



John Unterfranz

January 24, 1953 - February 6, 2021

John Unterfranz, age 68, of Crown Point passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 with his wife (Jeanne) by his side. They were surrounded by their children and grandchildren in their family home.

John was born on January 24, 1953 to Steven and Dolores in Chicago, Illinois. He spent many wonderful years with his brother (Steve) and his sister (Mary Ann).

After graduating from Morton West High School, John went on to Monmouth College to play tight end for the Fighting Scots.

In 1975, he returned to Cicero to coach and teach at Morton East High School.

In 1978, John met Jeanne while she was waitressing at Stumps Pubs. They married in 1981, going on to have two sets of twins (Mark & Paul and Matthew & Beth).

Upon retiring in 2008, John spent his time planning the annual Unterfranz Family Pig Roast, cheering on the White Sox, and spoiling his grandchildren (Kyle, Jackson, Charlie, Teddy, Claire, and Frances).

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 12, 2021 from 3 -7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 10am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave, Crown Point.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association - (Team Johnny U.) www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
7667 E 109th Ave
Crown Point, IN

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *R.I.P. teacher. Class of 1992 Mustangs forever.* ”



Joseph Al Copeland - March 13, 2025 at 05:01 PM

HA

“ *Mr. Unterfranz was a good teacher he will be missed. Prayers for his family.* ”



Harry - November 16, 2021 at 12:36 AM

GR

“*Mr. Unterfranz was a great teacher at Morton East. He made a point to connect with all us students. We shared our weekends with him every Monday in class because he shared his with us. Just simply sharing apart of his life and weekends wih us, really showed us that he cared for what and how our lives where beyond the classroom. This really connected with us beyond him as just a teacher at Morton East. He helped and mentored us into believing in ourselves because he believed in us when nobody else would. My prayers and blessings goes out to his family, friends and to all those that he touched. He made sure we understood the Morton East motto: "What I will, I can."*

Rest in peace Mr. Unterfranz.

Once a Mustang, Always a Mustang.

Class of 92'

Gerald Rosenbaum - February 15, 2021 at 02:55 AM

RK

“*I am fortunate that I was able to be taught and coached by Coach Unterfranz. He had a great deal of positive influence in my life and I will always have fond memories! He was a very caring man and I know that he will be missed by many. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.*

Thank you Coach Unterfranz for being a great person and playing a part in my life, you will be missed.

Robert Kairis - February 11, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Unterfranz.*



February 11, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Jeanne, I'm so sorry for your loss. I so miss seeing you and John at Without Warning. My heart goes out to you and your family.*

Debbie Eason

Debbie Eason - February 10, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *Mr. Unterfranz was a true role-model teacher. He met his students with positivism. He challenged them. He helped fellow teachers. He behaved with confidence and poise. I respected him greatly and I don't use these words lightly.*

Mark Karadimos - February 10, 2021 at 07:58 PM

LM

“ I have countless fun stories about John tolerating the Nelson’s for more than 40 years.
Most of them involve me as the Nelson.
From the block party on Francisco to the birthday party on Maple ,
to the carrot infested meatloaf in Milwaukee , to the pig roast fiascos
on Forest Lane , and on and on ! John was a blast to be around.
He faced this terrible disease with dignity and grace and tolerated
us all giving him directions on what was best for him.
He was a wonderful husband to my sister and they raised an
amazing, beautiful family. I will miss him tremendously!

laurie miller - February 10, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
John Unterfranz.



February 10, 2021 at 07:22 PM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. God bless you
and your family.

*Michael & Brigitte Sell
Alice Sell*

Michael & Brigitte Sell - February 10, 2021 at 05:50 PM

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“ From your Morton East Mustang Football Team 1981 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Unterfranz.



From your Morton East Mustang Football Team 1981 -
February 10, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Unterfranz.



February 10, 2021 at 06:55 AM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of John Unterfranz.



February 09, 2021 at 09:35 PM

CF

“ I will always be grateful that John didn't ban me from his kitchen after I shoved 2lbs of carrot peelings down the garage disposal. Of course the party was long over and I was on my way home before the damage was discovered. John spent the next three hours unclogging the drain. Thanks, John, for trusting me to use the kitchen sink. 🥕🥕

Carol Flank - February 09, 2021 at 06:05 PM