



## Jon J. Krenek

December 23, 1969 - November 15, 2016

Jon J. Krenek, 46, of St. Anne passed away on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at his home. He was born on December 23, 1969 in La Grange, the son of James and Roberta (Plachy) Krenek.

Jon was an Investigative reporting Journalist for the Daily Journal, also writing about environmental issues and underprivileged topics in surrounding communities. He enjoyed camping, canoeing, fishing and being around his close friends. Jon's favorite place was Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota and volunteered his time with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He was a fan of The Grateful Dead, attending multiple concerts a year and was known as Uncle John to his closest friend's children.

He is survived by his fiancée Angela Jones of Donovan; his parents James and Roberta Krenek of La Grange Park; one step-daughter Taylor Humphries of Braidwood; one brother Chris Krenek of Chicago; many close friends who were more like family, Steve Adams, Joel (Cara) Fry, Brian (Bethann) Groot, Steve (Amy) Mazylewski, Jim (Diane) Minton, Steve (Cathy) Novy, Ken (Sue) Rus, Dave (Kelly) Rus and his "hippie twin" Janice McDowell. He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, November 25, 2016 from 4-8pm at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. Memorial service will be on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 10:30am, with additional visitation starting at 10:00am, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville. Inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials

may be made to Gift of God Street Church in Kankakee, Friends of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home  
214 W. Sheffield  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Visitation

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 152  
Beaverville, IL 60912  
(815) 435-2432

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Mr. And Mrs. Krenek,  
Chris,

*I am so deeply sorry for your loss. My memories of Jon go almost as far back as I do. I remember playing in his room when I was in third grade. That alarm clock that rang and rang with no effect... I remember he was a kind boy and a good man. My life was made better by having him in it. Bless him. Bless you.*

"Geese"

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**Panda Panda** - November 28, 2016 at 12:32 AM



“ Dear Krenek Family,

*I, Lisa Farr would like to send my condolences to you, John's family. I used to work with John at the Kankakee Daily Journal. John was a good worker and covered a story on my uncle's trailer that was demolished by a tornado. He had done a wonderful job keeping up with the story. A nice, respectful man John was. But, God promises soon at Isaiah 25:8 "that he will swallow up death or do away with it forever, and wipe away tears from all faces."*

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**Lisa Farr** - November 23, 2016 at 10:52 AM

BS

“ *The loss of Jon deeply saddens those of us who shared his life as a friend who was also a reporter. He will be missed at our home and table. We will always remember him as the only one brave enough to pet our Shepherd who did not like people. He did like Jon. Our sympathy is with the Krenek family who we had the pleasure of meeting at one of Jon's big parties.*

*Diane & Bill Sawyer*

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**Bill Sawyer** - November 20, 2016 at 04:28 PM

KZ

“ *Jon may you rest in peace knowing you touched the lives of so many... You came into our lives by the grace of God... Your kaughter and Smile always brightened up any room... May the Heavens know it has added a special Angel.. May you rest in peace Dear Friend.*



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**Kerri zimmerman** - November 19, 2016 at 03:20 PM

MR

“ *I got to know Jon when he was covering the teacher contract negotiations in Kankakee. He was a hard working and fair reporter.*

*I am saddened by his passing and I offer his family my condolences.*

*M. Rusek*

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**Matthew Rusek** - November 18, 2016 at 03:23 PM