



## John S. Kunzler

July 26, 2018

John S. Kunzler, 56, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at home surrounded by family following a brief illness. He was born in Lancaster on October 20, 1961. He was the son of the late Chris Kunzler and Joan S. Kunzler.

John graduated from Lampeter-Strasburg High School. His career at Kunzler and Co. Inc. began with an entry level position and ended as the Executive Vice President of Operations. John's leadership, friendship and wisdom will be missed by his peers.

John was an avid hunter and fisherman whose boat, Chasin Tails, was docked at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City, Maryland and has been seen as far south as Cuba. He won many tournaments throughout his career as a fisherman. And, as John would tell you, "There was no such thing as a bad day fishing."

John is survived by his loving wife, Trina, brother, Chris and his wife, Kim of Baltimore, Maryland. Additionally, he is survived by two daughters: Krystle of Lancaster and Karli of Virginia, step sons: Nick and his future wife, Erin of Lititz, Lance and his wife, Liz of Virginia and Jagur, at home as well as three grandchildren: Gage, Lucas and Gracie. He is also survived by his canine companion of 10 years, Ruger. In the past 16 years Trina and John made joyous memories with their children, grandchildren and in their Florida home.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend a viewing for John at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA 17603 on Monday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A celebration of John's life will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at The Groffs at 3:00 p.m. with a visitation from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. In appreciation of John's style, please feel free to dress casually.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's name may be made to the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, The Ocean City Marlin Club, 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, MD 21842 or the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute, 2102 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 30. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
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## Viewing

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUL 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John S. Kunzler* ”

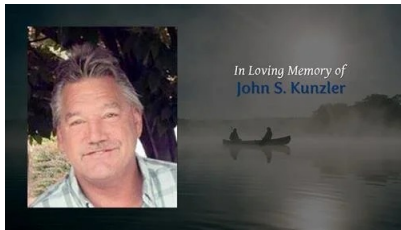


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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - July 31, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John S. Kunzler* ”



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - July 31, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *John S. Kunzler* ”

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

DC

“ I was a student teacher at Lampeter-Strasburg in the fall of 1979, John's senior year.

*Of all the students I had in metal shop, John is the only one that I say I really remember.*

*He used to take me hunting with him, and one time invited me to dinner with*

*his mom and dad at their home. (Which probably wouldn't fly in this day and age)*

*My teaching supervisor found out we'd been hunting together, and when report cards came out he looked at the grades I'd issued and said, "All of your grades look good, except one - JOHN KUNZLER'S!"*

*He said, "I'm changing the "B" you gave John to a "D" because John can do better."*

*The next marking period he got the "B" he deserved.*

*I haven't seen or heard from John in 39 years, but have often thought of him, especially when I see Kunzler hot dogs on the store shelves in South Jersey.*

*With social media being what is today, I always INTENDED to hit John up and tell him that after all these years, those hunting memories are still some of my best memories to this day.*

*And rest assured, most of my friends here in New Jersey have heard at least one "Hunting with John Kunzler" story.*

*Regretfully, I let time pass and never did contact John himself, So.....shocked and saddened I offer my condolences to his family. The world was a better place with him in it!*

*Doug Collins*

*p.s. Hey John, don't call me Mr.-- my name is Doug*

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**Doug Collins** - August 20, 2018 at 04:06 PM

TK

“ *Dear Trina,*

*I am so saddened to read about the passing of John in The Dispatch. I hadn't seen you in quite some time in Ocean City but would think of you both often especially around tournament season. My heart is just so heavy right now for you and your entire extended family. May God give you all the strength you need to move forward and always remember the happiest memories. Branch would tell me the best fishing stories about John, and I always remembered how full of life John was....much like Branch. Larger than life....May God bless you all.... Tammy, Parker and Paige Kreppel*

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**Tammy Kreppel** - August 08, 2018 at 03:08 PM

