



Robert J Kranz

July 18, 1924 - September 12, 2014

Robert J (Bob) Kranz passed away peacefully on Friday morning in the loving medical care of Toledo Hospital. He was 90.

Bob was born to Karl and Mary (Gfell) Kranz on 7/18/1924. He attended Central Catholic High School, and joined the Navy after graduation. Bob served his country in World War II, seeing active duty on the USS Haynesworth and the USS Mulaney as an Electronic Technician's Mate. Bob married Margaret Ann Davies on April 3, 1948. Together they raised five children in a warm and loving home.

Bob began to work in the family business, PJ Kranz Insurance, shortly after college, became a partner, and then the sole owner in 1979. He continued to be active in the business until just recently. The business survives through his children Rick, Joe and Karen. Bob served his community through the Knights of Columbus, The Catholic War Veterans, and served as a 27 year director and Past-President of the St Clements Credit Union (now Directions Credit Union).

Throughout his life, Bob was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer. He was a skilled card player, excelling in Bridge, Gin Rummy, and, sometimes by necessity, Poker. Later years were spent fly fishing at Slagle Trout Club near Cadillac Michigan, where his grandfather took him as a child in the 30's, and where Bob later taught his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren how to throw a line and follow the rules. He also served on the Board of Directors and numerous committees.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Don. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Midge (Margaret Ann Davies), brother Paul, his children Bob, Rick (Judy), Karen Balcerzak (Frank), Joe (Julie) and Jeff (Donna), and dozens of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects after 9:00 prior to 10:00 mass at Christ the King Church on Tuesday, September 16. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Little Sisters of the Poor or Central Catholic High School.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry to hear about bob,s passing will keep him in my pray,s

michael birsen - September 16, 2014 at 02:21 PM

JF

“ Dear Rick, Joe and Karen,
My deepest sympathy on your loss. May God's hand help you
through this time of grieving.
John

John Fryman - September 16, 2014 at 11:34 AM

CB

“ Dear "Aunt" Midge and all-
I was saddened to see that "Uncle" Bob has left us but I'm sure that
Rosemary and Ray are there to greet him. I will always remember
him fondly and keep you in my prayers.

Cathy Birsen - September 15, 2014 at 08:46 PM

PK

“ Dear Midge,
My deepest condolences to you and your family. I was very sorry to
hear about Bob's death. I appreciate your connection to my parents
more than you can ever know. I pray for peace and consolation for
you.
Love, Peggy (Margaret Ann) Kirk

Peggy Kirk - September 15, 2014 at 03:07 PM

WC

“ Jeff & Family:

My deepest sympathy on the passing of your father.

May God be of comfort to you and your family during this most difficult time.

*God Bless,
Wilda Coyle
Toledo Molding & Die*

Wilda Coyle - September 15, 2014 at 02:07 PM

KG

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our prayers.

Kathleen Gfell-Knabel - September 15, 2014 at 06:51 AM

GK

“ Dear Aunt Midge , Bob Jr. , Rick , Karen , Joe & Jeff,

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*With Love & Sympathy,
Gary & Sally*

Gary & Sally Kranz - September 15, 2014 at 12:06 AM

DM

“ Dear Kranz's,
Profundly sorry to learn about your loss of Bob. He was such a great guy. An irreplaceable figure at Slagle Trout Club and to his family.

Dan & Joan Mikesell

Dan & Joan Mikesell - September 14, 2014 at 08:41 PM

LT

“ *Our deepest sympathies to you all. We are thinking of you and are happy to help with the arrangements and whatever else you need. With love and friendship, Lynn and Tim*

Lynn and Tim - September 14, 2014 at 02:50 PM

WO

“ *Dear Midge & Kranz Family:
We were so sorry to hear about Bob's passing.
He was a joy to be with the many times we were together with you and your family at the Slagle Trout Club. He will be missed.
May your legacy of wonderful memories help you and your family through this difficult time.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Sarel ("Sam") & Walt*

Walter Offinger - September 14, 2014 at 10:01 AM