



John "Jack" Henry Bruening

November 9, 1935 - February 26, 2006

JOHN "JACK" HENRY BRUENING, 70, Loving husband of 38 yrs. to Joan nee Malara; Father of Laurie Anthony Lattanzio of Willoughby, Linda Mark Iacobelli of Brecksville, Mark of Brooklyn, N.Y., Kevin of Wickliffe, Michael, Keith, Christopher, Craig, Brian and Bradley, all of Eastlake; grandfather of Michael, Nicholas, Anna, Joseph, Sarah, Anthony and Vincent; brother of seven. Mr. Bruening died February 26 at his home. Born November 9, 1935, in Cleveland. He moved to Eastlake 35 years ago. He created various games for his children, including the popular Werewolf and over 200 drawn superheroes. He enjoyed puzzles, mysteries, animals, baseball, and especially family parties. Mr. Bruening graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1953. From 1958 to 1960, he served as an Ordnance Supply Clerk for the Armed Forces, mostly in Manheim, Germany. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. In 1967, he began a 20 year career as a teacher in Catholic secondary schools, including Our Lady of Lourdes High School and Byzantine High School. That same year he received his B.A. in English from Cleveland College of CWRU, and in 1969 he earned his M.A. from John Carroll University. In 1970, Mr. Bruening joined other pioneer teachers in founding Lake Catholic High School in Mentor., and he wrote the words to the alma mater. He taught Latin and English for 17 yrs., and was the Junior Varsity baseball coach for 5 years. During his tenure at Lake Catholic, Mr. Bruening taught English, Latin, German, French, and Russian, and also translated legal documents into and from Spanish for couples adopting children from El Salvador. He also created his own language

using simplified grammar. In 1987, Mr. Bruening retired from teaching and became an entrepreneur, starting a play-by-mail game company known as Worlds Unlimited, Inc. It became the largest ever play-by-mail enterprise with thousands of customers from all over the world. Upon retiring from IWA, Mr. Bruening took up another pastime- writing poetry. In 2002 he finished “Rayne Beau the Magnificent,” a modern epic of 8,000 lines about a superhero. Books of his poetry will be given away at the wake while the supply lasts. Interment at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon Twp. Funeral Mass 10:30 AM Wednesday, March 1st at St. Justin Martyr Church, 35781 Stevens Blvd., Eastlake. VISITATION 2-4 AND 6-8 PM TUESDAY AT MONREAL FUNERAL HOME, 35400 CURTIS BLVD., EASTLAKE. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185th Street, Cleveland 44119.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to hear about your loss, I too know the feeling of losing a loved one and wanted to share with you what brought me comfort it was the scripture at Isaiah 25:8, also there is a booklet that I would like to mail you if it is ok.

*My Deepest Regards,
Joanne*

Joanne - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM