



## Thomas Kranz

April 4, 1925 - March 14, 2016

Thomas J. Kranz Sr., 90, of Sylvania, Ohio, died peacefully on Monday March 14th, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, on April 4th, 1925 to Ben and Marguerite (O'Brien) Kranz.

He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1942, then joined the U.S. Marine Corp. While serving in the South Pacific in WWII, he was awarded the Bronze star for valor in the face of the enemy during the battle of Sugarloaf Hill on the island of Okinawa. Immediately following the war he married Mary E. King, and together they raised eight children.

He joined Equitable of Iowa Insurance Co. where he became a perennial leader in the Toledo Agency. He was a Hall of Honor recipient in 1983, a national award only given out once in a lifetime for outstanding service to both his business and personal clients, a major achievement in the insurance industry.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Betty J. Kranz, children: Thomas J. Jr., Cathy (Rich) Fulton-Dzienny, Bonnie (Takashi) Yamano, Carol (Jim) Potter, Tim (Linda), Betsy (Jesse) Villarreal, Terry (Anne), Cindy Kranz; two step-children, Mindy Nottage and Russ Wumer; 22 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Agnes Hollister and many nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his parents Ben and Marguerite Kranz, his youngest son, Ted; sister, Mary Alice Hickey and brother, Bernie Kranz. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on

Thursday, March 17th from 2-8 p.m. where the Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday March 18th beginning at 9:15 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Corpus Christi Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be private.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Northwest Ohio, especially Jeanenne RN, for their compassionate support.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

## Service

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

Corpus Christi University Parish  
2955 Dorr St  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Thoughts are with all of you. As a child I have memories when your family took some of us in after the Coyle and Son funeral home on Broadway had a fire. I realize now how many caring and thoughtful friends mom and dad were blessed to have. On behalf of the entire Jennings family we send our condolences.

Lovingly,  
Sandy (Jennings) Paszko

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**SANDRA PASZKO** - March 19, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas Kranz.



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March 17, 2016 at 06:32 PM



JorgenMic  
Enciso

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**JorgenMichi Enciso** - March 17, 2016 at 01:35 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 17, 2016 at 09:40 AM

JorgenMic  
Enciso

“ JorgenMichi Enciso purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Kranz.



JorgenMichi Enciso - March 17, 2016 at 09:10 AM

FW

“ Betsy,  
I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss...

Take care,  
Fran and Jim Weaver

Francine Weaver - March 17, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Kranz.



March 16, 2016 at 11:15 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - March 16, 2016 at 03:49 PM

DB

“ *Betty, I am sorry to here of Tom's passing away. You will recall that I assisted both of you with Medicare Insurance, and had adjusted your policy this last fall.*

*Sincerely,*

*Daniel A. Brown*

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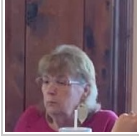
**Daniel A. Brown** - March 16, 2016 at 11:00 AM

JM

“ *To Carol & the entire Kranz family, sending prayers to all of you from myself & the entire Barney family. I will tell my dad & my husband to look for your dad. I have many fond memories growing up with your family. He will be forever in your hearts.*

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**Judy(Barney) Mielke** - March 16, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ Mom and my extended family: you are always in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Grampa Tom meant the world to me and my family. He always treated us with such love, respect and kindness. We am so going to miss his brilliant smile and laugh but he will always be in our hearts. Mindy, Skip and the kids.



Mindy Nottage - March 16, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ Betty and family, I'm holding you close to my heart. I had hoped to be with you during this time of love and prayer. I so wanted to pray with you and celebrate Tom's life with you... But I am now 94, and I've been diagnosed with heart failure,...and I've been advised not to make the trip to Toledo. I'll be with you in spirit. God love you all. And may He welcome Tom to a good place at home in heaven, with family and friends. Fr. Randal Joyce.

Father Randal Joyce - March 16, 2016 at 06:18 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Kranz.



March 15, 2016 at 10:05 PM

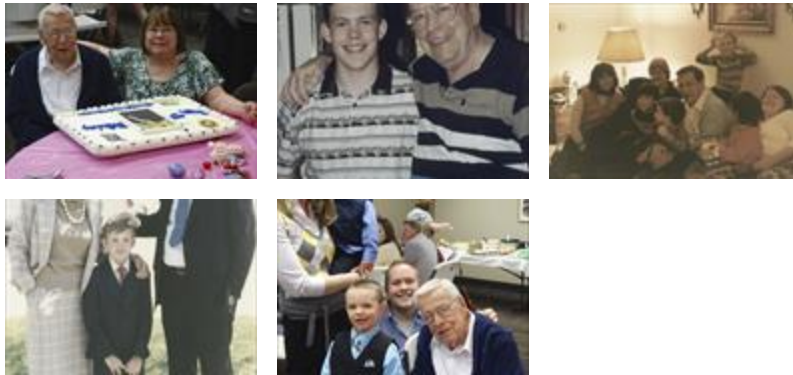


“ Grandpa, you will FOREVER be in our hearts. We love you so much!

Lisa Fulton - March 15, 2016 at 09:46 PM

KE

“ 5 files added to the album Grandpa Kranz



Kevin - March 15, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ Wishing the family peace and blessings as you celebrate the preciousness of life here on earth. - Davina, friend of granddaughter Lisa.



Davina Jones - March 15, 2016 at 08:38 PM

FJ

“ This is from Fr. Randal Joyce. I remember Tom for many things: friendly smile, million-dollar voice, friendly personality, and brave heart. But mostly I remember him as my dear friend, who helped me get thru many dark times. Friendship was perhaps his greatest gift in my life. Of course, he was also the 19-year old hero of Okinawa, the man with the bronze star... etc, etc, etc. There is a tear in my eye and a lump in my throat, as I remember this good man. Fr. Randal, Detroit.

Father Randal Joyce - March 15, 2016 at 05:56 PM

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“ *Your friends and co-workers, Clarion Corporation purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Kranz.*



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**Your friends and co-workers, Clarion Corporation** - March 15,  
2016 at 03:27 PM