



Karl Kenneth Paul

March 19, 1924 - April 6, 2021

Karl Kenneth Paul, 97, passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Lake West Medical Center, Willoughby. He was born March 19, 1924, in Cleveland, moved to Willoughby Township (Eastlake) in 1931, and then to Mentor in 1958.

Karl graduated from Willoughby Union High School in 1942 and attended Ohio University. He served in World War II with the U.S. Army's 146th Engineer Combat Battalion in Europe.

He retired from Ohio Rubber Company as Traffic Manager, after 32 years of service.

Karl was a member of the Traffic Club of Cleveland since 1952, past president of the ORCO Management Club, the Western Reserve Traffic Club, and the Lost Nation Sylvaneers Camping Club. He also was a member of Mentor Senior Center.

Karl lived as a child through the Great Depression. He fought in Europe in World War II but rarely talked about it, except to teach his family the songs that he and his soldier buddies sang (cleaned up, mostly). He married, helped raise four daughters, and had his heart broken when his wife died in 1980.

He forged on, traveling often to see his daughters and their families. He attended countless sports events of his grandchildren in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois and Iowa. He took an active role in the lives of his great-grandchildren.

He attended hundreds, maybe thousands, of Mentor High football, basketball, wrestling, baseball and ice hockey games and matches. The school honored him a couple times for his support.

And he played golf once or twice a week, right up into last fall. He gave up golf about 2,000 times because of his “stupid putter,” but he always came back. His family believes that just about anyone would want to grow up to be like Karl Paul.

He is survived by daughters, Karol (David) Liggett of Willoughby Hills; Susan (Stephen) Lyttle of Matthews, N.C.; Shari (Michael) Georgoff of Emmitsburg, MD; and Lauri (Jeffrey) Stoneking of Bettendorf, Iowa; 9 grandchildren: Elizabeth (Jason) Baker, Ryan (Shelley) Lyttle, Daniel Lyttle, Nicole (Kyle) Vaughn, Stephanie (Joshua) Munday, Meghan Georgoff, James Georgoff, Jack Stoneking and Nicholas Stoneking; 8 great-grandchildren; sister: Joan (Roger) Wells; brother-in-law, Phillip Smith; sister-in-law, Kaye Foley; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by wife, Anne; parents, Clarence and Ollie; and step-sister Marvene Bowman Henry.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 4:00 & 6:00 - 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

A memorial service will be 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the funeral

home. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

Private family inurnment will take place in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, OH.

In lieu of flowers the family request contributions may be made to Mentor High School Athletic Department payable to Mentor High School or Mentor Schools, 6477 Center St., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KL

“Karl was an absolute gem. One of the best things that happened to the Lyttle Family was moving next door to the Paul Family on Dartmoor Road in Mentor. Karl & Anne had four girls. Gene and Elsie had four boys. We got along so famously it was almost like having communal houses. And sure enough, my oldest brother Steve married Susan, the girl next door. We shared so many memories, throwing parties together, playing cards and especially attending Mentor High games. Karl was the ultimate Fighting Cardinal Super Fan. Passionate, loyal, dedicated. Traveled wherever Mentor did: Massillon, Canton, Youngstown, Upper Arlington, you name it. Memories of those trips with Karl are some of my most precious. When Dad had a crazy notion to try out country living and moved our family to Garrettsville, I stayed behind and lived with Karl and the Paul's while attending Lakeland and working part-time at the News-Herald. When Mom & Dad moved back to Mentor, they located on Hopkins, right across the street from the old football stadium. So Karl & Anne would come over for all the home games, park in our driveway and we had a pre-game and post-game ritual of coffee and donuts. For away games, we drove to Karl's house and he hauled us to wherever the Cardinals were playing.

Karl was a sports hound -- Mentor, THE Ohio State University, Indians, Browns -- so he and I, a sports writer, never ran out of things to talk about. He also was an avid (and damn good) golfer. The Lyttle Boys played a helluva lot of rounds with Karl. Eventually we all moved away from NE Ohio (save for Karol!), but I'd come back from Austin, TX, twice a year to visit. At some point after Karl turned 80, my brother Don and I began these annual summer pilgrimages to Mentor to visit family, friends and "Golf Your Guts Out" as we called it. Karl became a focal point of these excursions, all the way up to 2018 when he was 94. Don, his wife and I played every day. We thought Karl, now in his 90s, might just want a break now and then. But Karl always asked hopefully, "Are we playing tomorrow? ... Whatcha got lined up for US next?" Amazing! Several times Karl shot better than his age -- incredible. We got to think of him as basically indestructible.

