



Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske

January 7, 1939 - January 18, 2019

Robert C. Kurzynske, 80, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, January 18, 2019 surrounded by his family. He was born January 7, 1939, in Nashville, Tennessee. Bob was the oldest of five brothers: Rick, Kevin, Mark, and Todd. Their parents, Frank (October 2011) and Edna Trent Kurzynske (December 2009), preceded them in death. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his brother Kevin, who passed 30 years ago in 1989.

Bob attended high school at Highland Academy in Portland, TN and graduated with a BA in biology from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI.

Bob married the love and joy of his life, Mary Peek, while he was in college. They started a family with two daughters, Terryn and Michelle, in Michigan and then returned to Tennessee.

He began his professional career as a transportation planner and served 28 years for the Metro Planning Commission and then 10 years with TDOT.

Bob recently celebrated his 80th birthday with friends, neighbors and family from 10 states at the Ridgetop Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary; his daughters Terryn (Kevin) Shaw and Michelle (Donald) Chase; grandchildren Tyson (Esther) Shaw, Tristan (Liz) Shaw, Marilee (Adam) Rego, Greg (Beth) Chase and Laura Chase; great grandchildren Abigail Shaw, Elliot Shaw, Jason Shaw and Jackson Rego; brothers Rick (Janet) Kurzynske, Mark (Teresa) Kurzynske, and Todd (Melody) Kurzynske; sister-in-law Julie (Doug) Mittleider and her family; and many nieces, nephews, great-nephews, great niece who knew him as 'Uncle Bob'.

Bob had faced death due to a serious illness in 2001 that left him with a broken body but an even stronger will and faith in Christ Jesus. As he prepared to leave this world he held fast to the hope of a soon and promised resurrection and a new life in Christ where he will enjoy an even stronger body, full health and eternal life. He was a devout Christian who attended the Ridgetop Seventh-day Adventist Church for almost 50 years where he was a member, elder and served in many other church positions. He also volunteered at Skyline Medical Center, WPLN Radio, and at the Great Smoky Mountains Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage.

Visitation will be Monday, January 21, from 6 PM until 8 PM at Spring Hill Funeral Home 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee. A celebration of life funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, January 22, at 1 PM with Pastor William Little officiating. Family will receive visitors an hour prior to funeral services. Burial will follow in the historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

Cemetery

Events

**Spring Hill
Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike S
Nashville, TN, 37216

JAN Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Spring Hill Funeral Home
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN, US, 37216

JAN Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN, US, 37216

JAN Burial 02:00PM - 02:30PM

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Spring Hill Cemetery
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN, US, 37216

Comments



“ Did not know this until service one. May the Lord wrap His strong arms around you and comfort you Mary.

Esther Sutton - January 23, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ I took him home from the hospital a few times and grew to love him!!!! Tom Tomerlin

Tom Tomerlin - January 23, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ I always enjoyed my conversations with Bob when he would stop by the office at Skyline. Generally we talked about the Preds and there was always something about his Chicago Cubs! You will be missed my friend! Prayers of comfort to Mary and the family.

Kreg Arnold - January 22, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ It is with sorrow that we heard of Bob's passing. We have known Bob and Mary for many, many years. Bob did not tell us how to live; He lived and let the rest of us watch his life. We are praying for Mary and all the family during this loss. We still have this hope that the Lord will come very soon. May God bless you all.

Burton and Carol Godge

Burton and Carol Godge - January 22, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ We have known Bob and his wife Mary for many years. He has always been a quiet person, but willing to be involved in things that make a difference for people , his church and his community. Will miss Bob, especially his leadership on the Business and Professional Foundation Board . May the Lord sustain Mary and her family during this difficult time.

Jim and Judy Culpepper.

jim culpepper - January 22, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Bob's death. I always enjoyed his visits to Oglethorpe. Such a wonderful and pleasant man of God. We will be praying for comfort, peace and blessings for Ms. Mary and all of Mr. Bob's family. May God bless you all.



Joyce Treadwell - January 21, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 21, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ Dan and Deborah (Straw) Grimes and Stanford Straw purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



Dan and Deborah (Straw) Grimes and Stanford Straw - January 21, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 20, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ Mr. Bob was very sweet and would always ask how things were going with life and school. One time when I was at Southern, he asked how I liked the food in the cafeteria. I replied that it was good but I wished they had more salad dressing options. My favorite was Thousand Island but they only served Ranch and Italian. He got an interesting look on his face and asked a few more questions about the food. We talked a bit more about school and such and I forgot about the salad dressing conversation. A few weeks later at Southern, they had Thousand Island dressing at the cafeteria! The next time I saw Mr. Bob, he asked me how the dressing was at the cafeteria. I responded that they now served Thousand Island and I asked if he had anything to do with the sudden change...he just smiled. He never admitted to it but I think he did. He could make things happen.

Praying for your family,
Amanda Chase

Amanda Chase - January 20, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 20, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ Rick&Janet, Nikke&Tony, Heather&Bill, Tosha&Monty purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



Rick&Janet, Nikke&Tony, Heather&Bill, Tosha&Monty - January 20, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 20, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Bob! He was always the kindest, gentlest, most caring man during my time at Ridgetop. His constant thoughtfulness and soft-spoken ideas and suggestions helped guide me through many a decision. He was generous - taking me and my husband to dinner on several occasions, with no agenda, just as a gesture of love and friendship. I cannot say enough good about Bob or his wife who displayed the same beautiful characteristics of Christlikeness. I know he will be immensely missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace gentle spirit!
Kathy Trumper

Kathy Trumper - January 20, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 20, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ Dearest Mary and Girls,
Many, many memories flood my mind. I was often a house guest and entertained so royally. Our trips with the bell choir when Bob and Mary were supportive in so many ways. I remember our lovely tour of the Scandinavian countries too. My life has been enriched by knowing Bob, Mary, Terryn, and Michelle. Much love to all, Sarah Ann

Sarah Ann McNeilus - January 20, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 19, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 19, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert C. Kurzynske.



January 19, 2019 at 06:41 PM