DO

“ *Chris and Kim*

*We are so saddened to hear about your brothers passing: Our heart goes out to you and your family at this difficult time:  
We love you Doug and Marilyn*

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**doug** - August 03, 2018 at 08:53 AM

TR

“ *I met John around 2000. I had no clue who he was, fondest memory will always be when he told me he made tons of scrapple weekly. RIP John, and thanks for the few fun memories .*

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**Tracy** - August 02, 2018 at 07:42 PM

SN

“ On behalf of Bemis North America please accept our deepest condolences. John, as Kunzler leader, set a business standard that is admired in the supplier community. We wish John's personal and work family peace and great memories in days ahead.

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**Sophia Navalance** - August 02, 2018 at 04:20 PM

RV

“ We were so saddened to hear of John's passing. Trina, our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. May God give you strength.

Your MD and FL friends,  
Robin and Danny Volker

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**Robin and Danny Volker** - August 01, 2018 at 07:58 AM

JB

“ My most heartfelt sympathy to all the Kunzler family. I knew John from working at Kunzler. He was such a genuine person. John always had a smile and was so genuinely kind. Life is so fleeting, share love whenever you can. Wishing you all peace.  
Jackie Boas

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**Jackie Boas** - July 31, 2018 at 02:11 PM

DB

“ Chris, Kim and the entire Kunzler family,

*I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. All the years I worked with John at Kunzler were special and filled with fond memories. I will truly miss him.*

*Sincere condolences,*

*Denny Bittler*

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**Dennis Bittler** - July 31, 2018 at 10:02 AM

KG

“ *I knew John from when I worked at Kunzlers. He was great person and later a wonderful boss. He will be missed but never forgotten.*  
*Ken Good*

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**Kenneth Good** - July 30, 2018 at 05:47 PM

JD

“ *I MEET JOHN IN 1982 WHEN I CAME HOME FROM THE MARINES AT THE CONESTOGA INN. WHEN HE LIVED AT THE OAKS, NEAR SAFE HARBOR WE SHARED A BREW OR TWO TOGETHER. NOW LIVING IN CONESTOGA, I USED TO SEE HIM OFTEN. REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND. TILL I SEE YA AGAIN. THANKS FOR BEING A FRIEND.... JOE DeMORA*

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**JOE DEMORA** - July 30, 2018 at 02:32 PM

DT

“ *Dirty Ol' Tavern purchased the Treasured Lilies S pray for the family of John S. Kunzler.*



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**Dirty Ol' Tavern** - July 30, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John S. Kunzler.*



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July 30, 2018 at 12:58 PM

AS

“ *Chris and Kim,  
I am very sorry to learn of your brother's passing.  
Al Solomon, RunAway Bay*

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**Alan Solomon** - July 30, 2018 at 10:55 AM

AI

“ *Affinity Group InFusion purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John S. Kunzler.*



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**Affinity Group InFusion** - July 30, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of John S. Kunzler.*



July 30, 2018 at 09:42 AM



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**Zach Sinz** - July 30, 2018 at 07:33 AM



*Our condolences are with Trina, Krystle, Karli and the entire Kunzler family during this incredibly difficult time. John was the most down-to-earth friend and neighbor we could have asked for. John will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to be blessed with his presence.*

**Zach Sinz** - July 30, 2018 at 07:56 AM



“ *I was very sad to hear of John's passing. We graduated from high school together and have great memories of him being a very down to earth, genuine friend. We know someone that works at Kunzlers and he always spoke highly of John. He said he was a hard worker and had no problem working along side the employees there. Prayers to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by many.*

*In Sympathy~  
Terry (Hess) Tucker*

**Terry Tucker** - July 30, 2018 at 07:33 AM

JM

“ *RIP John !! My Condolences to Trina and the Kunzler family.*  
*Jeff Murphy*



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**Jeffrey Murphy** - July 29, 2018 at 02:39 PM

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**Andrew Dietz** - July 29, 2018 at 10:38 AM

