



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

Upcoming 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
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<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

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“ 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 - Yesterday at 10:51 PM

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“ 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 - Yesterday at 10:49 PM

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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 - Yesterday at 11:00 PM