



Ralph Edward Kruger

July 4, 1929 - February 19, 2016

Ralph Edward Kruger of Winter Springs, Fla., passed away peacefully on Feb. 19th, 2016. He was 86. Ralph's zest for life and laughter, ability to deliver a good joke, and welcoming nature made him well-loved and respected by all those he met. Ralph was born on July 4, 1929 in Los Angeles, Calif., and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1950-54, where he served as an electrician aboard a destroyer tender. He continued to work as an electrician following the Navy, moving to Orlando and eventually retiring from the Orlando Sentinel in 1992 as the facility maintenance manager. Ralph thoroughly enjoyed his 24 years of retirement, visiting family and friends, going to the gym, and traveling as often as possible. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and an avid golfer and bowler, still playing both sports shortly before his death. Ralph is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley Ann Kruger, of Winter Springs; son Ralph Jr. of Winter Springs; daughters Kathryn L. Sweers of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Kellie A. Blackwell of Orlando, Fla.; grandsons Nicholas D. Sweers of Seattle, Wash., and Alexander Kruger Sweers of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and great-grandson Odin M. Sweers of Seattle. He also is survived by two sisters, Marian Woodbury and Dorothy Jackson, both of Las Vegas, Nev.

Tribute Wall

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Kellie Blackwell - July 04, 2022 at 11:05 PM

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“ Happy Birthday, Dad, 2022! I miss you daily and please know that you are still loved.



Kellie Blackwell - July 04, 2022 at 11:04 PM

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Kellie Blackwell - July 04, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LC

“ Dear Ann:

I am so sorry to hear about Ralph passing,my prayers are with you,I always enjoyed you and Ralph at our bowling days, and I always enjoyed my hug from you.Stay strong and remember all the goods times you had with Ralph,he was a good man.Lola Curtice,your bowling friend



Lola Curtice - February 28, 2016 at 06:46 AM

CW

“ Surely God has reserved a special place in Heaven where the souls of Ralph and his three brothers, Courtney, George and Allen can be reunited to share their lifelong earthly experiences...they just don't make boys like them anymore.

*God Bless,
Love, Cousin Connie*

Connie Wright - February 21, 2016 at 11:25 AM

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Kellie Blackwell - February 20, 2016 at 04:56 PM

NS

“ *Ralph was a father to me in many ways. After I married his daughter, I became part of his family, including his lovely wife Ann and equally loving children, Ralph Jr. and Kellie. Ralph taught me many things, but most importantly, humility. I moved his daughter around quite a bit, from Florida to California to New York to Texas to Kansas to Virginia to Colorado to Illinois, and finally to Oregon. But he never complained. "Just take care of her," he told me, " or I know where to find you." I will miss this gentleman more than anybody will ever know. God bless Ralph.*

Nick Sweers - February 20, 2016 at 12:18 AM

LM

“ *Uncle Ralph, you will be sorely missed. I like to think that you and Daddy are up there enjoying a round of golf together on a beautiful course... Much love, Linda McDonald*

Linda McDonald - February 19, 2016 at 04:46 PM

EH

“ *Ralph was a kind and generous man and we will miss him, too. Always ready with a smile or helping hand, he made our gatherings more fun. Elsie*

elsie hodges - February 19, 2016 at 04:34 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album Ralph's hobbies*



Kellie Blackwell - February 19, 2016 at 04:18 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album *Ralph's hobbies*



Kellie Blackwell - February 19, 2016 at 04:03 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Kellie Blackwell - February 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM

JB

“ *The King of the Pins will be sorely missed, Ralph always extended masses of warmth and hospitality and he and his family are in our thoughts. Jane Blackwell & family. xx*

Jane Blackwell - February 19, 2016 at 02:40 PM