



## Leon "Lefty" Bruno Kriesten

December 19, 1934 - August 11, 2022

Leon "Lefty" Bruno Kriesten

Age 87

Of South Haven, formerly of Bangor

Passed away August 11, 2022 at Douglas Cove Health and Rehabilitation, Douglas, MI. Lefty was born December 19, 1934 in Hutchinson, MN the son of Marie A. Nelson, and was adopted by Bruno F. Kriesten when he was young. He lived in Chicago with Bruno and Marie in the same building as the St. Valentine Day Massacre until he moved to the South Haven area. He graduated from South Haven High School, where he was a star pitcher for the Rams. They won the Big 7 Conference Championship in 1951, and he was sought by the Detroit Tigers after graduation. Lefty met the love of his life, Alice J. Harris, at Steiner's Restaurant in South Haven and they were married Dec. 8, 1956. He worked at Everett Piano, Cook Nuclear Plant and retired from Wycoff Chemical. Lefty was a gifted painter, very creative, and was president of the first Art League in South Haven. He was known as being a jokester, got along with everybody, and enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved to do kind things for other people. Lefty was one of the kindest people you'd ever meet. Surviving are his dog, Pepper; 3 nephews, Harry (Mary) Weber, Scott (Kelly) Weber, Edward Weber; 4 nieces, Kim (Brian) Harris Crawford, Vicky (David) Harris Van Scoyk, Linda (Robert) Harris Bregger, Toni (Patrick) Weber Markey; sister-in-law, Nancy Edgington Harris; brother-in-law, Bob (Marian

Slentz) Weber; special friends, Joe Wooding, Doug Landers, Greg Myrkle, Brenda Balfour, Tressia Scott, Heather Vanlandingham, Audrey Frabe who took care of Pepper, the ladies from Maxwell Place, Dr. Stephen Dallas and Keli Schnooberger and staff at Douglas Cove Health Care; those who knew him as Uncle Lefty; and many other nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews and relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Alice Jessie Kriesten; 3 brothers, Stephen, William and George Mangaras; and his beloved pets. The family will meet friends 6-8 PM Thursday, August 18, at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com) and 12-1 PM Friday, August 19, where the funeral service will be 1:00 PM Friday. Interment will follow in Arlington Hill Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Al-Van Humane Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue  
Bangor, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Visitation

AUG 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
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## Service

AUG 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I’m still waiting for the phone to ring, “when you go to the store next time...” or “gotta have my hug” every day when I headed out each day. I will so miss his laugh, his stories and his love of life and how lucky he was to have grown up in the best times ever. Honored to have been chosen to take care of Uncle Lefty and Aunt Alice. Forever in my heart with wonderful memories to cherish and share. Peace in heaven with your love and family. LOVE eternally together now.

Kelly Weber - August 19, 2022 at 07:53 PM

CF

“ So sorry to hear of Lefty’s passing. I have many great memories having coffee with him at the depot. He was a great artist and we often shared our thoughts about art as well as about life in general. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to the family.  
Chuck French

Charles French - August 19, 2022 at 11:55 AM

KW

Thank you so much Chuck. He did enjoy the time spent with you the guys at The Depot. You were all a great part of his wonderful life. He was one of a kind for sure.

Kelly Weber - August 19, 2022 at 07:46 PM

PP

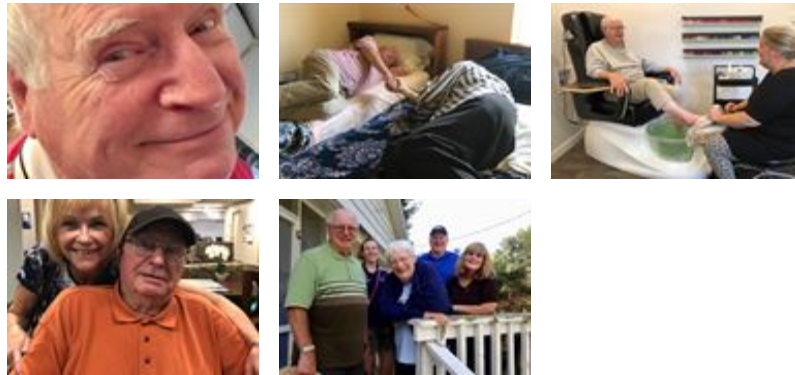
“ Pat Provost lit a candle in memory of Leon  
"Lefty" Bruno Kriesten



Pat Provost - August 17, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**D.L. Miller Funeral Home** - August 16, 2022 at 12:32 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Balfour lit a candle in memory of Leon "Lefty" Bruno Kriesten*



**Brenda Balfour** - August 13, 2022 at 07:02 PM

BB

*Noboby called me "kemosabi" but you dear friend. I will miss you and your bread making skills.*

**Brenda Balfour** - August 13, 2022 at 07:03 PM

DF

“ *David Freislinger lit a candle in memory of Leon "Lefty" Bruno Kriesten*



**David Freislinger** - August 13, 2022 at 06:17 PM

TM

“ *My dear uncle will be so missed. I'm am grateful that he is no longer suffering and has rejoined Alice.*

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**Toni Markey** - August 12, 2022 at 04:01 PM