CB

“ *My sincere condolences to John's family. John provided me with one of my favorite memories as a middle school teacher. I taught John Language Arts. He was also in my homeroom. One morning I walked into my classroom where there were only 3 students. There was a very distinctive smell that hadn't been there before. Turns out John had been hunting/checking traps before school and had found a skunk... and didn't realize that he had brought a little of that skunk along with him to school:-) John was always kind to others and a sweet kid.*

*Sincerely,  
Chris Bunce*

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**Chris Bunce** - July 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM

JM

“ Heart felt sorry to Trina and the entire Kunzler Family. Murph,

Jeffrey Murphy - July 28, 2018 at 04:31 PM

TF

“ The Hoover's Jeff, Kriss and Family purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of John S. Kunzler.



The Hoover's Jeff, Kriss and Family - July 28, 2018 at 11:32 AM

BG

“ Buddy Trala and the Staff at Sunset Grille purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of John S. Kunzler.



Buddy Trala and the Staff at Sunset Grille - July 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John S. Kunzler.



July 28, 2018 at 11:02 AM

KH

“ Trina and family I am sending love and prayers in this sad time. My heart is breaking for you all. I am here and will be if there is anything I can do. Love to you all. Kriss Hoover and family

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**Kriss Hoover** - July 28, 2018 at 10:27 AM

MJ

“ God bless the Kunzler Family during this time of sadness. John's compassion for people was unparalleled. I cherish my time with John, Chris and the Kunzler Family. John's legacy lives in all of us which is special.

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**Michael Joseph** - July 28, 2018 at 09:24 AM

LK

“ Trina, Chris and family, I'm devastated to learn that John has passed. Our family grew apart over the years but it didn't change the fact that I loved John so very much. I'm so glad that I got to see him a few years ago and have lunch with him and Trina. He was exactly the same then as I knew him when we were growing up together as cousins. Bigger than life with the best smile that I've ever seen. My heart is broken. Well, he will have the best fishing and hunting he could ever imagine now that he is in heaven. My parents were there to greet him with open arms, I know it. Sending comforting hugs to all of you.

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**Lynn Kopnisky** - July 28, 2018 at 09:00 AM

KK

“ My condolences to the Kunzler family. John was a very special and unique person. An amazing friend who would do anything for you. He will be missed dearly.

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**Keith A Kirchner** - July 28, 2018 at 08:58 AM

BM

“ Dear Kunzler family:

*Was saddened to read about the passing of your loved one, John. I never got to meet him but was friends with him on Facebook. His dad, Chris, used to service my aunt's general store in Hessdale and I saw him many times. John's aunt, Margie, used to babysit me when I lived in Bareville, down the street from them. Though this is a very sad time for all of you, rest assured that John is now in Heaven and no longer dealing with life's earthly pain. God bless all of you as you go through this period of grieving for John. Prayers for continued comfort as you move forward without him.*

*Sincerely,  
Beverly S. Martin*

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**Beverly Martin** - July 28, 2018 at 08:08 AM

BL

*Trina and family. We are so very sorry to hear about John's passing. We will keep all of you in our prayers. Joe and Bert LoCurto*

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**Bert Locurto** - July 28, 2018 at 10:09 AM



*Trina n family..I am sorry to hear of John's passing..or should I say shock to hear if this..I know how much u loved John n my heart breaks for u...I will keep u n John's family in my prayers..so sorry to hear this...*

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**Sharon Blankenstein** - July 28, 2018 at 06:06 PM

JM

*A Good Man gone too soon. Lots of great times and memories with John. Rest in Peace.*

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**John Miller** - July 29, 2018 at 03:58 PM

DS

*My deepest condolences to the Kunzler family. I graduated with John and he was one of a kind. Always a friend with a huge heart. You will be greatly missed.*

*Donna*

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**Donna Soders** - July 30, 2018 at 08:36 AM