



Paul Kreft

June 24, 1931 - April 24, 2010

Memorial visitation for Paul W. Kreft, 78, a lifetime resident of Kankakee and Bonfield, prior to retiring to Melbourne, Fla., in 1984, will be from 4 p.m. Thursday until the 7 p.m. memorial service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. The Rev. Joel Giles will officiate. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Bonfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. He died Saturday (April 24, 2010) at his residence. Mr. Kreft retired from Uniroyal (Joliet Army Ammunition Plant) in October 1977 as a production control manager. He was born June 24, 1931, in Kankakee, the son of Walter and Anna Rheubottom Kreft. His wife, the former Betty Lou Rettke, whom he married June 30, 1951, died Aug. 30, 2003. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean conflict (1950-53). Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Paula Kreft of Coral Springs, Fla., Brian and Carol Kreft of Nashua, N.H., Bill and Tammy Kreft of Ashkum, Brad and Pam Kreft of Bonfield; one daughter, Anna Prodehl of Bradley; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Audrey Weil of Altorf and Brenda and Barry Starkey of Kankakee. He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carl and Lucille Rettke.



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“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad. ĩ½He was the nicest man in the world. ĩ½We loved to listen to him play his accordian. ĩ½Now he is playing for the angels. ĩ½He was such a wonderful person. We miss his so much.##imported-begin##Richard & Peggy Streeter##imported-end##

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“ Paul was very special to both my husband and me. ĩ½He and Norman had been friends since 3rd grade, I think. ĩ½When we moved to Melbourne (Paul had sent us much information about the area) he and Betty were such good friends, and helped so much when Norman's illness became hard to handle. ĩ½They helped me move when I decided to move back to the area where I grew up. ĩ½I miss them both and I miss Paul's Emails. ĩ½He always sent such interesting things, and was always so upbeat when I talked to him. ĩ½I'll miss his sense of humor and just knowing he was there. ĩ½I'm so sorry for your loss. ĩ½Let me know if there is anything I can do. ĩ½ĩ½Love to all. ĩ½Robbie##imported-begin##Robbie Frieling##imported-end##

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“ We're so sad to learn about Paul's passing. ĩ½He was such a sweet and caring person, as was your mother and I've know them both since I was a little girl. ĩ½Your father will be missed and we want you to know how much our sympathy goes out to your entire family. ĩ½May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Beth & Bob Warden##imported-end##

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“ Dear Kraft Family,I'm sorry Bill and I can't be with you tonight. We send our love and prayers with the hope that memories of the joy and laughter you shared as a family will quickly take away the sorrow. I remember a fun loving family who's father was not only tall in stature, but strong in family values and gave one heck of a hug. Love to all, Carol Jean.##imported-begin##Bill and Carol Jean Hummel Rench##imported-end##

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“ Our family was very saddened to hear of Paul's passing. ĩ½Paul was very good to my father Norman Frieling when they lived in Melbourne, FL together. ĩ½He was a godsend to my mom and brother.

He will be missed.

Jim Frieling##imported-begin##Jim Frieling Family##imported-end##

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“ Paul, You will be surely missed. May you rest in pease.##imported-begin##John ĩ½& ĩ½Helen ĩ½Apone##imported-end##

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“ Praying for the Kreft family's in this time of sadness.
i¿½##imported-begin##Jim and Patti Hofstra##imported-end##

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“ Paul was a great friend and helped me very much after the sudden death of my husband. i¿½

We had a nice relationship, and he seemed to be at home with many members of my family.
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Liked to hear him with his accordion as he definitely liked music and we enjoyed the Lawrence Welk show. Seemed like he could remember the names of those that participated. i¿½

I have loost a great friend, but have a lot of good memories. i¿½##imported-begin##Vida Seibring##imported-end##

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“ We all will Miss Paul. He was a great Guy.##imported-begin##Mr &Mrs Sal Apone##imported-end##

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“ Our Sympathy and Prayers go out to the Kreft Family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. God Bless##imported-begin##Tim & Vickie Bertrand##imported-end##

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“ hi paula bruce sorry for your loss try to get in touch with me love to talk to you think of you often. sorry it had to be this way. God bless all of you Love Sandy###imported-begin##sandy monferdini###imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Words can never express how the sharing of a life can mean so much in so little time. You have my sincerest condolences on Paul's passing. God bless.###imported-begin##NULL###imported-end##

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“ Good-bye Buddy. You are gone, but not forgotten. During the past few years you made my life worth living. For that I am eternally grateful.###imported-begin##Garth Workman###imported-end##

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“ I am writing this on behalf of my Father, Marvin Geeding who long ago played in a band with Mr. Kreft. I remember that they could easily and frequently make each other laugh! I remember that my Dad respected Paul and valued his friendship deeply and those times in the band were some of the happiest of his life!

My Mother, Frances Geeding and I send our deepest sympathy to the family, our prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Victoria Geeding-von Rothe###imported-end##

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“ Good friends of our family (Ollie and Charlotte Shourd). He and Betty also retired down in Melbourne, Florida where my folks retired some years before. Paul played in the "The Other Guys" band that my dad started on Friday nights at the ballroom in Trailer Haven where they all lived.....great friends to the end. ¶½¶¶imported-begin¶¶Sue ¶½(Shourd) & Jim Figg¶¶imported-end¶¶

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“ Dear Kreft family, esp Bill and Anna.

so sorry to hear of your Father's passing. God Bless

¶¶imported-begin¶¶Sue Sorensen Jensen¶¶imported-end¶¶

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“ When we moved to Bonfield we knew Paul & Betty as the couple that lived in the big house on the hill. ¶½I remember Paul and my father, Burt Sr., singing in the barbershop chorus here in Kankakee at numerous events. ¶½You, the family, have our deepest sympathy.¶¶imported-begin¶¶Burt & Carla Taylor¶¶imported-end¶¶

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