Karl's understated humor, dry wit and wry smile will stay with us. His four fine daughters Karol, Susan, Shari and Lauri and remaining friends and family won't forget. And we all are better off for knowing him for so long. As someone remarked at my Mom's funeral (she was 91): "She didn't get cheated ... and neither did we." All of that and then some for Karl. God bless.

--Kevin Lyttle

Kevin Lyttle - April 21, 2021 at 02:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Karl Kenneth Paul.



April 20, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Karl Kenneth Paul.



April 20, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *The Haberman, Stamper, Wyen, and Windom Families* purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Karl Kenneth Paul.



The Haberman, Stamper, Wyen, and Windom Families - April 20, 2021 at 09:41 AM

JS

“ Dear Karol and David, So sorry for your loss. What a blessing to have him in your lives for so long. Sincerely, Jan Brooks Swetel

Jan Swetel - April 20, 2021 at 08:47 AM

ZE

“ Zdenko, Kika and Eddie purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Karl Kenneth Paul.



Zdenko, Kika and Eddie - April 19, 2021 at 01:48 PM

KL

“ Kevin Lyttle purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Karl Kenneth Paul.



Kevin Lyttle - April 18, 2021 at 10:04 PM

SL

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Susan Lyttle - April 18, 2021 at 09:44 AM

DL

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Don Lyttle - April 11, 2021 at 09:02 AM

DL

“ Karl was the consummate gentleman and friend. He was so close to my family (the Lyttles) that I refer to him as the "7th Lyttle" (adding to the 6 already there). His golfing skills were as sharp as his wit. I spoke with him at length in late January and even though he was still suffering the effects of the cellulitis in his leg, his only thought was, "Donny, when are we doing "Golf Your Guts Out Week" this year. He lived for his family and was a most unassuming man.

Since I know they have golf in Heaven, I now must also believe they have a Jack's restaurant there as well ... Karl wouldn't be without either of the two. Some day I'll meet you up there, my friend ... have our tee time ready and reservations on tap at Jack's for dinner that night. Then, I'll know I'm in Heaven! Until then ... I miss you!

Don Lyttle - April 11, 2021 at 08:47 AM

SL

“Karl is one of the kindest, sweetest loving and sharpest man I have ever had the honor of knowing. He loved his family and friends unconditionally. He loved his golf and I an so happy that we got to spend what we called golf your guts out week once a year for many years. I have so many memories of him there at the golf course I will always treasure and he loved every minute. Even in his 90's he still hit empty long and hung toe to toe with us. You will always be in our hearts and memories. You were loved so much and will be missed so much. Watch after those Indians and be an angel in the outfield for them. Maybe you could boost my Braves here and there. I'm sure you have many who have met you, your wife first I'm sure and I'm sure Mom Lyttle is talking your ear off. You will be missed dearly and loved every day but I'm so happy knowing you are pain-free and surrounded by all that love you. If they golf there I'm sure you'll be there. Love you always.

Sissy Lyttle - April 09, 2021 at 12:17 AM

TF

“Karl had the most extraordinary memory and never forgot the important dates and times that mattered the most in our lives. Whether it was ours or our children's birthdays or anniversaries he called each and every time just to chat and to wish us well on our special day. He was the consummate gentleman, always so polite, well dressed with a kind and gentle demeanor. He was always a pleasure to talk with and was someone that you could sit and reminisce for hours about the life and times of the people that mattered the most in his life, his family. He will be missed by us all. -
The Dinehart Family

The Dinehart Family - April 08, 2021 at 10:25 PM

RB

Karl (with a "K") was a class mate of the class of 1942 of Willoughby Union High School, a fellow Army Engineer during WWII, and in late times a fellow traffic manager but most of all a beloved FRIEND..Karl was a gentlemen of the first water. I will miss my friend Karl Paul

Bob Burden

robert burden - April 10, 2021 at 09:59 AM

PB

I would like to begin by saying, to all Uncle Karl's family, you have my utmost, sincere, and deepest sympathy for the depth of your loss.

Uncle Karl was one of the most kind, loving, gentle, people I have met in my life journey. Second only to his beloved nephew Bruce. After moving away to Nevada, and only communicating by phone, Uncle Karl always talked about his beautiful family and how proud he was of them. It's always great to remember the wonderful Christmas Eve get-togethers, that seem as though they were just yesterday. He was the perfect host, his demeanor was always calm, and so welcoming to us all. He seemed happiest to see and be with everyone. He had passion for his hobbies; and extended such great kindness to all around him.

I consider myself fortunate to have known such a man as Uncle Karl.

He will be missed much, continue to be loved, and be alive in our hearts until we see him again.

*Love & blessings always,
Peg Bowman*

Peg Bowman - April 17, 2021 at 07:32 PM