



George Kraenzle

May 12, 1953 - December 24, 2020

George Kraenzle, age 67 of Antioch IL was a very stoic man who lost his battle to cancer on December 24, 2020. He was a man who loved his family and adored his grandchildren, inspiring all who met him.

All who knew George would not leave his presence without a lesson learned or worldly advice.

He was a master electrician who taught many not to just turn on a light but to be inspired to be the best they could. He had patience and pride in his job that all admired.

In his spare time, he enjoyed mischief with his grandchildren, scuba diving, fishing and tinkering with VW's. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

George is survived by his wife of 39 years, Elizabeth (Harrington) Kraenzle his four children Brian (Andrea) Kraenzle, Gina (Ryan) Roberts, Tom (Laurie) Kraenzle and George Kraenzle. As well as his two sisters Angelica (Richard) Ridolfi and Josie Murrison. He also leaves behind, his six grandchildren Rainna Roberts, Royce Roberts, Reed Roberts, Savannah Kraenzle, Jillian Kraenzle, Jocelyn Kraenzle along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many other extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held in spring/summer 2021 when friends and family can once again come together to celebrate a man who meant so much to many.

Please share your George stories and memories with us.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Lehman's Mansion
485 N Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Tribute Wall



“ George Kraenzle

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



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Barr Funeral Home - April 20, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ George was the man we may only meet once in a lifetime. I have many fond memories of great times and laughing with George. He helped in my Home, we went fishing together with Brad Ipsen and Tori Sproviari...late nights on the lakes with cigars and beers. A life fully lived by a genuine, honest man and great Spirit. I just learned of our loss today. My heartfelt and sincere condolences in the Families time of sorrow. Beth, Brother Brian, Gina, Tom, and Georgie, please know you are in my Prayers. I too share in your loss. Rest In Peace and the light of Christ Brother George.

PAX,

George Freeman

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

George Freeman - January 26, 2021 at 02:05 PM

CZ

“ Great sadness comes with the news of the passing of a good friend. I recall the times we would sit by the pool discussing his desire to retire in Florida and how i would put him to work fixing things. But when evening came we would sit on the beach (with a few beers) and watch the sunset. Unfortunately that will not happen now.

My sincere condolences to his family. I'm sure they will miss him as much as i will.

The world has lost another great person. RIP George

Chris Zafiris

Chris Zafiris - January 06, 2021 at 01:52 PM

JB

“ For what began as a long time Business Associate, to a mentor in furthering my knowledge in buildings & repairs, that turned to a lifelong friendship.

GOOD BYE WITH LOVE

*What courage and strength it takes,
To step aside and watch –
And hold your breath, with fingers crossed
Being helpless –
As the mind thinks back – like hop-sotch.*

*And reflections, which once were fun,
Flash in and out of reality.
Leaving one standing, with perhaps a tear,
To wonder of Life's triviality.*

*There's not much one can do,
But know within themselves –
That always "Their Best" was there.
For each and all to delve.*

*So we wait, and pray in a corner
Of one's mind, so not to be seen –
That the passing of a loved one,
Affects all that have ever been.
As son, daughter, sister, brother –
Friend, neighbor, Rabbi or Priest,
Have a thought in mind at best –
For the safety of the one for whom they pray.
To travel on God's Wings, to Peace and Rest.*

If only R.I.P. meant "Return If Possible".

JME BILSKY - January 05, 2021 at 08:29 PM

GW

“ Worked with George for many years, he going to work a pleasure. He will greatly missed. Rest in piece George.

George Walton - January 04, 2021 at 06:34 PM

DG

“ I haven't seen George for a long time. But I know when I would see him he would yell out cuz and give me a big hug. My prayers go out to Beth and his wonderful children. I know Beth you have a lot of people by you. Just remember I am here to talk or just sit quietly. Love you all

Deborah Barr Goshinsky - January 02, 2021 at 07:01 PM

LE

“ Dear Beth, Brian, Tommy, Gina and Georgie, My prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this time of loss and sadness. No words can really describe your grief, but know you are all being sent love and concern. Sincerely, Ms. Esser (Linda)

Linda Esser - January 02, 2021 at 01:25 PM

LD

“ Uncle George was exceptionally generous of his time and of his talent. He gave so much to others; beyond what any of us deserved. He loved and was gracious to his mother in law, Regina Harrington. He was also incredibly kind to my parents, Bill and Josephine; my siblings and my children. I will raise a glass to George and a life well lived.

Laura L Divane - January 02, 2021 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ My sympathy to Beth and family on the death of George. I recall our meetings over many summer visits to Antioch, He was justifiably proud of the magnificent home by the lake. I remember him as a tireless worker. Sadly, he was not to enjoy retirement. You know that I have offered Mass for his repose and your consolation.
Much love. Jack

Jack Harrington - January 02, 2021 at 07:44 AM

EL

“ George swept my cousin Beth off her feet, married her and had a whirlwind life with four children, an eternal smile on his face, and a welcoming home. He always gave big hugs and was a ready wit. He was generous with his time, would pitch in for my family and multiple other relatives to help with home remodeling projects and fixing the wiring that we installed incorrectly. He was especially kind to my dad Bill Lackermann, had extra time and attention to razz my father on some topic. When he was in the room, the agenda was to relax and laugh together, and I know he adored his children and grandchildren. I will miss his gravelly voice and big smile. Ellen Lackermann

Ellen Lackermann - January 02, 2021 at 12:39 AM