



## Edward "Ed" Kustron

September 23, 1935 - March 14, 2024

Edward "Ed" Kustron, 88, of Mentor, passed away March 14, 2024 at Lake West Medical Center, Willoughby. He was born September 23, 1935 in Donora, PA to the late Frank and Blanche Kustron.

Ed served his country proudly as an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. He was a fan of all major sports in the area, including a specific fondness of his childhood-hometown Pittsburgh teams, the Steelers and Pirates. Over the years, through gentle prodding from his children and grandkids, he shifted allegiances to the Cleveland Browns, and he suffered with them for about 25 years in that futile pursuit of success. He appreciated machinery, automobiles, and at one point boasted an astonishing collection of die-cast model classic cars, which he loved to display and discuss. The consummate professional at work, Ed retired from Lubrizol where he worked for many years, and then he retired again from Cleveland-Heights High School, where he taught Industrial Arts. If that wasn't enough, he retired once again from J.C. Penney at the Great Lakes Mall, where he happily worked a post-retirement career in the shoe department. Most important of all, Ed doted-upon patiently, and with love, patience, and care, the love of his life, Frances (Fran), with whom he enjoyed over 60 years of marital and family bliss. In Mentor, Ohio and through their church of many decades, St. John Vianney (where they loved to see Father Johns give mass, among others), Ed and Fran made roots that have passed on through generations. Ed is described by his grandson, Norm Jr., as

“everyone’s rock and steady hand. He was able to pick you up at low moments”. As a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ed created the foundation for his family, and he did everything with kindness and an open heart. As a family friend noted, “he had a heck of a run. He loved a good woman, worked hard to make this country great, and now is survived by his children and their families - it’s the American dream.”

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Frances Kustron (nee: Bandish); children, Ed Kustron and Barb (Norm) Hirter; grandchildren, Jason (Rachel) Kustron, Jared (Tiffany) Kustron, Jenalyn Kustron, Amy (fiancé, Aaron Pike) Hirter and Norm (Amanda) Hirter; great grandchildren, Aiden, Cameron, Chase, George, Franie, Oliver, Mason, Brendon, Aidan, Madalyn, Jameson, Noah and Brooklyn; nieces, nephews and many other loving family members.

Preceding Ed in death are his grandson, Josh Ross and brother, Bernie Kustron.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, Ohio 44060. Please meet at the church. Interment to be held in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, following the mass.

In honor of Ed, memorial contributions may be made to St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 20.** 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

**MAR 21.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
7575 Bellflower Road  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-0600

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bill Bodnar lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" Kustron*



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**Bill Bodnar** - January 04, 2025 at 05:48 PM

BB

“ *Hello, Fran, Bill Bodnar here. I just heard that Ed had passed away recently, I'm sorry we hadn't corresponded more. We had a lot in common, both Veterans of the Korean war, mine in the U.S. Navy. We both graduated from California State college. Both receiving a B.S. degree in Industrial Arts and teaching graphic, arts. I taught, eventually, printing in a vocational school. Both Catholic from Donora.*

*I have tried to find your new phone number, sadly with no luck. I remember visiting both of you in your Cleveland home once. I sure was happy to see you both then.*

*If you feel like talking with me so I could orally give you my very deepest sympathy. My phone number is 412-480-4173. I now live in Florida, Pgh. weather forced that after I fell on the ice and snow. I have a broken left shoulder now, no doctors will operate to repair it, they said "I was too old, 88, like Ed.*

*I shall pray the Rosary daily, we go to Mass daily and Sunday. I know this great buddy of mine, from long ago is now serving our God and Jesus in Heaven now. God bless you and your large family!*

*Please call!*

*With Love, Bill*

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**Bill Bodnar** - July 07, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Kustron.*



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March 19, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ *Tech Cast Limited purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edward "Ed" Kustron.*



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**Tech Cast Limited** - March 18, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *Christine Chamers lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" Kustron*



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**Christine Chamers** - March 17, 2024 at 04:27 PM



*Deepest sympathy to Fran & the whole Kustron family for their loss. I was so privileged to have known Ed for 30+ years and he will truly be missed. May he rest in eternal peace.*

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**Christine Chamers** - March 17, 2024 at 04:30 PM

JU

“ Jason Urankar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward "Ed" Kustron.



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Jason Urankar - March 17, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Kustron.



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March 17, 2024 at 07:56 AM

CW

“ Chris & Mary Beth Walden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" Kustron.

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Chris & Mary Beth Walden - March 17, 2024 at 07:56 AM

MS

“ Megan S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" Kustron.

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Megan S. - March 16, 2024 at 07:17 PM

TF

“ *The Kulikowski Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward "Ed" Kustron.*



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**The Kulikowski Family** - March 16, 2024 at 01:46 PM