



R. Joe Kranz

February 29, 1936 - February 29, 2024

R. Joe Kranz, 88 of Grand Island completed his full circle of life, being born a leap year baby and entering his eternal home on February 29, 2024.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday, March 13th at St. Mary's Cathedral. Celebrating Mass will be Father Don Buhrman. Burial will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Tuesday with a Christian Wake Service at 7 PM at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Joe was born on February 29, 1936 in Grand Island the son of Roy and Marie (Boehl) Kranz. He graduated from St. Mary's High School class of 1953. He received his Bachelor's degree from Creighton University in 1957 and later his Masters of Education from Kearney State College in 1972.

Joe was united in marriage to Kathy Murphy on August 6, 1955. This union was blessed with seven children. During their marriage they lived in Omaha, Norfolk, Chadron, Crawford and in 1963, moving to Grand Island. In his early career, he worked in radio advertising and as a photographer for newspapers. He served as a professor for Central Community College in Hastings and Chairman of the Business Office Occupation in Grand Island. He retired from Central Community College following 22 years of service.

His memberships included St. Mary's Cathedral, Toastmasters, and the Elks Lodge for 61 years. Joe enjoyed ballroom dancing with his bride, golfing and photography. He won awards with his photography. Most of all, he loved

spending time with his family, attending kids and grandkids events.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 68 years, Kathy; children, Loretta (Tony) Teti, Janet (Ken) Bonk, Roy (Amy) Kranz, Vicki Kranz, Julie Kranz-Breneman, Catie (Brian) Long and Audra (Rich) Payne and 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Bruce Breneman and two grandchildren, Joseph Teti and Joshua Bonk.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral
112 S Cedar St
Grand Island, NE 68801-5897
(308) 384-2523

Tribute Wall



“ Herman's(Ted, Cheryl, Amy, Judy & Fams) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of R. Joe Kranz.



Herman's(Ted, Cheryl, Amy, Judy & Fams) - March 09, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of R. Joe Kranz.



March 09, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of R. Joe Kranz.



March 08, 2024 at 11:09 AM