



Leo "Doc" Taraschke

October 25, 1943 - April 24, 2023

Leo "Doc" Taraschke, aged 79 passed away on the evening of Monday April 24th, 2023. Born on October 25, 1943 to Leo and Virginia Taraschke in Maumee, Ohio, Leo attended Libbey High School in Toledo, Ohio. After school Leo served on a MASH unit in Korea then would return home to work for the City of Toledo's Solid Waste Division for twenty years.

Leo was predeceased by parents; Leo and Virginia Taraschke, sister; Sue Neal, and stepdaughter, Sarah Beidleman. He is survived by wife Kathy Velker Taraschke, two children; Michael Taraschke of Toledo, and Shelly Taraschke-Meek and husband Kevin Meek of Angola, Indiana, brothers; Bobby, Johnny, and Paul Taraschke of Toledo, and sister; Jean O'Shea of Toledo, two grandchildren; Holleigh Reed and fiancé Nate Nelson of White Lake, Michigan, and Kiowa Taraschke of Toledo, as well as two great-grandchildren; Parker and Adley Nelson of White Lake, Michigan.

Leo was given the nickname, "Doc" at a young age, and is what everyone – but his mother came to call him. Doc's love and devotion to his faith was parallel to that of his family, although, Ohio State football had to be a close third. He doted on his wife, Kathy, and cherished the thirty-five years they spent with one another. Together they created a blended family that arguably consumes the greater part of Toledo. It was an unofficial family tradition to see when the kids would be taller than him, which most achieved by junior high.

Though short in stature, Doc was mighty in personality. With his practically trademarked phrase, “strong like bull,” he would puff up his chest like Mr. Olympia and strut around as if he was six feet tall.

Doc's jubilant persona was infectious to everyone he encountered. Those from family, friends, to the employees at Rite Aid around the corner from his home were immediately smitten with his boisterous energy. However, some of his happiest moments were spent on the open water with a fishing pole in hand. This hobby taught Doc patience and how to maintain a positive mindset that he exuded towards everyone. His merry demeanor imprinted optimism and joy onto all, leaving this world a little brighter than before.

Friends and family are invited to visit from 11:00am to 1:00pm Saturday May 6, 2023, at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, with services following at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Ohio Living Home and Health Care or Saint Pius X church. Condolences for Doc's family may be expressed online at

Previous Events

Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Funeral

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Doc was one of the kindest people that I have known. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him. I now live in England and am so sorry that I can not make it to the service. He and Kathy visited here on his 60th birthday and we spent it at the Royal residence of Windsor Castle. It seems so appropriate that his service is on the day of the coronation of King Charles III. My condolences to his whole family.*

Phyllis Seimet - May 05, 2023 at 06:40 PM

JA

“*From childhood to the Best Man a guy could ever have ! Thanks DOC
April 20, 1968 Butch & Jane Albright*



jane albright - May 04, 2023 at 01:20 PM

TB

“*To Paul and John, I dont know if you remember me, but this is Tom Bialy.
We were all in Mrs. Anapel's classes when we were kids. I think about you guys often and didnt know how to get ahold of you.
I am so sorry to see the loss of your brother, I lost mine 10 years ago also.
Thinking of you both and all of your family and i send prayers your way.
My best to both of you. My email is pibpops@yahoo.com if you would like to respond. Tom*

Tom Bialy - May 01, 2023 at 12:25 PM