



Merle Don Kroeplin

February 18, 1941 - March 13, 2026

Merle was born February 18, 1941, in Bottineau, North Dakota. He was the youngest of four children. His parents were Adele V. Hlavnicka and Robert H. Kroeplin. He attended Fargo State College for one year and Minot business college for one year. He married Julie Y. Johnson on September 14, 1962. Together they had two children, Curtis and DeAnn. They have nine grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

He farmed with his father for seven years. In 1969, he brought his family to Orlando for six months to check out the area. He worked for Palmer Electric. In the spring, he took the family back to Bottineau and farmed for one more season. He knew then that Florida was where he wanted to make his permanent home. In October 1970, he sold their home, packed up their furniture, deep freeze full of meat and other possessions in his International grain truck, pulling their 1968 Pontiac and headed to Orlando. He worked in several different fields of construction. In 1975, he started Kroeplin Irrigation. Because of health reasons, he retired at age 59. His son, Curtis, took over the company and ran it until he retired in 2025. His grandson, Kyle, has now taken over the company. Keeping Orlando wet for 50 years!

Merle was a very active and dedicated member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for 54 years and served for many years. Merle was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed. He was always a hard worker

and was not afraid to get his hands dirty. He could assess any problem and come up with an innovative solution, whether that would involve welding, engineering something, moving things around with a tractor, or just general maintenance.

Merle was involved in several ministries, including MOPs (Men of Peace) and the Men in the Morning group. Merle faithfully volunteered with the Food Pantry serving our community with generosity and care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Prince of Peace courtyard for beautification.

If you are unable to attend the service in person and would like to watch the service, please click the "Photos & Videos" tab to join the livestream at the time of service. (Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm)

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1515 South Semoran Blvd
Orlando, FL 32807

Celebration of Life

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Good Life Funeral Home & Cremation created a Join the service via livestream! in memory of Merle Don Kroepelin*



Good Life Funeral home & Cremation - March 23 at 03:53 PM

RB

Julie, so sorry to hear about Merle, I always enjoyed seeing him. He could always bring a smile to your face no matter what was going on.

Ron Beyer - March 28 at 03:05 PM

LV

“ *My condolences to the family. Excellent person and better neighbor. Will be missed.*

Luis Vanga - April 02 at 01:41 PM

JH

“ I was blessed when Merle and Julie built their beautiful home and moved in the neighborhood across the street from my parents. My family, loved them and always considered them as part of our family. Merle was our neighborhood Saint. If anything and I do mean anything was needed, Merle was there to make sure his neighbors were all taken care of. From rescuing me, by removing poisonous snakes from my door way; Running all of our neighborhood water lines for hook up to county water system; Removing trees and storm debris from our streets and yards. I still have my Elm tree in my front yard that was a house warming surprise when I built my house and moved back into the neighborhood again in 1990, across the street from them.

I will miss the wonderful evenings of great conversations and laughter on Merle's and Julie's front porch in the evenings. Rest in peace Merle, you have gained your angel wings. God has you in his loving arms up in heaven now. Love and miss you always. Jama Herrera

Jama Herrera - March 28 at 11:39 PM

EO

“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Kroeplin was a great neighbor, will be very missed.

Enid O'Ferral - March 26 at 10:41 PM

KH

“ I've known Merle and Julie for just a few short years but in that time it was immediately evident what special people they are. Merle had been ill and disabled the entire time I've known him but during each of my visits his eyes twinkled and his smile always radiated welcome, kindness and joy in spite of his struggles and trials. He is sorely missed. Peace and comfort to his special Julie as she navigates this life without him.

Kerri Hartman - March 26 at 09:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Merle Don Kroeplin.



March 25 at 07:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Merle Don Kroeplin.

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