

John C. Bodmer

June 3, 1938 - February 24, 2021

John C. Bodmer, age 82 of Kirtland, passed away February 24, 2021 at Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby. He was born on June 3, 1938 in Cleveland, OH to the late Rudolph and Louise (Lutz) Bodmer.

John was an avid University of Michigan fan. He had worked for the Bailey Meter Company for 40 years. He had served in the U.S. Army National Guard. He was a member of the Kirtland Kiwanis International, and as a member he was instrumental in launching new clubs as well as overseeing the annual Strawberry Festival for many years. John loved his community and the schools. He was the long time announcer for the Kirtland High School Marching Band, he had coached the Kirtland High School softball team, worked the clock for multiple high school sports teams, and had also been a member of the Kirtland School Board. Mr. Bodmer was an active member of Christ Presbyterian Church in Chesterland where he volunteered in many capacities at the church.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara (Hoffman); daughters, Karen (John) Perko, Carole (Howard) Karikas and Cheryl Bodmer; grandchildren, Stephen, Kelly, David, John, and Jarred and identical twin brother, Jim Bodmer.

A private funeral service will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church.

A public celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in Whitehaven Memorial Park, Mayfield Village, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Kirtland Kiwanis, 9165 Chillicothe Rd., Kirtland OH 44094 or to Christ Presbyterian Church, 12419 Chillicothe Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Whitehaven Memorial Park

615 SOM Center Rd.
Mayfield Village, OH 44143
(440) 442-1400

Tribute Wall

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“ I extend my sympathy to Barb and her daughters and to his brother Jim along with their extended family for their loss of John.

The following quote describes exactly what John created in his life dedicated to those that had meaning in his heart. He gave freely and with spirit while gathering joy within himself by expressing it.

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." --- Dr. Seuss

Having known John in Kirk Junior High and the class of Shaw High '56 I am thankful for his total commitment and devotion to us all.

Robert J. Renner -- Shaw '56

Robert J. Renner - March 10, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, he will be missed.

Dean Morrison - March 07, 2021 at 05:03 PM

SG

“ *The World needs more John Bodmer's in it! Your thoughtful giving heart and bright smile will be sorely missed here in Kirtland. Thank you for all you have done for the community.*

So sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.

*With sincere sympathy,
Shannon & Tom Green & boys*

Shannon Green - March 05, 2021 at 04:44 PM

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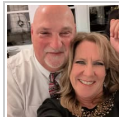
“ Dear Barb, Karen Carole and Cheryl, Bob and I we were so saddened to learn of John's passing. So many cherished memories to reflect on as a neighbor, friend and his dedication to the Kirtland community in so many ways. We will miss his friendly smile and hello at the basketball games and his resounding voice introducing the Kirtland band at the football games. Farewell John and thank-you for being such a wonderful part of our lives for over 53 years. Sincerely, Judy and Bob Sayle

Bob and Judy Sayle - March 03, 2021 at 11:38 AM

KW

“ Mr. Bodmer was such a wonderful person. I have wonderful childhood memories when I was in school with Karen. From many weekend sleepovers , to Gem Beach trips to announcing the Marching Band when we were in HS. Loved hearing his voice announcing us when we marched out onto the football field , and of course who could ever forget him at the Strawberry Festival. Many years have passed though it seems like just yesterday. My heart is broken for Mrs. Bodmer, Karen, Carole , Cheryl and their beautiful families. My prayers are with all of you as I go down memory lane with a smile on my face hearing Mr. Bodmer calling me “Kim She”. Love to all.

kimberly Wolford - March 01, 2021 at 08:53 PM



Thanks, Kim.

Carole Karikas - March 01, 2021 at 09:56 PM

BL

“ I wil always remember Mr.Bodmer an his kind words an his smile I don't think I ever saw him in a bad mood, I would sometimes get irritated setting up the clocks for the games an he would just smile an say you can do it, an he would help me out while telling a joke! Mr.Bodmer was truly a genuine person! I don't care if it was at the school or in a store always had a smile and a kind word! My sincere Sympathy to Barb & Carole an all the Bodmer family you are in my thoughts an prayers

Bev Lynch - March 01, 2021 at 04:21 PM



You're so sweet, Bev. Thanks.

Carole Karikas - March 01, 2021 at 09:56 PM

VP

“ Dear Karen & Family - I'm heartbroken for your loss and am wishing you strength and love during these very difficult days. Hugs to you all. - Vicki Pate

Vicki Pate - March 01, 2021 at 10:21 AM

DY

“ Barbara, Karen, Carole, and Cheryl- After spending 20 years with the Kirtland Schools and community, it would be hard for us to name anyone who dedicated more of his time, service, caring for others, and just a genuine love-of-life, than your husband and dad; he will be missed in so many ways throughout the school district and community. We can't stop thinking about John and the memories associated with all of you. Jane and Steve Young

Dr. Stephen Young - February 28, 2021 at 09:13 AM



Thank you Steve.

