



## Edward L. Krogstad, Jr.

November 8, 1949 - October 7, 2022

Edward L. Krogstad, Jr., 72 of Matawan, New Jersey passed away on Friday, October 7, 2022, at CareOne Holmdel.

Born Tuesday, November 8, 1949 in Staten Island, New York, he was the son of the late Edward and Anna Krogstad.

Edward was raised in the Dongan Hills section of Staten Island, and was a graduate of New Dorp High School. Growing up Edward was a member of the congregation of New Dorp Moravian Church, it was there he would begin a love for music. Edward would then settle in Matawan, NJ.

In 1971 Edward would graduate from Park University with a degree in Music Education. Through the years he would advance his education taking multiple classes at the Westminster Choir College. He would put his love and knowledge of music to work, working as a music teacher and director at different schools and churches throughout Central New Jersey. Edward worked at St. Peter's High School, and St. Rose High School, as well as at the Great Kills Moravian Church, Metuchen Reformed Church, Marlboro Interfaith Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Sacred Heart Church, and most recently the Old Brick Reformed Church. Edward was a member of the NJ Music Educators Association and the American Guild of Organists.

Edward was an Honorably Discharge member of the New Jersey Air National Guard. He was a member of Jerry Beyer's Bowling team in Matawan. He loved listening to classical music, and enjoyed spending time fixing pipe organs. He was a caring and loving man, who will be missed by all those that love him.

Edward is survived by his wife, Paula and her children, Anna, Paolo, and Nino, by his sister Susan Hill and her husband William, and their children, Kaysi and Dylan, and by many loving and caring family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Services Inc., 113 Main Street, Matawan, New Jersey, the former Jerry Beyer location.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [scaliahomenj.com](http://scaliahomenj.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Services Inc.  
111 Main Street  
Matawan, NJ 07747

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr.*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Center Inc.** - October 12, 2022 at 09:51 AM

PP

“ *I had the pleasure of working with “Krog” in the 80’s as his student teacher at St. Peter’s High School. I had so much fun and learned a lot. He loved his job and truly cared about his students. Years later we connected on FB and he continued to inspire me. His love of life and music was so evident in all the churches and communities that he served. He touched so many lives and made us all better people. My deepest condolences to all those who knew him and love him.*

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**Pamela Palmer** - October 15, 2022 at 06:57 AM

EM

“ Hey neighbor...I have been sitting here all week with tears and laughter. From being my neighbor on Wilson Ave in the 70s (5 doors down) fast forward to 1996 when I moved right underneath you at PP with "motorboy"  
Wow we had some great times on the dock or just hanging at your apt.  
Fast forward 19 years later and I moved back after getting divorced. Thrilled to know you were still here. You didnt change a bit...you gave me great advice about Christopher and said he was an "alto"..you even told me I was a child raising a child and i had to step up more.  
Most of all you made me laugh. The phone calls at work about crazy jump rope lady.  
Saying you were going to pee in the kids wagons :- ) I could go on and on  
I am sorry i wasnt there for you the last few months. I let my emotions get the best of me..than i got selfish and said i couldnt see you sick. I wanted to remember the healthy Ed.  
I will regret that forever..  
Thanks for the laughs , the advice and of course the drinks...you will never be forgotten my friend and neighbor..  
Play that beautiful music with the angels now. (With a martini of course)  
Its true when they say "God breaks our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best"  
Luv u neighbor  
So sorry Sue and family...he was one of a kind and Sue I am so glad I got to know you also. You are an amazing sister ! Much love  
Erin

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Erin Magee - October 12, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ Sincerely, Rich and Carol Molinari purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..



Sincerely, Rich and Carol Molinari - October 12, 2022 at 12:19 PM



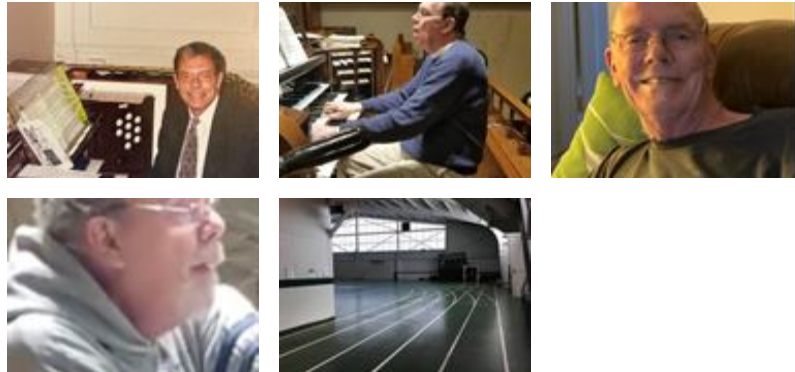
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..



