



# Morris Kruzich

SEP 24, 1941 - SEP 5, 2021



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## **Morris Kruzich**

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**M**orris Baker "Moose" Kruzich, 79 of rural Centerville, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly at Mercy One Medical in Centerville.

Morris was the only child born to Milton T. "Mike" and Katie (Baker) Kruzich on September 24, 1941 in Centerville, Iowa. He graduated from Centerville High School with the class of 1961, and was a graduate of Indian Hills Community College. Morris was stationed in Louisville, Kentucky with the Army National Guard. He married the love of his life, Patricia Jane Wade "Janie," on June 6, 1964 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Morris was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and trapping. He was a fan of all sports; both at collegiate and professional levels, and a faithful fan to all of the Centerville High School Athletics teams. Along with his love for baseball, Morris also coached the very first Appanoose County Babe Ruth All-Star team in 1980; that year, he led his team to victory as the Iowa State Babe Ruth Champions. He strongly believed every child should have a chance to play and love the game, no matter what.

A friend to all, Morris never met a stranger. He was known for his funny little quips, including, "Come back when you can't stay so long." Everyone who knew Morris loved him and his personality. He will be dearly missed.

Morris is survived by his wife, Janie, daughter Jonna Reed (Tom), son Wade Kruzich, grandchildren: Nick Reed, Rushton Reed (Michelle), Baker Reed (Rachel), Katie Gonzalez (Israel), Bri Reed, Makenna Reed, Josie Stenseth (Matthew), Michael Kruzich (Elizabeth), 17 great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Interment will directly follow the service at Highland Cemetery in Mystic. Visitation will be Friday, September 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Thomas Funeral Home.



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Memorials may be given to St. Mary's Catholic Church and condolences can be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 5:38 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



September 6 at 7:00 PM



**Dan Gleason** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this sad news, for Janie and all of their many family members. I knew Morris while I was growing up and he was among the wittiest people I've known, a nice fellow who was a joy to be around. I'm tossing up prayers for his family. Rest in peace, Morris.

September 12 at 7:00 PM



**Gil Ocker** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of morris passing I played a lot of softball both against and with him we were always friends I will miss replaying those good times when we would meet God pless all his family and many friends I will never forget him

September 10 at 7:00 PM



**Kathleen Bradwell** posted:

Dear Janie and Family, We are so sad for your loss. We so enjoyed visiting with you and Morris at the Mystic Reunions and sharing so many memories. Jack has many fond memories coaching Morris in basketball and baseball many years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with You and Your Family.  
Jack and Kathleen (Seddon) Bradwell

September 10 at 7:00 PM



**The Family Of Don & Cyndi Kaestner** posted:

Our condolences from the family of Don & Cyndi Kaestner. Many prayers Lisa, Michael, Mark, Matt, & Mary

September 9 at 7:00 PM



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JM

**John Maletta** posted:

Sorry to hear of the passing of one of the great guys. Morris had a big influence on me growing up in Mystic. From softball and baseball to hunting and working with him at Carbide, he was always a kind and genuinely good guy. My sympathies to Janey and family. He'll be missed. John Maletta

September 9 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Flemmings, Davisons

September 8 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

September 8 at 7:00 PM

NC

**New Life Church** posted:

Our deepest condolences to jonna and family from NEW LIFE CHURCH !!

September 7 at 7:00 PM

NC

**New Life Church** posted:

Please accept our deepest condolences ..We are holding your family in our hearts and lifting you in prayer.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Prayers & thoughts from the entire Sam Sweeden family!

September 7 at 7:00 PM



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JP

**Jerry Power** lit a candle in honor of Morris.

Oh Janie and family, we are truly sorry! Lots of memories, remember Moose waving when Mrs Stagner would bring him to Centerville to play baseball. He was always good for a great laugh, I'd run into him somewhere and before long we'd be laughing. He always had something from the past to talk about. One of the things I admired most about Morris was he was a "straight up" man, he stuck with his principles. I'm going to miss those chance meetings, may he REST IN PEACE! We all lost a great human being!



September 7 at 7:00 PM

DA

**Debbie Atkinson** lit a candle in honor of Morris.

Sorry for the loss of your Daddy Jonna you and your mommy and the family are in my prayers 🙏



September 7 at 7:00 PM

RT

**Richard J Thomas** posted:

I have known moose since highschool. went to a lot of ballgames with him and mike. Had lots of good times. Janie, sorry for your loss. Lots of great memories from moose. richard thomas family

September 7 at 7:00 PM

KS

**Karen Seeley** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. Curtis & Karen Seeley

September 7 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tednsharon Stolz** posted:

Janie: So sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed all the ball we played years ago. He was a great competitor and enjoyed the game. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Ted Stolz

September 7 at 7:00 PM



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KG

**Kay Guffey** posted:

Janie, so sorry to hear of Morris' passing. My heart goes out to you and your family. Prayers for comfort.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Marylouise Bryan** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

DM

**Dan Mihalovich** posted:

Janie, so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy and a friend to all. I will miss seeing him at church and visiting with him whenever we met. Our prayers are with you. Dan & Ileta Mihalovich

September 7 at 7:00 PM

MP

**Marjorie Young Pyner** posted:

I am sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers for you and your family.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

LM

**Lorrie Mathews** posted:

My deepest condolences to all!!

September 7 at 7:00 PM

JR

**Jim & Carol Rowan** posted:

So sorry to hear about Morris! Worked with him at the plant. ( Jim)

September 7 at 7:00 PM



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FG

**Frank Glaub** posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Morris' passing. Our condolences to Janie and Jonna and their families. He was a great consolation and comfort to my Mom especially in her later years. She always told me of him calling her. I loved how he could tell a story. I have other memories that make me smile when I think of him.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Sam Sweeden** lit a candle in honor of Morris.

We are very sad to hear about your loss. We have so many great memories of Morris & your family. Morris was always a guy that I admired, Good looking, confident plus everyone just really liked him. Centerville & Mystic just lost a lot of persons! Our prayers are with you all! Sam & Carol Sweeden.



September 7 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Josie Stenseth** posted:

Our Grandfather never knew a stranger! He made friends with everyone. I'll miss seeing him in his chair with my 3 boys on his lap. We all loved him so much! Wonderful, wonderful man. Love you Grandpa. Josie (Kruzich) Stenseth and family

September 6 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Joni Belzer** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Morris was a great guy! Mystic lost a good one.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

JZ

**John Zaputil** lit a candle in honor of Morris.

Dear Janie and family, Really sorry to hear of Morris's passing. Mike and Katie will look out for him. "Gone from your sight, but never your memory. Gone from your touch, but never your heart." With warmest personal regards, John Zaputil



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ST

**Sara Tait** lit a candle in honor of Morris.

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DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** lit a candle in honor of Morris.

Dear Janie, Jonna, Wade, and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with all of you. May your loving memories bring you peace.

September 6 at 7:00 PM



PR

**Patti Slavin Richmond** lit a candle in honor of Morris.

Janie and family, my heart goes out to all of you. Morris was quite the guy. Worked with him for years at Union Carbide then Viskase. First met him when both our boys were playing baseball. He always had a story to tell. Prayers for you and your family.

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# Media

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Thomas Funeral Home shared 6 photos to the **Obituary Wall** album.

October 13 at 7:05 PM





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Morris by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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