. Francis. Infectious smile ,and energetic spirit. Remembered for bring people together with Love.

Ron Furniss - June 30, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BP

“ Thank you for sharing John he was a hoot and a half.

ben pulver - February 29, 2024 at 06:05 PM

LD

“ Love, Cindy and Greg Davis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John P. Crowley.



Love, Cindy and Greg Davis - January 28, 2024 at 05:16 PM

EA

“ I am a resident of Robin Run Village in Indianapolis. I meet John in the dining room. As I passed him he was singing and changed my depression for the day. I stopped and told him how much I enjoyed his singing. With the biggest smile he shook his head. Many times later we crossed paths in the tower. I was always looking for him, as he brought sunshine with his singing to my life. Elizabeth Alexander 317-354-7643

Elizabeth Alexander - January 27, 2024 at 05:24 PM

WT

“ With love and comforting thoughts. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Crowley.

With love and comforting thoughts. - January 27, 2024 at 02:02 PM

WT

“ With love and comforting thoughts. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John P. Crowley.



With love and comforting thoughts. - January 27, 2024 at 02:02 PM

DC

“ John was an amazing soul and a gift to all the many lives he touched and enriched on his journey. He was a true gentleman and scholar. I was fortunate to have crossed paths with him in the social work and mental health field and loved his insightful, creative and playful approach and disposition in helping others. May he rest in peace. Dave Cooper

david e. cooper - January 27, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JN

“ John was a leader in the Social Work world of Fort Wayne, an educator who encouraged many students and developed programs that supported many vets. I was glad to be able to work with him from time to time on various projects. May he rest in peace. John F. Newbauer

John F Newbauer - January 27, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DJ

“ I worked with John at PPA for many years. He was always so very kind. He was a wonderful therapist and I was blessed to call him a friend. Many times after he retired and moved away he would still call to catch up on our lives. He was very faith centered and always ready to put a concern of someone in his prayers. My thoughts and prayers are with Pat and his family. Fly high John, and Godspeed.  
Darlene Judkins

Darlene Judkins - January 27, 2024 at 08:47 AM

GF

“ Oh my... He was a great mentor during my years at St. Francis. Such a gentle man. May his soul rest in peace. Can't wait to see him again in heaven.

Ginny Batt Fenstermsker - January 26, 2024 at 07:10 PM

LA

“ Love, All purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John P. Crowley.



Love, All - January 26, 2024 at 02:28 PM

FR

“ May John rest in peace. May the Lord bless Pat and family as they treasure memories of John's life. He was a gift to my priest support group. I will offer a Mass for him --- Father Bill Sullivan

Father Bill Sullivan retired - January 26, 2024 at 01:01 PM

SL

“ I consider myself extremely fortunate to call John a friend and mentor. Although we’ve not been in contact since he moved away from Fort Wayne, I fondly remember our many rounds of golf where John would use me as a laboratory guinea pig for his newest theory on simplifying swing thoughts and improving the mental side of golf. Although my score typically suffered, I never cared because the time with him was far more important. Caring and kind, quick-witted, but mostly devoted to his faith and family are how I will always remember John. God speed, my friend. To Pat, Sean, Colleen and my dear friend Megan, I’m terribly sorry for your loss - Shane Lee.

Shane Lee - January 26, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - January 26, 2024 at 08:10 AM

BK

“ John and Pat moved to Robin Run quite near the end of John’s life, so my memories are brief. What spoke to me constantly was the devotion shown by Pat. May John rest in peace and may Pat take comfort in the love she showered on him. Her patience in all of this was remarkable.

Bruce Kleinschmidt - January 26, 2024 at 06:24 AM

SB

“ From: Sid, Susie, Brian, and Betsy Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Crowley.

Sid, Susie, Brian, and Betsy Baker - January 25, 2024 at 08:03 PM

SB

“ Sid, Susie, Brian, and Betsy Baker purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of John P. Crowley.



Sid, Susie, Brian, and Betsy Baker - January 25, 2024 at 08:03 PM

RA

“ Toulie and I send our sincere condolences to the family of John Crowley. We shared many joyful moments with John and Pat when they lived in Fort Wayne. John and I were university colleagues with fond memories.  
Richard & Toulie Avdul

Richard Avdul - January 25, 2024 at 07:49 PM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of John P. Crowley.



January 25, 2024 at 03:22 PM

LF

“ Love the Cvengros Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of John P. Crowley.



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**Love the Cvengros Family** - January 25, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John P. Crowley.



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January 25, 2024 at 09:22 AM

BS

“ Barbara S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Crowley.

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**Barbara S.** - January 25, 2024 at 09:22 AM

TD

“ The Doucet's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John P. Crowley.



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**The Doucet's** - January 25, 2024 at 08:33 AM

RT

“ Russ Larsen and Wintrust Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Crowley.

Russ Larsen and Wintrust Team - January 24, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of John P. Crowley.



January 24, 2024 at 05:05 PM

LJ

“ Love, Laurie and Brian, Katie and Jeff purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John P. Crowley.



Love, Laurie and Brian, Katie and Jeff - January 24, 2024 at 04:45 PM

RS

“ Rosemary Stoltz purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John P. Crowley.



Rosemary Stoltz - January 24, 2024 at 02:38 PM

BL

“ So sad to hear about John. The Brophy family always enjoyed spending time with Pat and John. Our love to Pat and her family. John truly was a great guy.

Barbara Brophy Lemoine - January 24, 2024 at 02:25 PM

TF

“ The Hittie family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Crowley.

The Hittie family - January 24, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John P. Crowley.



January 24, 2024 at 01:39 PM

FB

“ I always referred to John as my paid friend. Great man. He lost his speech for a period of time. When came back he called just to check up on me. John, my problems never went away but thanks for sharing the journey for a while. Pax.

Frank Bougher - January 24, 2024 at 01:32 PM

RV

“ *To the Family of John P. Crowley,*

*As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of John. May God bless you with peace and comfort during this time.*

*Respectfully,*

*Robin Run Village*

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**Robin Run Village** - January 24, 2024 at 12:34 PM

SM

“ *Thanks, John, for being such a great friend all these years! I always enjoyed visiting you and Pat!! I will miss you for the person I knew you to be- kind, witty, and always interested in how I was doing. For all eternity may you know God's embracing arm of love!! Sister Judith Mary*

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**Sister Judith Mary** - January 24, 2024 at 11:12 AM

SK

“ *John was a special friend - always interested in me as a person. May he rest in peace. Sr Kathleen Knueven*

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**Sister Kathleen Knueven** - January 23, 2024 at 05:11 PM