



## Robert Charles Krueger

April 29, 1951 - August 26, 2011

Robert “Bob” Krueger bravely fought an 8-month battle with esophageal cancer and continued to enjoy his family, friends and life while doing so. He passed away peacefully on Friday, August 26, 2011 in Toledo at the age of 60 surrounded by his loving family and close friends. He was born to Robert and Jeanette Krueger on April 29, 1951 in Berea, OH. and had his Mom’s twinkling blue eyes. He attended grade school at St. Richards Catholic School, went to St. Edwards High School in Cleveland on a basketball scholarship and graduated from North Olmsted High School.

Bob began working at age 14 at Danny Boys Farm Market in North Olmsted. He worked at UPS in Cleveland and continued advancing his career until he decided to follow his passion for sports and obtained his USPTA tennis teaching credentials. He began playing professional tennis at a young age and had a 25-year record of achievement as a tennis professional, managing club operations, organizing CYO and parks programs to introduce kids to tennis, and coaching top level tennis programs at clubs in Cleveland and Toledo. Proud accomplishments include 1991 and ‘92 USPTA Midwest Coach of the Year, 1992 USPTA National High School Coach of the Year, 1999 USTA Midwest section Cap Leighton Award for services in the tennis industry and his players winning 3 Ohio High School Individual State Championships. He was the St. John’s Jesuit High School Tennis Coach from 1989-2004 and Notre Dame Academy Tennis Coach from 2001-2006. He was on staff at Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club since 2004. In 2008 he began culinary

school to pursue his love of cooking and started “Tennis Pro To Go”, a private business catering cook-outs and tennis events. Bob’s interests included camping in his motor home, cruising on his Goldwing motorcycle and anything to do with cooking and grilling. He was a “hands-on” volunteer with Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He touched the lives of many families through coaching, and people of all ages called him their friend. His warm smile and infectious laugh will be missed.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 7-years Dawn R. Krueger; son: Kory Krueger; daughter Devon Krueger and their mother Susan Krueger; brother, Tom (Angie) Krueger; Dad, Ronald Kiessling; Aunt, Betty Koptis; cousin, LouAnn Hamilton; stepsister, Beth (Bob) Boltz; stepbrothers, Christopher (Christine) Kiessling and David (Becky) Kiessling; Father and Mother-in-law, William and Marlene O’Connell; brother-in-law, William (Elizabeth) O’Connell III; sisters in law, Maureen O’Connell and Colleen (Daniel) McDevitt; nieces and nephews, Kayleigh, Madeline, Josette, Cecelia, Jack and Ryan. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and uncle, Chuck Koptis.

Family and friends are invited to visit from 2-8 pm, Monday, August 29th at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. where a vigil service will be held at 7pm. Funeral services will begin at the mortuary at 10:30 am on Tuesday, August 30, then will proceed to Maumee St. Joseph Catholic Church for the 11am funeral mass. Burial services will be held privately. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Maumee St. Joseph Catholic Church. Bob’s family would like to thank Dr. David Brown and the staff at the Toledo Cancer Center for their personal and compassionate care.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob is still one of the most important mentors in my life. I began working in the tennis industry in 1991, and met Bob in 1994. 25 years later - I realize his wisdom, sense of humor, and humility are timeless. We need more men like Bob in this world. I will never forget him and am forever indebted to him.*

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**Bob Cook** - June 10, 2019 at 01:25 AM



“ *Dawn,  
My heart breaks for you. Bob was a fun loving, caring, compassionate spirit who left a positive mark on everyone who had the good fortune to have known him, even briefly. If there were words I could say to comfort you and bring you peace during this time I would say them to you over and over again. I am sending you all of my prayers and healing thoughts.  
If you need anything at all during this time I am here for you.  
With lots of love,  
Stephanie###imported-begin##Stephanie Frankhauser stephaniejeanmyers@gmail.com###imported-end##*

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August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the Krueger family. It has been many years since I have talked to Bob but I will never forget the "van" days and picking field corn from the side of the highway at night. The motorcycle runs and just hanging out and having a good laugh. In reading you have touched many hearts and I am not surprised. You touched many in your younger years too, you will be missed old friend.