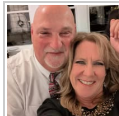
Barbara Bodmer - February 28, 2021 at 11:27 AM



Dear Mrs. Bodmer, Karen, Carole and Cheryl, my deepest sympathy to you and the extended family. Mr B was always larger than life and he will live on in all our hearts. My thoughts and prayer continue to be with you at this difficult time. My family joins me in sending their heartfelt condolences.

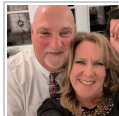
Big hugs from too far away, Lisa

Lisa McGregor-Johnston - February 28, 2021 at 06:57 PM



Thanks so much, Steve.

Carole Karikas - March 01, 2021 at 09:58 PM



Thanks for your love, Lisa.

Carole Karikas - March 01, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ John and Jim were high school classmates and John was wonderful keeping our Shaw High School Class of 1956 together for 65 years. He organized reunions and even if you couldn't attend you got all the information and were emailed regularly of activities including deaths of our classmates, From what we have read in his obituary he was also very active in his community so many people will miss him. We are so saddened by John's death and send love and sympathy to Barb and the family. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.

Lynda and Bob DeWard

Lynda and Bob DeWard - February 28, 2021 at 02:17 AM



Thank you Lynda.

Barbara Bodmer - February 28, 2021 at 11:26 AM

BM

“ *In this modern age I must now delete a contact on my cell phone for someone who will no longer answer. Someone who told it like it was and told the story of what Kiwanis meant to him and others and the many events he help mold in Kirtland. Role model is not just a word, but of what and how he helped others.*

bill malik - February 27, 2021 at 06:35 PM



Thanks for sharing. ❤️

Carole Karikas - March 01, 2021 at 10:00 PM

AP

“ *Mr. Bodmer was a beloved coach of mine while playing softball at KHS. I played all four years, 2000-2004, but some of my favorite memories were the years Mr. Bodmer was one of our coaches. He was always enthusiastic and encouraging and put up with us and our antics, often laughing along. Sharing a team photo here, I believe it was the Junior Varsity team 2001. Sending my love to Mr. Bodmer's family.*



Allison Paytosh - February 27, 2021 at 02:45 AM



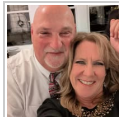
Thank you for sharing this photo Allison. He always loved the time he spent on the field getting to know you girls and getting to be part of your lives as well. ❤️

Carole Karikas - February 27, 2021 at 09:21 AM

BM

*“ What a beautiful obituary. I had no idea he was so active and involved. The world lost a good one. I’m sorry he was taken too soon. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
-Brenda Morris (friend of Carole & Howard)*

Brenda Morris - February 26, 2021 at 07:00 PM



He really was a good one. Thanks Brenda.

Carole Karikas - March 01, 2021 at 10:01 PM

AR

*“ Mr. Bodmer will certainly be missed by many! His dedication to Kirtland sports was unparalleled. We was always quick with a joke and contagious smile that warmed the gym. Thank you John for your many years of service to the Kirtland community.
-Amy and Mary Ridgeway*

Amy Ridgeway - February 26, 2021 at 05:26 PM



Thank you for these kind words, Amy. You pretty much summed him up well. ❤️

Carole Karikas - February 27, 2021 at 09:23 AM



Thank you for saying such nice things about John.

Barbara Bodmer - February 28, 2021 at 11:31 AM

PH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Paul & Diane Haines - February 26, 2021 at 04:26 PM

KP

I love this. 💕💕

Karen Perko - February 26, 2021 at 07:55 PM



This is beautiful of you 3. Thanks for sharing it. ❤️

Carole Karikas - February 26, 2021 at 09:42 PM

AB

John was a great man and incredible friend to all things Kirtland. I had the privilege of serving with John on the Kirtland School Board

Andy Balazs - February 27, 2021 at 04:20 PM

DS

John was a great guy and caring individual. His love of Kirtland, especially the schools and Kiwanis, will be sadly missed. Many of the projects he worked on will be used for a very long time.

David Saywell - February 27, 2021 at 06:41 PM

SC

I remember the years that Barb and he gave to our church and the amount of time and love he gave to the Kirtland community.

Sue Clark

Susan Clark - February 27, 2021 at 07:45 PM

FR

*Thank you for all you have done for Kirtland. You will be missed at sports events, Kiwanis, and everywhere else you visited.
Fran and Marilyn Raishart.*

Fran Raishart - February 28, 2021 at 11:31 AM

CC

I am heartbroken for you all and for everyone that knew and loved him. Mr. B was larger-than-life with a twinkle in his eye at all times. I am grateful for the memories of my childhood spent with your family. He was an incredibly giving man and more than anything, he was so proud of what you two created - three beautiful humans who will continue to honor his legacy and commitment to family.

With love and my deepest sympathy, Cynthia

Cynthia Cata - March 01, 2021 at 11:11 AM



Thank you to you all for reaching out. He certainly was a wonderful man who was loved by so many.

Carole Karikas - March 01, 2021 at 10:03 PM