



Anthony John Kralj

March 6, 2006 - May 28, 2026

Anthony John Kralj, 20, of Chardon Twp., died on May 28, 2026, at his home. He was born on March 6, 2006, in Willoughby.

Anthony attended Mater Dei Academy and was a 2024 graduate of Notre Dame Cathedral Latin. He had just completed his sophomore year at The Ohio State University. From a young age, Anthony found comfort in singing and listening to music, and his passion for music deepened in college when he got his first guitar. Anthony enjoyed playing poker and a variety of card and board games with his family. He also loved playing tennis, spending time at the beach, participating in fantasy football, journaling, and going to the movies. Above all, Anthony treasured the time he spent with his family and friends, bringing warmth, laughter, and energy to every gathering.

Survivors include his parents, Bernadette “Bernie” & Darko Kralj, many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family members and friends, as well as his beloved dog, Tarzan.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, Nancy “Nanu” & John Stapleton and Miljenka & Mato Kralj.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor

Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Praying of the Rosary will begin at 7:40 pm.

A funeral Mass to honor Anthony's life will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at St. Bede the Venerable Church, 9114 Lakeshore Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060. Please meet at the church.

Interment will be at Mentor Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

The family will be starting a foundation in Anthony's name to help others. Contributions may be made directly to the Kralj family.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bede The Venerable Catholic Church
9114 Lakeshore Blvd
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 257-5544

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jennifer Ansberry & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



Jennifer Ansberry & Family - June 04 at 02:43 PM

AA

“ Anna, josh, Christian, and ava purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



Anna, josh, Christian, and ava - June 02 at 09:52 AM

DK

“ All our love to all of Anthony's friends and everyone with loving message for Anthony



Darko Kralj - June 02 at 12:24 AM



🙄 It's not okay to bully anyone, at any age. Anthony was a kind and loving individual who had his whole life in front of him. People who bullied him throughout his young and short life, is who lead him into his depression and anxiety. I hope you all have some type of consciousness and change your nasty behaviors, because what you may think is cool and funny, can take someone's life. Parent's teach your children better. Teach them kindness and respect, because bully's lack any type of self respect. I hope all of you bullies can live with yourselves and it never happens to your future generations. I'm so mad at all of you bullies who bullied this sweet young man.

Tina Long - June 02 at 10:18 AM



Well said, Tina! It's never okay to bully someone. It starts with the parents to teach your children that it is not okay. Unfortunately some children follow in their parents footsteps. So sad that this happened to Anthony 🙄 Thoughts and prayers to the family at this difficult time

Kellie Ann - June 02 at 05:21 PM



I did not know Anthony personally, but my daughter and her best friend did. From what I do know of him, he was a great friend, a very caring person and so much more~

Please accept our condolences and deepest sympathy~
Love and many prayers for the family & for all who knew him~ May God hold him in his hands and lift him up 🙏🙏

vanessa - June 03 at 10:51 PM



“ Eastyn & Trinity Denholm purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



Eastyn & Trinity Denholm - June 01 at 09:37 PM

LK

“ *Lori and Steve Kostreba purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Anthony John Kralj.*



Lori and Steve Kostreba - June 01 at 07:21 PM

LK

“ *Lori and Steve Kostreba planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony John Kralj.*

Lori and Steve Kostreba - June 01 at 07:21 PM

JM

“ *Jessica Mance purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Anthony John Kralj.*



Jessica Mance - June 01 at 06:35 PM

LE

“ *Lincoln Electric purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Anthony John Kralj.*



Lincoln Electric - June 01 at 05:40 PM

LE

“ Lincoln Electric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony John Krajj.

Lincoln Electric - June 01 at 05:40 PM

JL

“ James, Jason, Jim and Holly Lewis purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Anthony John Krajj.



James, Jason, Jim and Holly Lewis - June 01 at 04:42 PM

JL

“ James, Jason, Jim and Holly Lewis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony John Krajj.

James, Jason, Jim and Holly Lewis - June 01 at 04:42 PM

MB

“ Mandy Bobkovich purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Anthony John Krajj.



Mandy Bobkovich - June 01 at 03:30 PM

MB

“ Mandy Bobkovich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony John Kralj.

