



John Lewis Kanouse

December 24, 1937 - March 18, 2021

John Lewis Kanouse, 83, who taught history at Arsenal Technical High School for 38 years, and was a dedicated member of East Tenth United Methodist Church nearly all his life, passed away March 18, 2021. John was born on Christmas Eve 1937 to the late John Maxwell and Clara M. (Lewis) Kanouse. He was an Arsenal Tech student himself, graduating in 1956. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana Central (now Univ. of Indianapolis) in 1960 and a Master of Arts from Butler University in 1966. John married Carolyn (Auter) Kanouse in 1960 at East Tenth United Methodist, where he had been a member since childhood. They had one son, Steven Lewis Kanouse, born in 1967.

John's career as a teacher spanned 41 years. For the first three years, he taught at Perry Central High School in Boone County. He spent the next 38 teaching history at Arsenal Technical High School, including 10 years as chair of the history department. John loved basketball and for many years attended the games at Tech, as well as those at the University of Indianapolis. John loved baseball too, and was a lifelong fan of the San Francisco Giants.

At East Tenth United Methodist, John served as a Sunday school teacher, lay leader, youth worker and as a member and chair of many committees. John lived his life quietly serving God, his family, and the community. He spent his final years at Greenwood Village South, where he was given compassionate care as he dealt with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases in his same quiet way.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

John is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Carolyn Kanouse. He was preceded in death by his son, Steven Lewis Kanouse. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to East Tenth United Methodist Church and/or Arsenal Technical High School Alumni Association.

Cemetery Details

Union Chapel Cemetery

St. Paul, IN 47272

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara Edinger lit a candle in memory of John Lewis Kanouse*



Barbara Edinger - March 24, 2021 at 08:49 AM

RS

“ *I am sorry to hear of John's passing. His work as an educator, lay leader, and citizen of the Near Eastside of Indianapolis positively affected a great many lives. I knew him from his work with East Tenth United Methodist Children & Youth Center and always enjoyed chatting with him about baseball and his beloved Giants. He was a kind hearted man with a deep commitment to his community. May his memory be a blessing.*

Robert Singer - March 23, 2021 at 02:00 AM

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“ *Teri A. Hill lit a candle in memory of John Lewis Kanouse*



Teri A. Hill - March 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM

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“ John Kanouse was my favorite teacher at Tech HS. I was part of the class of 1977 and he was my home room teacher as well as my Government teacher. He made learning fun and had a great sense of humor. I know he loved all of his students and treated all of us with such respect. He will be missed. He was a great mentor and an inspiration to his students. I have thought of him fondly many times over these years and will never forget him. Rest in Peace Mr. Kanouse. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

Teri A. Hill - March 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM

MP

“ John was a fixture at East Tenth Street United Methodist Church. He helped lead the church and congregation through some difficult times and his presence inspired others to do what they were able to do in service. He and his wife were fans of Bluegrass music and often traveled to festivals where it was featured. His love of his alma mater, Tech, was constantly on display and he attended their basketball games fervently. Overall, he was more than a good man, he was a great man who inspired others to be likewise. His presence has certainly made the earth a better place.

Mel Pfeiffer - March 21, 2021 at 09:59 AM

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“ He was my favorite teacher and roll call teacher, very sweet man.my he RIH. Prayers,hugs, and love to the family

Susan Scott (Hone) - March 20, 2021 at 05:29 AM

JS

“ I remember John as a soft spoken teacher at Tech and at East 10th UMC where my mother Martha Sowder attended. Thank you, John!

James Stephen Sowder - March 20, 2021 at 01:40 AM