October 12, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ 112 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Center Inc. - October 12, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SM

“ It had been a pleasure to reconnect with Ed through Facebook a few years ago. We shared 5 years together as teachers at St. Peter's High School during the late 70's. Besides the "daily grind", we shared jokes, problems, times good and bad. Ed was always a good friend, and the world has lost a dear, good man. Condolences to the family.

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**Sam C. Masarachia, MD** - October 12, 2022 at 08:52 AM

AP

“ Ashley and Amanda Koluda with parents purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..



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**Ashley and Amanda Koluda with parents** - October 12, 2022 at 06:13 AM

JB

“ Ed was truly a kind and special man. Always smiling and just so passionate about his music. I had the honor of having him as a teacher at St. Peter's High, and as the music director at my church, Sacred Heart. Every time I was at church and the music would start I would think of him and pray during his illness. That will not change.... I will pray for his happiness in heaven ,where he is no doubt, leading the choir of angels!

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**Joanne Balcerski von Bischoffshausen** - October 11, 2022 at 09:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..*



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October 11, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Ed when he directed the musicals at St. Peter's High School. I played in the pit band. The experience was wonderful. Since my husband taught instrumental music at St. Peter's while Ed did, I also got to know him through that relationship. Ed was such an enthusiastic, positive, supportive person. Always was a pleasure when Harold, Ed and I worked together or met socially.*

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**Diana Van Hise** - October 10, 2022 at 10:01 PM



*My name is Diana Van Hise. It was not posted correctly.*

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**Diana Van Hise** - October 10, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ *Had the privilege of participating in many memorial services with Ed at First Presbyterian Church Sayreville. He was a gentleman and an extremely talented organist. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family and friends.*

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**Louis Mastro** - October 10, 2022 at 01:36 PM

FI

“ My heart is heavy on hearing the news of Mr. Krogstad's passing. I was fortunate to have him during my time at St. Peter's High School. He was just the most amazing teacher, choir director and enthusiastic human being I have ever had the good fortune to cross paths with. After I graduated, I was not only graced by his continued friendship but also his wisdom. The world needs more Ed Krogstads in it. Rest easy Doctor your job here is done but the world is a bit dimmer with out you in it, but the choir of angels best watch out I hear the alto's are flat.

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**Frank J Eckert IV** - October 10, 2022 at 01:27 PM

AE

“ We had the pleasure of singing in with Ed at Great Kills Moravian Church when he was organist and choir director. Carol taught with him at St. Peter's High School. Ed played at our daughter's wedding. He was truly gifted as a musician and a teacher especially when he would use his humor and encouragement to bring out the best in his students as well as his adult choir members. He was a unique individual and we will really miss him. Our prayers go out to his family and to all whose life he became a part of.

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**Art & Carol Erickson** - October 10, 2022 at 11:26 AM

FS

“ I was blessed to have had you as my teacher if only for 4 years. But those were the best 4 years at St. Peters for me because of you. I will never be able to hear Handel's Hallelujah Chorus without thinking of you. Concert Choir, music competitions in Atlantic City and the school musicals are just some of the fond memories I will always cherish. Recently I reached out to you for advise and in the blink of an eye you sent me a text asking me to call you. Hearing the words of wisdom you imparted will stay with me always. You were always there for your students no matter how many years had past. The world may not shine as bright as it once was, but heaven gained another angel. Rest in Pease Mr. K.



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**Florence Staub-Cherry** - October 10, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *RIP my high school choir director. I joined the Saint Peters High School choir in my sophomore year fifty-one years ago (1971, I think). Mr. Krogstad had got his bachelors degree in music education just a few months earlier. I think we were his first teaching assignment. I didn't want to join the choir, I thought it was for sissies, but my buddy Andy Farkas convinced me to try it, and I did, and discovered contrapuntal music.*

*We sang a few choruses from Handel's Messiah and I was shocked and delighted, as each voice (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) had a distinct and inventive musical line, and all the voices fit together beautifully. Quite an eye-opener for me, an accordionist who was used to polkas, waltzes, and society tunes.*

*Ed sometimes grew impatient with his SPHS choir. One time, when we were unable to learn a new and difficult piece: I think the spoken four-part chorus Geographical Fugue:*

*Trinidad!  
And the big Mississippi  
and the town Honolulu  
and the lake Titicaca,  
the Popocatepetl is not in Canada,  
rather in Mexico, Mexico, Mexico!  
Canada, Málaga, Rimini, Brindisi  
Canada, Málaga, Rimini, Brindisi  
Yes, Tibet, Tibet, Tibet, Tibet,  
Nagasaki! Yokohama!  
Nagasaki! Yokohama!)*

