



## Dr. John V. Koczman

May 1, 1929 - August 3, 2020

Dr. John V. Koczman, age 91, of Sarasota, Florida, entered into his heavenly home on August 3, 2020. He was born on May 1, 1929, to William and Mary Fasang Koczman, of Milan, Michigan, joining two older brothers, Rudy and George. In 1947, the two-time state champion in Shot Put, became the nation's number one high school shot putter and later was inducted into the Michigan High School Hall of Fame.

He earned both his Bachelor (1953) and Master (1957) Degrees from Eastern Michigan University. He earned his Education Specialist Degree (1965) in administration from Michigan State University, and finally his Doctor of Education from Wayne State University in Administration and Curriculum in 1982.

On November 10, 1951, he was united in marriage to Barbara Anne Stokes. Their marriage was blessed with four children: John Raymond, Scott Douglas, Bruce Victor, and Sandra Marie. He was not only a community leader, but a devoted and loving husband and father. He was active throughout his life in his Christian faith and served in a number of capacities as a servant leader in the congregations they attended.

Dr. Koczman served as a high school teacher and coach in Walled Lake, as a school administrator in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Durand, and Shepherd,

Michigan. After retiring as an administrator and school superintendent in his home state of Michigan, he became the Superintendent of Macon County Public Schools in Tuskegee, Alabama, and later the Head Master of Macon Academy, and finally taught elective classes at Auburn University.

He moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1996 and remained active in church and with retired educators' and administrators' groups. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Mary, his brothers George (Nov), and Rudy (Dec) in 1957, his sister-in-law Margret Possley in 2007, one nephew, William in 2016. Preceding him also was his wife of 48 years, Barbara Koczman in July of 1999.

He is survived by his sons: Rev. John (Cathy) of Beaverton, OR, Scott (Rachelle) of Houston, TX, Rev. Bruce (Karen) of Middleton, NJ, and daughter Sandra Larson (Scott) of Sarasota. He is also survived by 2 nieces, Lynn McCulloch and Kay Roeser. His legacy includes 14 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Services for Dr. John V. Koczman will be scheduled at a later date with Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Sarasota, Florida.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I would like to extend my sympathy to the entire Koczman family. Thank you for having his memorial service posted online. I am pleased I was able to be part of it with you. Your parent will always hold a spot in my heart. Bless you!*  
*Jan Harper*

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**Jan Harper** - September 04, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Dear Sandra,

*I would like to express my sincere sympathy on the death of your father, a dear, old friend of mine. I was so very saddened when I heard of his passing as I had been trying to reach him several times without success, and had remembered he had moved to be with family, but I wasn't sure of names. Although I'm glad my daughter Julie found you on Facebook, it was a such a hard thing to hear that your father had died just a few short weeks before, I only wish I could have talked to him once more.*

*Years ago, back in Milan where our friendship began, John played tackle next to my left end position. He was the fastest man on our league championship team. As we all know, John was not only the best shot putter in Michigan, he was possibly the best in the whole country and we were all proud of him.*

*I also knew John's mother, who was employed as the cleaning lady in our high school. I would always see her waiting at the bottom of the stairs as we rushed past. She reminded me of my own mother, and was a very kind person. I also played football with his brother George and remember brother Gustave as well, both I believe served in WW2.*

*Dave Shelton, another classmate one year behind us, and I drove from Naples and Indiantown to see John several times until my wife and I moved back to Michigan two years ago. The three of us liked to go to lunch over off I75 at Bob Evans. We sat and reminisced and John always talked of how proud he was of his family. John, Dave and I had a special love for our roots in Milan and we greatly enjoyed talking of our old times together.*

*Always remember that your father was a special person to someone who cared about him for many years and was grateful for his friendship.*

*May God Bless You,  
Sherman Collins*



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**Julie Frontera** - August 30, 2020 at 01:25 AM



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**Julie Frontera** - August 30, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ John was a gentle hearted gentleman. You could feel the presents of the Lord when you were around him. We enjoyed hearing stories about his family and younger years. We never saw him without a smile. It has been a blessing to know him and he will truly be missed. Until we see you again..



*God Bless*

*Motorcycle man & lawn mower lady...*

*Nicknames he called us..*

*Terry and Debi*

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**Debra Evans- Shaw** - August 14, 2020 at 03:43 PM

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“ I first met John when I moved to Florida back in 2006. He attended many of the Ferris Emeriti Luncheons in Sarasota. As I got to know him we spent some time together outside of the luncheons. We lunched on our own. He came to my house. I went to his house and we became good friends. I always enjoyed his company and loved the many stories he could tell about his life adventures I'm sorry to see him go, but know that he will be happy with Jesus in Heaven. And Heaven will be a better place with John in residence!

*Robert Stechschulte*  
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**Robert Stechschulte** - August 06, 2020 at 02:40 PM