



## John Kroo Sr.

August 28, 1934 - April 12, 2025

John Kroo was born Aug 28, 1934 in Siroko Polje, Yugoslavia to Anton and Magdalena (Pfeiffer) Kroo. He was the 4th of seven children.

His family escaped Yugoslavia in 1944 after Hitler invaded and they were never able to return. Eventually the family was able to emigrate to the US in 1951 with the help of the Catholic Church sponsorship program for displaced refugees.

In 1954 John went to California to visit friends where he met Elizabeth Thierjung whom he married on Oct 23, 1955. They were married almost 54 years until her death in 2009. They had 2 sons Ernst (Ernie) and John.

The young family settled in Newberg in early 1965 where John started his own business Kroo Construction, Inc. doing concrete work. He made sidewalks, foundations and concrete manure tanks for the dairymen - many of which are still in use today. He retired in the mid-1980s.

After the death of his wife in 2009 John started dating again. In 2022 he met LaVerne Kludsikofsky and they had a commitment ceremony in 2023.

John is survived by LaVerne, son John (Heather), Grandchildren Sarah (Stephanie), Leah (Jason), Karen (John), Laura (Chris), Blake, Jordan (Chris),

and Aaron, 9 Great Grandchildren, Brother Andy (Donna), and Sister Anna.  
He is predeceased by wife Elizabeth, son Ernie, brothers Frank and Tony and  
Sisters Katherine and Veronica.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 2. 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Peter Catholic Church  
2315 N. Main Street  
Newberg, OR 97132

## Rosary

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM (PT)

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## Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

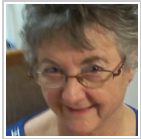
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# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Im sorry miss you bro. Ill come out and lit a fire you sir* ”

Brooks Fletcher - August 20, 2025 at 06:04 AM



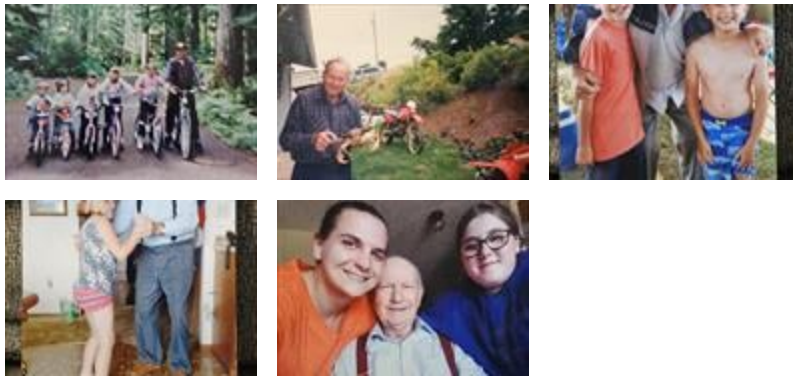
“ *For My Love  
LaVerne* ”



La Kludskofsky - May 08, 2025 at 05:32 PM

LK

“ *Best Ota ever* ”



Laura Kroo - May 01, 2025 at 08:41 PM

JS

*Was so sorry about the passing of john, I moved from reedsport, or to newberg in 1996, john and I connected sometime ago, he was as surprised to see me as I was surprised to see him, so many years ago, so many memories of the family,I remember the accordion several members played, the gloves mrs kroo knitted for me, wore them completely out , I believe it was tonys wedding I attended with my parents, Arnold and Cecilia Forsman, you were just one remarkable family, my prayers are for all of you at this difficult time, God bless you, Joanne forsman stevens*

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**Joanne forsman stevens** - May 04, 2025 at 07:38 PM

SR

“ *Skip Reynolds lit a candle in memory of John Kroo Sr.*



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**skip reynolds** - April 29, 2025 at 09:06 PM

RM

“ *Sending our sincere sympathies to your family in the loss of your Dad, Grandpa and great grandpa. He was a joy to have around and we will always remember his kind heart ❤️ that he shared with our family, our special holidays and events together. He was so generous and my Mom enjoyed their friendship, love of music, dancing and travels together! In loving remembrance from Marga Groening's daughter Rita and Ed Mazur and our children and grandchildren. He always loved 😊 xx*

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**Rita Mazur** - April 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM

TP

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family. We met John and Elizabeth back in the 1980s. They and entire family build our above ground manure tank in Tillamook. We became friends and have gone clamming, dancing, attended weddings, went to Hawaii, gone on cruises, birthdays, funerals. Our kids have fond memories of John and Elizabeth also. Thank you John for your friendship. We will miss you. We will be reunited in heaven some day. Sincerely Louie and Thelma Plantenga 🙏❤️

Thelma Plantenga - April 23, 2025 at 12:31 PM

AK

“ ANDREW KROO lit a candle in memory of John Kroo Sr.



ANDREW KROO - April 23, 2025 at 11:30 AM

BF

andy brooks fletcher. Im home from fire season. lets meet up soon for beer and tear or two

Brooks Fletcher - August 20, 2025 at 06:06 AM