Mandy Bobkovich - June 01 at 03:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



June 01 at 12:41 PM

RD

“ Riley, Wyatt, Jessica & Mat Duchon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



Riley, Wyatt, Jessica & Mat Duchon - June 01 at 10:39 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



June 01 at 10:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony John Kralj.

June 01 at 10:10 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



June 01 at 09:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony John Kralj.

June 01 at 09:57 AM



“ Derek Clucas and Clucas/Caplice Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



Derek Clucas and Clucas/Caplice Family - June 01 at 06:57 AM



“ Very sad he's gone but he's in a better place RIP

Anthony Miklavcic - May 31 at 03:54 PM

AG

“ Sweet Anthony, I was looking forward to more trips to Cedar Point, game nights, and birthday parties with you this summer. You are so loved and so missed. Griffin was even singing "I love you, Anthony" as he was on the toilet yesterday, and I know you were chuckling at that. I pray that you are at peace now.

Angela Gebhardt - May 31 at 02:34 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



May 31 at 01:49 PM

EM

“ Ed and Mitzi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



Ed and Mitzi - May 31 at 01:33 PM

EM

“ Ed and Mitzi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony John Kralj.

Ed and Mitzi - May 31 at 01:33 PM

LJ

“ Laura J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony John Kralj.

Laura J. - May 31 at 12:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



May 31 at 08:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony John Kralj.

May 31 at 08:05 AM

NO

“ Nick and Debbie Oust purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anthony John Kralj.



Nick and Debbie Oust - May 31 at 07:57 AM

NH

“ I don't have many words. We were both very young with our own struggles when we met. I believe we taught each other so much. How to speak up, set boundaries, and you were the one who helped me find God. You were very intelligent, well spoken, and kind hearted. Thank you for showing little 14 year old me how a boy should treat a girl. I hope heaven is everything you ever talked about.



nyaia henderson - May 31 at 02:32 AM

MB

“ You were truly the love of my life and always will be. Even though we didn't get the lifetime together that we dreamed of, you taught me how to love and how to accept love in a way I never had before. I will forever be grateful for every moment we shared. I wish you could have seen yourself the way I saw you, and the world could have seen the beautiful love you had to give. I love you more than life, baby, and I always will. Until we meet again, I will love you for the rest of my life.



Mandy Bobkovich - May 31 at 02:17 AM

KR

“ Anthony, you are one of the kindest people I ever had the privilege of knowing. It's very hard to find somebody who has a heart of gold, but you have had one in all of the time that I have known you. You will always be a part of me and always have been, even if life had different paths for us and we grew apart as we got older. I think of you more often than I recognize. This might seem silly but I remember you saying your half-birthday was in my birth month, and I thought that was so cool that it's stuck with me to this day. I think of you every time my birthday and half-birthday come around, even now. I didn't let go of the memories of us spending afternoons in the pool, visiting Patterson's and playing in the corn pit or jumping on hay bales, or playing Mario Bros. on the Wii. They're some of my favorites and I've always held them close to my heart. I've kept so many of the gifts you gave me when we were kids. Your Pokémon cards have been in my binder for 9 years now, and I never used the mug you made for me because I was afraid of ruining it. I hope you know that I have never forgotten about you, and you will never, ever be forgotten.

Kae Rentz - May 31 at 02:07 AM

LW

“ Much love and many prayers for Bernie, Darko and family at this very sad time. We met Anthony at MDA many years ago and it was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. He will be missed and never forgotten. Xoxo. Mike. Lynn. Micheal and Lily Waters ❤️

Lynn Ann Waters - May 30 at 10:51 PM

PG

“ *My first ever love. Thank you for everything you’ve ever taught me. Nobody loved like you. Not only were you filled with unconditional love, that is all my heart is filled with, for you. I’m so sorry that this imperfect world couldn’t handle such a perfect soul. No matter the distance, you haven’t left my heart once. There was a version of myself only you knew, bub. A version of myself where I was able to be 100% vulnerable, silly, and myself. No matter the circumstance, if I was with you, I felt so safe and loved. I love YOU more Anth, forever and always. 🍷*



Paige Graewe - May 30 at 10:49 PM