

George Albert Finkler

September 23, 1919 - July 14, 2018

George A Finkler, age 98, went home to be with the Lord, on July 14, 2018, surrounded by his loving family, while living at Waterford at Levis Commons. George was born to Charles and Mary Finkler in Rudolph, Ohio on September 23, 1919

George served 4 years in the Army Air Corp during World War II at Patterson Air Force Base, in the Headquarters Squadron, Air Service Command. Early on George's life was marked with tragedy when, at the age of 2, his mother succumbed to diphtheria, leaving his father in a difficult position of how to care for George and his sister Evelyn. The siblings were placed in a children's home in Bowling Green and put up for adoption with the stipulation they could not be separated. Fortunately, a few years later his father re-married a young widow, Rilla Navarre Arquette. After the marriage, the first thing Rilla said was let's go get my children so George now had the only mother he would ever know.

George grew up in Point Place, but his father lost his home during the depression. In 1941, at his sister's wedding in Glandorf, Ohio, he met the groom's second cousin; and the future love of his life, a pretty blonde by the name of Edna Siefker. The two were eager to get married, but George was adamant about waiting until he had completed his service in the Army Air Corp. The couple were married at St. Michael's Church in Kalida on June 5, 1948. As a wedding present Edna's father gave them their home on Beverly Drive, which at that time was still a dirt road. They were happily married for 60

years until Edna's death.

George was encouraged by his uncle who was a barber and his aunt a manicurist to become a barber. His barber shop was located on the corner of Spencer and Western for 10 years. The long hours and the job not to his liking, he took a correspondence course in accounting, where he found his niche and went on to become an accounting clerk with the City of Toledo and later a supervisor in the Water Department retiring in 1984.

George was a member of OLPH from 1948 until his death. George sang in the choir at OLPH, was Treasurer of the OLPH St Vincent de Paul Society and local Chairman for Buckeye Boys State for a number of years. He was a member of the American Legion Vernon McCune Post 132 for over 45 years and the comptroller for more than 25 years.

George was preceded in death by his parents, sister and the love of his life, Edna in 2008. George is survived by his two sons Michael (Rose) Finkler and James (Mary) Finkler, 11 grandchildren Air Force Lt Col Andrew (Kassia) Finkler, Ellen (Charles) Aring, Phillip (Adriann) Finkler, Michael (Andrea) Finkler, Patrick (Edith) Finkler, David (Kim) Finkler, Christopher (Jayme) Finkler, Donald (Kaitlyn) Finkler, Samuel (Katie) Farmer, Jessica (Spencer) Mills and Jonathan Farmer. George also has 20 great grandchildren Isabelle, Maxwell, Theodore, Kathryn, Lilly, Owen, Caleb, Noah, Gabriel, Liam, Chloe, Nicholas, Alexander, Nolan and Graham Finkler, Megan and Joel Aring, Delaney and Wesley Farmer and Emerson Mills.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Tuesday, July 17th from 2-8 p.m. where an American Legion Service will be held at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 18th beginning at 9:15 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. The Family would like to thank the care given to our father by the staff at Waterford and Hospice nurses and staff from Heartland Hospice. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

GF

“ Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find peace in fond memories of them, and comfort in God's biblical promise to shortly resurrect those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.

Greene Family - July 30, 2018 at 07:55 PM

FR

“ George was a great guy! I loved to hear him talk about “the good old days” and enjoyed his outlook on life. He was a kind soul that Loved his family dearly and kept his friends by his side. May he rejoice as he meets “The Love of His Life” in Heaven and is rewarded for his Strong Faith in God. Rest well George until we meet again. 🙏😊😭

Fr. David L. Ritchie - July 17, 2018 at 10:56 PM

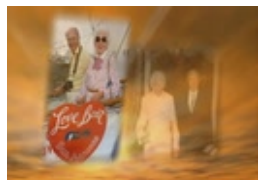
GK

“ Deepest Sympathy for the loss of George. A good friend, neighbor on Beverly Dr, and fellow parishioner at OLPH. A man with a constant smile and a great story to share.. The Kreft family Lee and Mary Ellen Gary, Tim, Mary Jo Bruckner, and Karl MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Gary Kreft - July 17, 2018 at 08:17 PM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 17, 2018 at 10:14 AM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 17, 2018 at 10:11 AM

LM

As a singer, George always appreciated a wide open fifth

LeMoyne Mercer - July 17, 2018 at 03:29 PM

JO

Lovely video.

John - August 17, 2018 at 12:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Albert Finkler.



July 17, 2018 at 10:08 AM

BS

“ *I was very fortunate to have met George and Edna in 2007. They were the most loving couple. George loved Edna so much and loved to talk about her and their time together. He loved telling me the story of how he met Edna and I loved hearing it. What a love story! What a perfect couple they were. Your family was so blessed to have them as parents & grandparents.*

Brenda Schumaker - July 16, 2018 at 08:01 AM

SD

“ Grandpa Finkler was the only grandpa I knew growing up. He was always there with the most genuine smile and hug. He was generous with his love, and a true example of how to show the love of God to others. He is going to be missed beyond words, but knowing he is with Grandma Finkler in perfect peace brings so much joy to my heart. Ian and I are so sad to have to miss the funeral, but we are sending all of our love to his whole family. Please know how much Grandpa touched people's lives and how loved he was. Love, Sarah & Ian

sarah deraedt - July 16, 2018 at 03:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Albert Finkler.



July 15, 2018 at 08:58 PM

KK

“ Mike, James and your families,

What a great gentleman to have as a father! Please know that he was a great tenor voice in the OL choir that I enjoyed singing with him for over 20 years. May he and Edna rest in peace. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the funeral service.

Ken & Marie Kerscher

Ken Kerscher - July 15, 2018 at 08:57 PM

LG

Jim and family,

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He came to my Dad's memorial five years ago. It was so nice to speak with him. It made me laugh that he had driven himself. What a spirit!

Lynn Bade Gabenski

Lynn Gabenski - July 30, 2018 at 01:10 PM