



Ervin A. Krenn

November 14, 1923 - March 14, 2011

Ervin A. Krenn, age 87, formerly of Bangor, passed away March 14, 2011 at his home with his wife and family by his side. Erv was born November 14, 1923 in Oconto, Wisconsin, the son of John and Bertha Krenn. He lived in Chicago until his family moved to Decatur, MI when he was a teenager. He served in the US Navy Reserve from 1943-1946, earned his Bachelor's Degree from Tri-State College, and a Master's Degree from Western Michigan University. He married Joyce Wilson of Dowagiac, MI in 1948, and they resided in Bangor until her death in 1982. Erv pursued several different careers during his lifetime, including teaching, piloting and accounting, prior to opening Krenn Clothing and Shoes in Bangor, which he owned and operated for 18 years. After closing the store, he built and expanded the Krenn Bridge Companies, a supplier of timber bridges to counties in Michigan and several other states in the southeastern part of the US. Erv will be remembered for his love of life, his sense of adventure and strong work ethic. He worked hard and played hard. His passions were flying, fishing, his boats and socializing with friends. He married Sandy Gainey on July 6, 1982. They resided in Bangor until 1994, then lived in the Kalamazoo area, also wintering in Hutchinson Island, FL for the past 16 years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce Krenn; brothers, Bob and Ben; and sisters, Ruth, Violet, Elva, Mildred and Dorothy. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Krenn of Vicksburg; sons, Mark (Kate) Krenn of Jacksonville, FL, Bob Krenn of Mattawan; daughters, Karen (Steve) Wilson of Aiken, SC, Laurie Cole of Richland, Julie (Ken) Miller of Kalamazoo; stepchildren, Tina Wilson of Indianapolis, IN and Tamra (Don) Puckett of Vicksburg; grandchildren, Jennifer (Keith) Granzow of Bridgman, Jeanette (Rich) Erdmann of Midland, Trace, Brady and Lily Puckett, Max and Bella Wilson; and great grandchildren, Madison and Morgan Granzow, Ryan, Rachel and Jillian Erdmann. The family offers a special thank you to his private nurse, Debra Jo Miller, for the consistent and compassionate care she provided to Erv and his family. The family will meet friends Thursday 11 AM - 1 PM at the BANGOR CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, where services will follow at 1 PM. Interment will follow at Arlington Hill Cemetery, Bangor. Following the services you are welcome to join the family for refreshments at the South Haven Yacht Club. The family suggests memorials to Lending Hands of Michigan, Inc.; 5350 Ivanhoe Ct.; Portage, MI 49002.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To all the Krenn chikdren, with deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. You are all in my prayer .

Franny MCNALLY###imported-begin###franny Brayman Mcnally###imported-end##

March 17, 2011 at 07:25 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.###imported-begin###Liz and Ron Bloomfield###imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 07:36 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Erv touched many people throughout his career, including mine. Hearts and prayers to the all.

Dennis###imported-begin###Dennis Rainey###imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ Sandy, we didn't know any of Erv's family, except for you. Spending three summers as neighbors on the dock at the Yacht Club, we did see, how much he loved life and adored you. We were sorry to see both of your livies change so much as his health failed. We know the last few years have been so hard, but he is at last at peace and unafraid once more. Fondly, Cathy and Gale###imported-begin###Gale and Cathy Cawley###imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 11:59 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. I was priveledged to have know such a great man. His legacy will live on through all his family and the timber bridge business. Cherish the memories and all the great things that we all are enjoying now, which Erv was a part of.

God Bless Erv and all of us!###imported-begin###Michael Obergfell###imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 10:29 AM



“ Sandy,
I am so sorry to hear about Erv. He was such a funny man and he adored you. As I was reading his obituary I noticed he and I share the same birthday, November 14. Much love to you.

mary jane o'neill###imported-begin###mary jane o'neill###imported-end###

March 16, 2011 at 09:07 AM



“ To all of the Krenns, It was a honor to know Erv. He was certainly one of a kind. He was such a vibrant man, so full of personality! He left memories with us that will not be forgotten. RIP Erv, everyone will miss you!###imported-begin###Becky Gainey Lanier###imported-end###

March 15, 2011 at 10:12 PM



“ Dear Mark, Karen, Laurie, Bob, & Julie,

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. Our thoughts are prayers are with you and your families. Love & God bless, Patti & Ron Henry###imported-begin###Patti Henry###imported-end###

March 15, 2011 at 07:52 PM



“ Tamra & family - Prayers and hugs to each of you. You are in our thoughts. Take care Duane & Nancy###imported-begin###Duane & Nancy###imported-end###

March 15, 2011 at 07:48 PM