



## John W. "Jack" Kroll

March 31, 1934 - June 29, 2021

Dodgeville - John (Jack) William Kroll, age 87, of Dodgeville WI, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Jack was born on March 31, 1934 to Andrew Anthony Kroll and Gladys Kathryn (Pierick) Kroll in Highland, WI. His family lived in several small towns in central WI, including Dodgeville, Highland and Mineral Point. He graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1952. After graduation he served two years in the Army at Fort Bliss, TX. He then went on to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the UW-Madison.

With his first job at AC Delco, Jack was sent to MIT (Boston, MA) to develop innovative gyroscope technology that was installed on the Apollo lunar module. Subsequently he was offered a fellowship at MIT, but opted to return to UW-Madison to obtain his Master's degree.

He went on to work for Cutler-Hammer/Eaton Corp until his retirement. He holds several patents for his innovative electro-mechanic and gyroscope inventions.

Jack was an avid runner and was still bringing home 1st place medals into his 70s. In his younger years he was head mechanic for the '5F' race car with high school buddies. They spent an entire summer racing the car at

Darlington and Lancaster. Oh the stories!

Jack is survived by his soul mate Jean Ann (Paynter) Brown of Dodgeville; children Mary Karen (Kroll) and David Bock, John Gerard Kroll, and Anne Marie (Kroll) and Dan Coppock; 9 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Friday, July 30, 2021 at the church. Inurnment will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
405 S. Dacotah Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John W. "Jack" Kroll*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Todd Kroll & Family -Judy, Tyler, Collin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John W. "Jack" Kroll.*



**Todd Kroll & Family -Judy, Tyler, Collin** - July 29, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *Louie & Shelby purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John W. "Jack" Kroll.*



**Louie & Shelby** - July 28, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Jack's AC/Delco Electronics family of friends and coworkers all mourn his passing. Sincere condolences to his family...*



**Christine Cavallaro** - July 27, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John W. "Jack" Kroll.*



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July 27, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I met Jack at St. Mary's Hales Corners. He graciously shared his home for a Renew group for several years. The group was about ten and it was wonderful to have people to discuss our faith, etc. with. I know he will be sadly missed.*

*"Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal.  
Love leaves memories that no one can steal."*

*Evelyn Spadinger*

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**Evelyn Spadinger** - July 25, 2021 at 05:41 PM

TK

“ Jack and I started at CH/Eaton in 1971, working for Research Director Roy Hyink. I did not work closely with Jack, but saw the respect that he earned during the regular meetings of the Research Department. His positions were always sought and highly valued.

*He was a GEAT human being and a model of trustworthiness, integrity, honesty etc, all traits that he sought to instill in the CH/Eaton people who worked for him.*

*Our lunches together extended well into both of our retirement years and served as a news-outlet covering the status of our lives, health, kids, etc after leaving Eaton.*

*Marma and I will keep Jack in our prayers.  
The world has lost one of its Rocks!  
Rest in Peace!*

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Tom Kuczkowski - July 17, 2021 at 12:37 PM

SJ

“ I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING JACK FOR OVER FORTY YEARS.

WE WORKED TOGETHER AT EATON/CUTLER HAMMER, AND OUR RELATIONSHIP I WILL ALWAYS TREASURE.

JACK HAD CHARACTERISTICS THAT WE ALL SEEK TO EMULATE, AND WHICH HE DEMONSTRATED IN HIS LIFE AND IN HIS WORK. JACK WAS ALWAYS RELYED UPON AS A MODEL OF TRUST, CREDIBILITY, HONESTY, AND COMMITMENT.

WE WERE BLESSED IN OUR WORK TOGETHER, AS JACK GUARANTEED THE APPLICATION OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS IN ALL OF HIS WORK.

IN ADDITION TO HIS PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS, JACK WAS AN OUTSTANDING ENGINEER WHO COULD BE COUNTED ON TO ADDRESS A NEW PRODUCT OR TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE BY FORMING AND LEADING A TEAM OF ENGINEERS TO DELIVER THE RIGHT SOLUTION IN A SHORT TIME. JACK'S DEMONSTRATED TECHNICAL CAPABILITY LED HIM TO BE APPOINTED AS THE LEADER OF EATON'S ADVANCED ELECTRO-MECHANICAL RESEARCH GROUP IN THE MILWAUKEE INNOVATION CENTER

TO JACK'S FAMILY, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT JACK WAS A BLESSING TO US, AS HE WAS TO YOU. AND, WE WILL KEEP JACK AND YOU IN OUR PRAYERS.

LET ME SHARE ONE MORE THOUGHT WITH YOU.

DEATH LEAVES A HEARTACHE NO ONE CAN HEAL,

*LOVE LEAVES A MEMORY NO ONE CAN STEAL!*

*WARMEST BLESSINGS,*

*STAN AND CINDY JASKOLSKI*

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**STAN, CINDY JASKOLSKI** - July 13, 2021 at 07:43 AM

DM

“*Jack, I and Ed Janicki became coffee buddies shortly after Jack started at C-H/Eaton in 1971. It grew into a friendship that lasted 50 years. We saw each other through ups and downs over the years and stayed in touch after he retired and I left Eaton through lunches. After Jack moved from the Milwaukee area, we still stayed in touch with cards and the occasional phone call. He could be rigid, funny but above all he was an honest man with principles. Rest in peace Jack, Diane Mick.*

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**Diane Mick** - July 11, 2021 at 05:35 PM

FO

“*Jack was my boss, more than that he was a mentor. He was straight forward, honorable in all respects and provided needed coaching in the art of technical communication and encouraged doggedness in doing what is right. He guided his staff with his rich technical expertise and left them better for his presence. He was a good friend and we shared lunches with special friends from work. He talked fondly of his children and their successes. His determination was also expressed in a passion for fitness as he was involved with running at indoor and outdoor events. Kindest Regards, Fred Oakland*

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**F. Oakland** - July 08, 2021 at 07:01 PM

PP

“ Jack and I enjoyed many good times during our twelve years together. I have fond memories of sharing our home and our families ... our lives as partners and friends. One favorite memory is canoeing with Jack and our sweet dog, Copper. Riding with her in the 1943 Army Jeep in parades brought us great joy as well. He was a good man and a good friend. I miss him.  
*Peg Palmer*

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**Peg Palmer** - July 02, 2021 at 03:45 PM

RM

“ Hugs, love and prayers sent to all of Jack's family in your loss of a wonderful man. I cherish many good memories made with him, my late husband Dick and Jean for the past 14 years since Jack came back to Dodgeville and I met Jean. He and Dick were classmates from Second Grade thru Seniors in High School and like brothers. It was great to connect again for them both and I am blessed with a forever bond with Jean. Keep him in your hearts. *Rosalie R. May*

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**Rosalie R. May** - July 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM