



Leo Francis Kreft

February 5, 1930 - July 16, 2020

Leo "Lee" Kreft, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully at home on July 16, 2020 with his family by his side. Leo was born on February 5, 1930 to Frank and Josephine Kreft in Toledo, Ohio. A lifelong resident of Toledo, Lee graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1949. At the age of 15 he received his pilot's license from Franklin Airport where he worked and often loved telling others he learned to fly before he had his driver's license. He learned to fly sea planes which combined his love of flying and boating. Lee joined the Marine Reserves at the age of 17 and attended the University of Toledo until he was called into active duty in service of our country. He later joined the Air Force where he served as a radar operator and was stationed in Colorado Springs and Reno Nevada. Lee met his wife Mary Ellen Karl on a blind date on New Year's Eve. They married on May 1, 1954 and raised four sons and a daughter.

Lee was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church serving as a Eucharistic Minister and as a member of the bereavement committee. He worked at Columbia Gas of Ohio as a customer service supervisor. Service to others was an important part of his life. He volunteered at the Veteran's Administration for seven years and in the Pastoral Care Department at The University of Toledo Medical Center for 35 years. He knew many of the physicians and staff at the hospital and was always spoken of as a gracious and friendly man. He enjoyed meeting the patients and looked forward to his days volunteering. Lee cherished time spent with his family on trips to Florida

and California to visit family. He enjoyed boating and camping for many years and time in the backyard by the pool. He and Mary Ellen traveled several times to Europe and loved recounting experiences about those trips.

Lee was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ellen, parents, and son Ronald. He is survived by sons Gary, Tim, and Karl and daughter Mary Jo (David) Bruckner, daughter in law Vanessa Kreft; grandchildren, Kevin (Renee) Kreft, Kyle (Brittany) Kreft; Aubrie and Drew Kreft, Hannah and Adam Bruckner; and great-grandchildren Kailyn and Gavin Kreft as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Terry Morganfield-Jones, caretaker for dad the past two years who provided him with special care and love and many laughs. The family would also like to thank the nurses with Hospice of Northwest Ohio, especially Christine, who showed so much concern and compassion for dad and our family.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Monday, July 20 from 3-7 p.m., where a Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 21 beginning at 9:15 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be given to OLPH Church or Hospice of NW Ohio.

Due to current conditions caused by the ongoing pandemic, we are offering a Live Stream of the service beginning at 9:45am for those who wish to attend the Mass virtually.

To attend the Live Stream of Lee's Funeral Mass please click here (<https://vimeo.com/event/176582>) anytime after 9:45am on Tuesday, July 21 and you will be directly connected to the Live Stream of Lee's Funeral Mass.

To register for the Live Stream so you receive a reminder email and calendar

invite click here (<https://calendly.com/consoleum/leo-lee-kreft>).

Registering for the service will both help the family know who attended as well as providing the opportunity for technical support, if you should need any, before and during the service.

Please view Lee's Memorial Video Tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com. Social distancing guidelines will be observed, and visitors are requested to wear a mask.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

JUL 20. 6:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

RZ

“ *My sympathy and prayers are with your Family in the loss of your Dad, may he rest in peace!*



Rita Zeller - July 26, 2020 at 02:40 AM

SG

“ *Mary Jo & Karl,*

I just wanted to say I am sorry for your loss. May the memories you've made stay with you always. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Sincerely,
Sue Grigsby*

Susan Grigsby - July 24, 2020 at 03:35 PM

BT

“ *Dear Gary:*

We are sorry to learn of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Take care,
Tracy & Bud Thomson*

Bud Thomson - July 21, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ Gary,
Sorry to read about your Father's passing.

Mark Schreiner - July 21, 2020 at 08:28 AM

PM

“ *Uncle Lee was a family man above all else! He enjoyed boating for many years and took family and friends on the Maumee River! I was Ron's age and we spent a week each summer for years at the house in Toledo ! Many fond memories of the Kreft Family!! Cousin Pam*

Pamela Magers - July 20, 2020 at 08:52 PM

KC

“ *Mary Jo:*

I just watched the video on your father's life. What a tribute to him and to the life God had given each of us. I will be with you virtually tomorrow.

Kathy Collier

Kathy Collier - July 20, 2020 at 02:59 PM

RS

“ *My sympathies to your family on the loss of your Father. He did live a wonderful and generous life.*

Rosanne Sutter

Rosanne Sutter - July 20, 2020 at 02:42 PM

DP

“ Our deepest condolences go out to entire family. There is no grieving message that can express how much he meant to us. He always made Dan and I feel like part of the family. We will miss him terribly and it was an honor and pleasure to know him.

Dan & Amy Petro - July 20, 2020 at 02:29 PM

RC

“ Mary Jo, Dave, Karl and family,
We are so sorry to hear your father has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.
Your neighbors, Bob and Joyce Carney

Robert Carney - July 20, 2020 at 11:09 AM

RA

“ Mr. Kreft's obituary called him "gracious and friendly". That's how I remember him as I grew up on Beverly Drive. Condolences and prayers to the family.
Randy Whitehead

Randy - July 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM



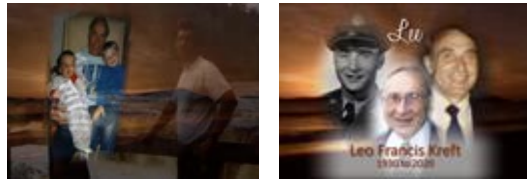
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leo Francis Kreft.



July 19, 2020 at 07:04 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 19, 2020 at 05:37 PM

LA

“ *When I was very young and still living on the farm, Aunt Mary Ellen and Uncle Lee invited me to spend a weekend with them in Toledo. Uncle Lee was so kind. He spent hours making sure I was having a good time. I will always remember the board games he played with me during my stay in the "big city". He was a wonderful man and valued addition to our family.*

LAK - July 19, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leo Francis Kreft.*



July 19, 2020 at 04:20 PM

DS

“ *May the memories of your father bring a smile to your face. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*
Mark and Deb Sobczak

Deb Sobczak - July 19, 2020 at 02:59 PM

MS

“ *Marcy Steiger lit a candle in memory of Leo Francis Kreft*



Marcy Steiger - July 19, 2020 at 01:22 PM

MS

For Mr. Kreft, my neighbor of 56 years. He was always very kind to me.



Marcy Steiger - July 19, 2020 at 01:27 PM

VH

“ To Lee's Family,

I could not go another day without expressing words and thought's about Lee. I had the privilege of working with him for therapy April of 2019 to June 2019. The first day I met him I was touched by his kindness! He was always so willing to participate in therapy and I knew when to go easy because he was not feeling well. Therapy was tough for him sometimes because he missed his dear wife, so we talked about her when he needed too.

My favorite memory of him was watching the birds and laughing about the deer in the pool! And, looking at his amazing yard! We had many good talks and he shared his family albums with me too. As I sit here typing this memo gets me teary eyed! I can HONESTLY say i will NEVER forget him! I do think about him often because he lived close to me and his backyard faces the trail which i travel frequently.

I also want his sons and daughter Mary Jo to know you are a very caring family and it was evident how much you cared for your dad!

I will never forget him!

Sincerely,

Vicki Holmes (Occupational Therapy)

vicki holmes - July 19, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leo Francis Kreft.



July 18, 2020 at 08:37 PM