



Richard "Kess" Kessler

October 11, 1928 - March 8, 2018

Richard "Kess" Kessler, age 89 of Kirtland Hills, passed away March 8, 2018 at the David Simpson Hospice House in Cleveland. He was born October 11, 1928 in Cincinnati, OH.

Richard graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor's in Education; he played football there and was coached by Woody Hayes, and was a member Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving as a 2nd Lt in preparation for the Korean War.

Richard had worked for over 30 years in banking, having worked for Central National Bank, Lake County Nat'l Bank, in Cleveland and Lake County. Served on the Boards of Lakeland Community College, YMCA Painesville, Farmers and Savings Bank, Leadership Lake County and community service with United Way, NAACP and Kiwanis.

He retired to play golf, take an annual visit to his beloved Adirondacks, and spend winters on Marco Island Florida with Johann and their many friends and to volunteer at Holden Arboretum looking after the blue birds. Richard was proud of his country and dedicated to his community, serving both with integrity.

He loved his friends, many of whom he had for over 75 years, and they still

laughed at the same jokes for all those years. May we all take a page from that book. Richard loved his family beyond measure, even his children, and especially his grandchildren. Johann was the love of his life. He will be missed and loved forever.

Loving husband of 67 years to Johann Louise (Borgerman) Kessler; Dear father of Gus Kessler (Natalie), Jane Kessler-Copeman (Bruce), Amy Jo Withrow (Jack), William Richard Kessler (Barb); Grandfather to Joe, Ellen, John, Steven, Peter, Morgan, and Larissa; Great Grandfather to Haley, Anthony and Adalyn. He was preceded in death by his daughter Judith Ann; brother Walter and parents Walter George and Mary Irene (Kenney) Kessler.

A celebration of life will be held from 4-7 pm Tuesday March 13, 2018 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A private family inurnment will be at a later date in Sunset Memorial Park in N. Olmsted, OH.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Painesville YMCA, 933 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, OH 44077 or to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

6265 Columbia Road P. O. Box 729
North Olmsted, OH 44070
(440) 777-0450

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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ellen - March 13, 2018 at 10:56 AM

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“ Mrs. K, Gus, Jane, Amy and Bill,

A wonderful Husband, a great Dad, successful businessman, active civic leader and true friend to many -- including Ron and Harry. Wow. Mr. Kessler certainly enjoyed life and helped others enjoy it too. His humor and laugh were contagious. Our lives are better for traveling part of them with Kess. We will miss him, but never forget him. You are all in our prayers.

Floyd, Amy, Ron & Jane Fishleigh

Floyd Fishleigh - March 13, 2018 at 12:15 AM

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“ Dear Amy, Jack, Ellen and John,

So very sorry to hear about your Dad. I knew he had to have been a special person just from hearing you speak about him, but reading his obituary really confirmed my impression. Please know that you are in our prayers. Eileen and Dave

Eileen Toomey - March 12, 2018 at 10:43 PM



Pamela Smith

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad and Grandpa. I know you are/ were always there for your folks. Also sorry that I can't make it to Mentor to give you all a hug! XO
Pam Smith

Pamela Smith - March 12, 2018 at 07:07 PM

LG

“ Amy, Jack, Ellen and John - I am so sorry about your loss. Please let me know if you need anything. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.
Love Lisa, Ed, Hunter and Gillian Geber

Lisa Geber - March 11, 2018 at 10:14 PM



Thank you so much. Love you all.

Amy Withrow - March 12, 2018 at 05:56 PM

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“ Elisa, Heather, Kaley, Lisa, Andrea, Cheryl & Amy purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Richard "Kess" Kessler.



Elisa, Heather, Kaley, Lisa, Andrea, Cheryl & Amy - March 11, 2018 at 09:00 PM



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Natalie Pukacz Kessler - March 11, 2018 at 12:53 AM



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Amy Withrow - March 10, 2018 at 08:28 PM