Paul Barker##imported-begin##Paul Barker  
PBarker951@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ As an old friend of Bob I am sorry for your loss and sorry that I can not make it to the services. My condolences to the family. We had a lot of good times together way back when. I know he will be missed even though I have not seen him in years. Bob Bey & Tom [ Arty ] Stupp.##imported-begin##Bob Bey

cjindustrial@sbcglobal.net##imported-end##

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August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy for each family member and friend, during this very difficult time of loss.

Heaven has gained a great man.##imported-begin##Debbie (Hatch)  
Pegg##imported-end##

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“ Sue, Devon, and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Andrea Wells##imported-end##

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August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart hurts! I am so sorry he was a wonderful person and I am so sorry I can not be there for his viewing. I will never be able to eat cheesecake without thinking of Bob.##imported-begin##Judie Shamis##imported-end##

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“ All my condolences to Bob's family. He was such a fun man to be around. He taught me a lot about the game of tennis, and we drank some beer together in the bargain. Any who knew Bob will never forget his laugh and his great humor, or the lessons he taught us on the court.##imported-begin##Christopher Werkman chwerks@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I will remember his sense of humor and the fun that I had playing for him during my time at St. John's. Though I only played on the JV team for two years, he always had time for me and all of his tennis students. He loved what he did, and that was obvious to all who were taught by him. He touched many people through his work.##imported-begin##Jim Witter##imported-end##

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“ Bob was my tennis coach in high school. I'm sad to hear he passed away, but good to know he's in a better place. He was a first-class guy who instilled his values in the young athletes he coached. We were all privileged to have such a great role model around us, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family. We'll miss you Bob!!

~Neal Gregory###imported-begin##Neal Gregory neal@gregory-capital.com###imported-end##

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August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn,

May it be a source of inner strength to know that there's a loving God watching over you, and that, throughout this time of need, He'll stay close by your side.###imported-begin##Lori & William Suggs###imported-end##

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August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn and family,

Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Cindy Young###imported-end##

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“ Dawn, I am sitting here stunned by the news I just read moments ago about Bob's passing. Tom, Alexis, Ryan, Mark and myself have so many good memories of Bob teaching tennis to all of us at one time or another. He was such a good man and always had a smile for us and a nice word whenever he saw any one of us especially the kids! Bob was so good with our kids and to this day they enjoy playing tennis largely because of his encouragement and his way of teaching. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Dawn the the Krueger family. Please take care of yourself and know that the world is a better place because of Bob.###imported-begin##Tom and Melanie Waggoner & Family waggoner78@gmail.com###imported-end##

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“ Dawn - Cherie and I were so sorry to hear of Bob's death. He was such a good neighbor to Mom and Charlie and we truly appreciate everything he did for them. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts. Sincerely, Cherie Hunter and Robin Poland###imported-begin##Robin Poland & Cherie Hunter###imported-end##

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“ May God strengthen you and your family during this time of need. We are praying for you.###imported-begin##Jennie Roberts domjenr ob@bex.net###imported-end##

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“ Words cannot be written or spoken to describe the love I have for Bob and Dawn! Know that this leg of your journey will be shared by countless souls buddy! The smiles, laughs and tears we share are a tribute to your life and the lives you have touched so profoundly. We will meet again for some well deserved "Pond Time"...##imported-begin##Dale Hatch##imported-end##

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“ Dawn – our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to you and your family. It was always a pleasure to see Bob when he'd come to visit you. An incredibly kind man. Take comfort in knowing that you're not alone in your suffering and that peace will find its way to you. We're all here for you, anytime. Your family is here for you, always.##imported-begin##Casey & Beth Cook##imported-end##

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“ Dawn and family,

We are very sorry for your loss. May the warm memories that live in your heart comfort you during this difficult time.

Bob will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Mark and Lisa Faber##imported-end##

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