*Mr. Krogstad got angry at us and gave up on us, saying, "You can't beat a dead horse."*

*I decided music was worth studying, and I wanted to become a music major in college. Mr. Krogstad told me that I must study piano, so I found a good piano teacher in New Brunswick, New*

*Jersey, George Huddleson, and began taking piano lessons at the age of 16. Later, in my senior year, I invited Ed and a few other high school teachers on a canoe trip on the Delaware River upstate, one of my favorite activities with my high school buddies.*

*Also in my senior year, Mr. Krogstad let me be his student assistant choir director, and we sang a piece of my own composition, "We Are Chosen." It was in a gospel style.*

*Mr. Krogstad wrote a nice letter of reference for me to his alma mater, Park College (now Park University) in Parkville, Missouri, and I got a full scholarship with work study in the music library. Neither my parents nor I had to pay a penny for four years of undergraduate school. Since then, I've been a professional musician for most of my life, able to make a living from making music. Thanks, Mr. Krogstad!*

*Henry Doktorski  
SPHS Class of 1974*

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**Henry Doktorski** - October 10, 2022 at 10:57 AM

EM

“ In a few months it will be the 50th anniversary of the performance I will never forget – singing the "Handel's Messiah Hallelujah Chorus" at St. Peter's Church in the company of other St. Peters High School students for a Christmas Concert. To this day I can remember Ed orchestrating that event standing before us as we followed his direction with the audience in the pews in his background. He was ever so passionate. And we were incredible. How he took a crew of high school students and assembled us to sing so well takes talent, passion, a touch of courage and hope... Not to mention being able to relate to the everyday teen to gain his or her respect. His talents are now in another place with angels singing over his shoulders. Thank you, Ed, for the memory. May you R.I.P. To his family – may the sorrow you feel in your hearts be warmed by this message and the many memories that surround you. With prayers for healing, Ellen Manzo – Class of '73

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**Ellen Manzo** - October 10, 2022 at 06:30 AM

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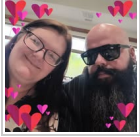
“ Rip Ed Krogstad.

*Thank you for teaching my daughter and many others to love and appreciate life and music. Prayers and love to the family. My deepest prayers and condolences..*



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**Patricia Deri** - October 10, 2022 at 12:48 AM



“ RIP TO ALL TRULY MISSED SOUL. HE WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TEACHERS. IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIM THAT I GOT TO LOVE AND APPRECIATE MUSIC. HE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON. THE HOLIDAYS WILL NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT HIM AND HIS MANY CAROLS. YOU WILL BE FOREVER LOVED AND FOREVER MISSED KROGGY!!💔😭🙏🕯️



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**Julia Deri** - October 10, 2022 at 12:38 AM

EC

*He was a dear friend and colleague teaching at St Peter's high school. I will treasure the memories of the two of us hiking on the Isle of Capri looking for the blue grotto. Never found it but had a great experience! May you rest in peace and soar with the angels.*

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**Eileen Chaladoff** - October 10, 2022 at 08:49 AM

RC

“ I had Mr Krogsted as a music teacher at SPHS . He was very inspirational . I became a percussionist, in part , because of his passion for music . He loved the Beatles ! They were a little before my time . But boy , did he make us all romanticize about music and life . He was one for the ages . RIP .. Mr K ! Rocco Chiappetta , M.A. , class of 77

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**rocco Chiappetta** - October 09, 2022 at 10:49 PM

ML

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Ed's passing. He was so special to all of us, especially the choir members. He helped me cope in those difficult years, and gave me a chance to belong to a family in school. I pray for comfort to his loved ones.

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**Mary Lou** - October 09, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..



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October 09, 2022 at 10:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..



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October 09, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edward L. Krogstad, Jr..



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October 09, 2022 at 06:41 PM

Kevin  
Conway

“ Ed was a very special person to so many who knew him. He will be missed terribly.

Kevin Conway - October 09, 2022 at 06:15 PM

LC

“ We at Old Brick Reformed Church have been blessed to have Ed as our Organist for many years. Our prayers of comfort and our sympathy go out to Ed's loved ones.

Laura Hogan/Old Brick Reformed Church - October 09, 2022 at 05:15 PM

JC

“ Ed was a special person and I'm honored to have become his friend. Paula, I cannot find the right words to express my deepest sympathy to you. Just know my thoughts are with you and I love you!!



Joyce Christiansen - October 09, 2022 at 04:51 PM

CR

“ I only knew ed 4 years being a student. At saint Peter's. In the 80s. Great teacher. Then I found him. On Facebook. We always chatted he was a great freind. My prayers are with the family. Rest in peace krog

Charles. Richter - October 09, 2022 at 04:47 PM