



David E. "Dave" Kranz

March 10, 1943 - August 20, 2016

David E. "Dave" Kranz, age 73, a lifelong Mentor resident, died Saturday August 20, 2016 at Hospice House, Cleveland, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 10, 1943 in Cleveland.

Dave was a 1962 graduate of Mentor High School. He then attended the former Fenn College. Dave retired from Safety Kleen Corporation as a Customer Compliance Instructor where nationally he delivered presentations on OSHA and EPA regulations.

Dave believed in serving his community through his work at Mentor United Methodist Church, Painesville JC's and the Lake County Historical Society. He also was a member of GYRO of Western Reserve. He was elected to the Board of Directors of LCHS in 2005, while the Society was housed in Kirtland Hills. He passionately and enthusiastically urged the Board to purchase the Lake County Home for a new headquarters in 2007. Largely through the leadership of Dave and another Board member, the Society moved ahead with the purchase of the current historic 8-acre site. Once the purchase was complete, Dave worked with Society volunteers converting the dilapidated building in Painesville into a showplace for the community. In addition, Dave represented LCHS as a community speaker, tour guide, project manager and Folk Festival coordinating volunteer.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 49 years Geri (Brehm) Kranz; children: David Troy (Tabetha) Kranz, Marc (Marilyn) Kranz and Jill (Jack) Skelly; grandchildren: Taylor, Alexis, Maia, Leland, & Georgia Kranz, Lauren, Ryan & Carson Skelly and brother-in-law Bob Paul.

Preceding Dave in death are his parents: Wilbur and Katherine Kranz; sister Judith Paul; parents-in-law: George and Lillian Brehm and brother-in-law G.E. "Bud" Brehm.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Mentor United Methodist Church, 8600 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060.

The family will receive family and friends from 10-12 pm Saturday September 17, 2016 at the church.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH. 44110, Mentor United Methodist Church, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Oh. 44060 or the Lake County Historical Society, 415 Riverside Dr., Painesville, OH 44077

Arrangements Entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mentor United Methodist Church
8600 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3496
<http://www.mentorumc.org/>

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Joan White West lit a candle in memory of David E. "Dave" Kranz*



Joan White West - August 28, 2016 at 10:16 AM

JS

“ *The first thing Dave and I did at the History Center at the new location was knock down the walls that separated the men's and the women's wings in the main building. Neither one of us wore face masks. Not too sharp. But we did a lot more projects there and did accomplish quite a bit. He was a hands on guy. He is in a great place now.*

Jim Skrocki - August 27, 2016 at 04:35 PM

MC

“ *Dear Geri and family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy in the death of your husband and father Dave. I have known your family ever since some of you were in my first grade classroom, and I have many happy memories of Dave, a great friend who loved his family so very much.*

*Sincerely,
Marge (formerly Westman) Cockerham*

Margaret (Westman) Cockerham - August 23, 2016 at 09:29 PM

BF

“ Dave always made you feel welcome and that whatever you were saying was of importance. We have many warm memories of those Jaycee/Beta Nu days. Our deepest sympathy to Geri and her family.
Bonnie Beck Fogel

bonnie fogel - August 23, 2016 at 07:18 PM

CM

“ We are so saddened by Dave's passing. He was such a great guy. May God bring peace to all your family, especially Geri. --Michael & Chris Fournier

Chris & Michael - August 23, 2016 at 10:48 AM

MG

“ So sorry to hear the news about Dave yesterday in church. He was a great servant and someone I always respected. Peace be with your family as you lay him to rest.

--Matt and Andrea Gingrich

Matt Gingrich - August 22, 2016 at 06:56 PM

SN

“ Hoping that the many wonderful memories you shared with David will provide you comfort and peace through this difficult time. We met David through his daughter Jill and will remember his kindness and humor. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are extended to your family.

All of our love,

The Norris Family

Susan Norris - August 22, 2016 at 02:10 PM

ES

“ *There have been so very many memories over so many years it would be difficult to choose one over another. Our monthly theme dinners were probably the most memorable events but there were many times we shared good times. Love you all*

elaine spondike - August 22, 2016 at 01:52 PM