



# John Korican

JAN 10, 1939 - MAY 25, 2024



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## **John Korican**

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**J**ohn Thomas Korican, of Manchester, Michigan, 85, passed away peacefully at his home, Saturday, May 25, 2024, while in his recliner watching baseball.

He was born on January 10, 1939, to Emil and Elizabeth Korican. He was a proud graduate of Britton-Macon Schools, class of 1957. He attended Eastern Michigan University where he played baseball and graduated with a teaching degree in 1961, and completed his Master's Degree in 1965. On August 12, 1961, John married the love of his life Mary Alice (Lannom) Korican. Both dedicated their lives to teaching and coaching. John taught one year at Britton, Deerfield, and Tecumseh before finding a permanent home at Manchester Community Schools. He taught for 35 years in addition to serving as principal, vice principal, and athletic director as well as coaching a multitude of athletic teams at Manchester. He loved the town of Manchester and all of the people, students and athletes he had the honor of working with throughout his career. John was a devoted member of Emanuel United Church of Christ, serving as a board member for several years. He also volunteered for many events throughout the community through his memberships in the Optimist Club and the Manchester Men's Club. John and Mary were elected Grand Marshall of the Manchester Fair in 2017. John loved to golf, play bridge, volunteer in the community, and support Manchester. He could often be found at the coffee shop or at any Flying Dutchmen athletic event.

John is survived by his only son John Thomas Korican II (Carrie), his grandsons Jacob Anthony Korican and Samuel Tanner Korican, sister Emilie Michajlenko (Oleg), brother Walter Korican (Debbie) and many cousins, nieces and nephews. John is preceded in death by his soulmate Mary Alice (Lannom) Korican, married 61 years, and his parents Emil and Elizabeth (Bessie Machacek) Korican.

There will be a gathering of family and friends at Emanuel United Church of Christ (324 West Main Street, Manchester, Michigan 48158) on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 12:00PM-1:00PM with the memorial service beginning at 1:00PM; Reverends Gene Blair and David Bucholtz officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to Emanuel United Church of Christ, in Manchester, MI.



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Please leave a message of comfort for John's family or sign his guestbook at  
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# Events

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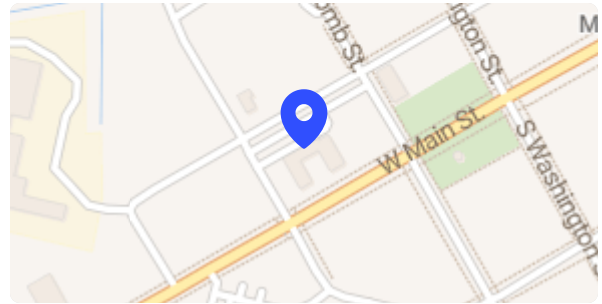
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## Family & Friends Visitation

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM est

**Emanuel United Church of Christ**  
324 W. Main St., Manchester MI 48158



## Memorial

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM est

**Emanuel United Church of Christ**  
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## Cemetery Details

**Oak Grove Cemetery**  
Manchester MI 48158





# Tribute Wall

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PD

**Pam Lamb, Bj, Greg, Kim & Darrel Lee** sent a Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet to the Korican family.

June 6 at 2:03 PM



BF

**Brenda Bristle & Family** posted:  
We send out thoughts and prayers to the family.

June 5 at 9:05 AM

LB

**Laura ,Gary And Jenifer,Scott And Boys** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

May 31 at 2:13 PM



AL

**Amy Lannom** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Korican family.

May 31 at 10:00 AM



LG

**Love, Ty, Robin And Girls** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

May 31 at 4:06 AM



LG

**Love, Ty, Robin And Girls** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Korican family.

May 31 at 4:06 AM





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**Jennifer (Feldkamp) Decker** posted:

Sad to hear of Mr. Korican's passing- all these years later I can still only call him Mr. Korican! I had him for social studies and he coached me in basketball in the early 1980s. Good man, always smiling!

May 31 at 3:48 AM



**Marcus & Michelle Smetka & Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Korican family.



May 30 at 10:29 AM



**Michael Kirk** posted:

John Thomas,Your Dad was my head football coach in his first year at Manchester High School (1968). I was one of his captains, and he made me and the rest of my teammates the best we could ever be. When I think back on the individuals that have made a "major" impact on my life, hands down your Dad was one of the most important people in my life. Just a little tidbit: your Dad was trying for weeks to get us to run a new play in practice, and then one night, we got it right. I was the ball carrier, and after we finally executed it correctly, he said "Kirk, you're the best of the worst." I live in California, but I saw your Dad (actually I ran out on the field and hugged him) at the 100th meeting, between our arch rival Clinton a few years back. I also saw him again at my 50th High School reunion. I was hoping to just stop by and see him when I flew back to Michigan this summer to see friends and family. Unfortunately, I regret never getting the chance to say to good bye. With your Dad's passing, Manchester, has lost an incredible individual. Michael Kirk The Best of the Worst

May 29 at 9:32 PM



**The Walt Korican Family.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



May 29 at 5:46 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Korican family.



May 29 at 5:46 AM



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**K Shuey** posted:

My favorite teacher!

May 28 at 4:23 PM



**James, Turnbull & Phillips Families** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Korican family.



May 28 at 11:25 AM



**Janey S Koch** lit a candle in honor of John.

So sorry to hear this he was such an amazing teacher I had him for social studies when he taught at the high school it was when i was in 10th grade he was also such a great listener and if needed help on a subject he would stay after and help you one on one. Such an amazing man and he will be missed for sure. Sending family our thoughts and prayers.



May 28 at 11:19 AM



**Kathryn Phillips** lit a candle in honor of John.

Uncle John will be missed. A wonderful person with an infectious laugh and always a good time. Love to the Korican family,TurnBull, James and Phillips families.



May 28 at 8:11 AM



**Mike And Jen Smiles And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



May 28 at 6:47 AM



**Mike And Jen Smiles And Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Korican family.



May 28 at 6:47 AM



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CG

**Cheryl Schaffer Grant** posted:

John and Mary were great friends of myMother and me. They lived across the street and were very kind to Mom.

May 28 at 6:38 AM

KG

**Kathy Mann Groves** posted:

Both John and Mary contributed much to the Village. They played a great game of Bridge.

May 28 at 5:36 AM

SG

**Scott Gormley** posted:

Coach, educator, mentor, gentleman. Perfect in all categories. Treated us better than we deserved.

May 28 at 4:24 AM

TM

**Terry Mahr** May 28 at 4:56 AM

Enjoyed playing Bridge for many years with John at the Brooklyn American Legion. He was an excellent player and always a teacher/coach for the game. Rest in Peace.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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