



Dolan E. Kroemer

February 2, 2014

Dolan E. Kroemer, 95, a combat veteran of World War II and a long-time New Haven businessman, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014. He resided at Georgetowne Place on Maplecrest Road. He was born August 29, 1918, in Fort Wayne, the oldest son of Edward and Susan Marie (Smith) Kroemer. He lived his entire life in the New Haven and Fort Wayne areas except for 18 years in Florida after his retirement. He was married to Mary Louise Abram April 1, 1942, in Fort Wayne, who preceded him in death Nov. 15, 2013. They had been married more than 71 years. Mr. Kroemer attended North Side High School for two years before his family moved to Woodburn, where he graduated from Woodburn High School in 1937. Unable to find work after graduation because of the Great Depression, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and was sent to a camp in Oregon to build fire breaks. Upon returning to Woodburn he went to work for International Harvester as a welder. Dolan enlisted in June of 1941 spending the next four years in the U.S. Army. He served as a drill instructor before being deployed to Europe where he served as a forward observer for the 989th Field Artillery battalion in Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army. He received a battlefield commission as an officer while serving in Europe and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge. Upon returning from the war, he partnered with his brother-in-law, Max Messmann, and friend Elmer "Bud" Remenschneider to form Deluxe Cleaners, a dry cleaning business in New Haven. The business was sold in 1972 and Mr. Kroemer worked briefly for the Allen County government before taking a job with Guardian Industries photo processing division. He retired in 1982. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, but also served in leadership capacities at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven and Bethel Lutheran Church in Stuart, FL. He was also treasurer of the Central Lutheran School board in New Haven for several years. A man of deep faith in God, he was very generous to a number of faith-based organizations including Lutheran Social Services in Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. Dolan was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who left a powerful legacy of faithfulness to God, his family, his church and his country.

Surviving are six children, Susan (Rev. Dr. Terry) Germann of Taos, N.M, James (Cheryl)

Kroemer of Syracuse, IN, Kathryn (Michael) Johnson of Leo-Cedarville, Sharon (David) Graham of Fort Wayne; Jane (David) Waggoner of Grabill, and John (Debra) Kroemer of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Darrell Kroemer, Arthur Kroemer and Ed Kroemer; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2014 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne with calling 1 hour prior. Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer officiating. Calling is also 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Burial in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne with military honors. Preferred memorials are to Heartland Hospice or St. Peter's Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Comments



“ Jim & Cheryl,
Just want you to know we are thinking of you and have you in our prayers.

John & Susie Peirce - August 20, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ Uncle Dolan and Aunt Mar will be greatly missed. Growing up with the Kroemers was a very special time in my life! We share your grief and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jan and Jerry George - August 20, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ Dolan was my uncle, and we loved him dearly. I was glad he and Aunt Mare lived in Stuart for a while, so we got to spend time with them. In all my memories of him, he was always laughing. You can't say that about too many folks in this world. He told great jokes, and he knew a million of them!

Stephanie and Patrick McCarty - August 20, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ Jim and Cheryl, Dave and Jane, and family.
Please accept our deepest regrets and sympathy in your Fathers passing. We just experienced this with mother passing in Nov.
It is bittersweet to have to say good-by yet a blessing and comfort to know the reward of their faith awaits.
God bless you all.
Rich and Jane

Richard and Jane Lengacher - August 20, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ To Jim, Cheryl, and Family,

Sorry to hear of the passing of your father/grandfather! What a full life he led with so many contributions to so many others! It is easy to see how positively he affected all of you! May all the fond memories be with all of you forever!

Peace and Blessings,

Greg Vick

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