



Doug D. Kraner

September 20, 1919 - September 16, 2009

Doug D. Kraner, age 89, of Gobles, passed away on September 16, 2009, at Allegan General Hospital after a long illness. He was born on September 20, 1919 in Lansing, MI. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kraner; a daughter, Ann (David) Beary of Metairie, LA; stepchildren, Rick (Deborah) Merchant, Cherilyn (David) Smith, Shellaine (Brent) Kirchhoff, and Sandra (Gary) Merchant. Doug also leaves two grandsons, Alex Matney and Bryan Beary, along with eleven stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Doug was preceded in death by his first wife, Ardis Jaeschke, in 1986 and his son, Bryan Kraner, in 1991. Doug lived in the Lansing area until graduation from high school. In 1941 he joined the US Army and became a medic, serving in Europe and liberating concentration camp inmates. After his discharge in 1945, Doug became an accountant, working for the Michigan Dept. of Treasury for 33 years and resided in Adrian, MI. He retired in 1985, and after the death of his first wife, married Barbara Boothby Merchant in 1989 and moved to Duck Lake in Gobles in 1994. Doug was an active member of the Allegan VFW Post and also enjoyed volunteering at the Gobles Junior Academy. Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, on Saturday, September 19, with the funeral being held on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Gobles Seventh-Day Adventist Church. A graveside ceremony will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian, Michigan, on Monday, September 21 at 1:00 PM. Memorials may be made to the West

Michigan Cancer Society or the Gobles Junior Academy.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

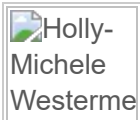
Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Service

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Seventh-day Adventist Church
60261 M-43 Highway West
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall



“ We moved to Adrian Michigan when I was 9 yrs. Old. My brother and I spent a number of different evenings and a couple nights with the Kraner family. We only lived there 5.5 months, but both Doug and Ardis welcomed my family with open arms. Ardis was the sweetest lady and she worked with me on a few projects she had me memorize. Both Doug and Ardis were very encouraging. Even years down the road when I would call them to visit they seemed so interested in all I was doing. I have letters they wrote me and of course Bryan called me often from Andrews when he was attending, plus all his letters he wrote. I can't wait to get to Heaven so I can see them again. What a day that will be. Bryan's teddy bear sits on my dresser. They were a beautiful family and I am so honored that I knew them personally. Ann was such a sweetheart and I have memories of learning things from her, and still have all my trolls from my times spent with them. So sorry I am posting 13 yrs later, but I still think often of Doug, Ardis and Bryan and Ann also. ❤️😊

Holly-Michele Westermeyer - May 17, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ We are wanting to honor this special man in any way we can. He was a good friend and mentor to our family. Doug was never afraid to show his love and respect for God. We plan to see him in heaven and plan to visit with him there. We send our prayers and support to his family, especially Barbara as she goes through this adjustment and loss.##imported-begin##Laurie Koch##imported-end##

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“ With loving thoughts for Ann and her Family, and for Barbara and hers. Wishing I could be with you as we all remember Uncle Doug, a wonderful man who I am proud to be the namesake of.

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September 18, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ Doug was a wonderful man who always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He lived a good life. My sympathies to my dear friend Ann who will greatly miss her dear dad and my thoughts are with her and her family and Barbara and her family too.###imported-begin##Peggy Snead###imported-end##

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“ To Ann,Dr Beary and family,Santo and I hold you in our prayers and thoughts at this saddened times.

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