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John L. Kopronica, 62, former county worker

LORAIN — John L. Kopronica, 62, of Lorain, died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at his home, after a long illness.

He was born June 5, 1943, in Lorain and had been a lifelong Lorain-area resident. He was a graduate of Lorain High School with the class of 1961-B.

Kopronica worked at Lorain Products for 27 years as a quality control inspector. He worked for the Lorain County Engineer as a facility utility worker for seven years, retiring in 1998.

He was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lorain, where he was active with youth programs and coached basketball. He played the saxophone and clarinet in his band, The Castaways, which played throughout Northeast Ohio.



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He was an avid bowler and coached Lorain youth baseball teams. He enjoyed sketching, drawing and playing the keyboard. He was a collector car, and in 1963, purchased a Ford Galaxy 500.

Survivors include his wife of 12 years, Robin (nee Beecheler) Kopronica; son, Daniel Kopronica of Lorain; daughters Laura Burton of Cleveland and Vicky Bates of Green; and 12 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, John Kopronica; one grandson; and parents, John G. and Eileen (nee Bertsch) Kopronica.

Friends may call Friday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain, where funeral services will be held Saturday at a time to be announced. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Memorial contributions can be made to Lorain County JVS Endowment Fund, 15181 SR 58, Oberlin, OH 44074.

Online condolences can be made at www.gluvna.net.