



Robert James Kreider

September 23, 1932 - April 2, 2023

Robert J. Kreider (Bob), 90, died Sunday, April 2, 2023, in the Masonic Village, Elizabethtown after a brief and sudden illness. Born in Buffalo Springs, Heidelberg Twp, Lebanon County, on September 23, 1932, he was the son of late Reuben and Pearl Kreider of Manheim and married to the late Edith J. Kreider for 63 years.

He was a graduate of Manheim High School and received a bachelor's degree from Franklin and Marshall College while working at his father's Ford dealership as a mechanic and tow truck operator. He got the speed "bug" early on and could regale anyone who would listen with great stories about driving the local backroads, police encounters, drag races for pink slips and how to tell the year and model of EVERY year Ford or Lincoln Mercury vehicle produced. Learning to fly grew from his love of speed, and in his spare time he would be at local airports flying with anyone and everyone he could, while completing his private pilot's license.

After graduating college, he entered the US Air Force in October 1954 and graduated from basic and fighter pilot training. He was qualified in a variety of US Air Force fighter and bomber aircraft including the F-86, B-47, B-52, T-39, T-33 and FB-111. He flew 82 B-52 missions during the Vietnam war, flew twice the speed of sound at low level in the FB-111 and his military pilot friends said he was a natural who could fly anything with wings and a cockpit. He retired in 1980 at the rank of Colonel with citations and medals for Meritorious Service and Air Combat. After 26 years in the US Air Force, he joined the

management team at Singer Link company who produced aircraft simulators. Once he retired from Singer Link, he made up for all the missed hunting and fly-fishing trips over the years with sons and friends. He was a member of Lancaster Aero Club, Military Officers Association, the B-52 Bomber Association, and several local fly fishing groups.

He is survived by three sons: Gary J., husband of Ricka Kreider of Shiloh, IL, Scott A., husband of Lynn Roby of Albuquerque NM, Keith R., husband of Ruth Ann Kreider of Chesterton, IN, 2 grandchildren, Matthew J., husband of Katie Kreider of O'Fallon IL, Sarah A., wife of Aaron Kinard of Belleville IL, 2 great grandchildren, Kaleb and Luka Kreider, and a sister, Pat Schmith of Rosemont, PA. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and 2 brothers (Donald and Reub).

Interment with military honors will be held at 11AM on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, with a procession forming at 10AM on Wednesday at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 618 E. Main St. Annville, PA 17003. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Masonic Village, 1 Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, in his memory.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Procession Line Up

APR 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Anville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Graveside Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
Indiantown Gap Road
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Tribute Wall

GJ

“ I apologize for the late entry but just found out Bob had passed. I worked with him at Singer-Link in the mid 1980's and got to know him and Edith fairly well. He was such a wonderful person and had great stories that he shared with us that I will always remember.

Gary J. Johnston - January 05, 2024 at 01:19 PM

JW

“ So sad to hear about Bobs passing, I am a CNA at Masonic Village and had the honor of hearing his kind words, wild stories, and his wisdom. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to get to know him.

Jessica Winters - April 09, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert James Kreider.



April 05, 2023 at 09:48 PM

GK

“ On Sunday I lost a very dear friend, hunting and fishing buddy. We shared a lot of good times together. We went on numerous fishing and hunting trips from Pa. all the way to the west coast. We had many lively discussions about Fords verses Chevys and " politics ". Our stays at the cabin in Potter county made for many fond memories. I will surely miss him.

Gary Kreiner

Gary Kreiner - April 05, 2023 at 07:57 PM

TB

“ I was a CNA of bobs and he truly was a one of a kind gentleman it was so wonderful knowing him and sharing stories that he had of his younger days and his cars, we both were from manheim and he always called us his manheim girls when he was on BF2. His laughter and smile were contagious. My condolences and prayers are with you through this time , I know that he is happy to be home with your mom.

Tiffany Bechtold - April 05, 2023 at 07:09 PM

CS

“ I hold fond memories of great uncle Bob and all of the hunting and fishing trips he made up to camp with us in potter county. Whether it was fly fishing which him in pine creek with a cigar in his mouth. Or hunting up on the mountain with a guy that had every gadget packed with him in pack, ready to go!

Perhaps my fondest memories are the evenings back at the cabin after a day of fishing or hunting, and getting to here all the stories he had. That was a special treat for a young guy, and he will be missed.

My condolences to the family,

Cody Schwanger

cody schwanger - April 05, 2023 at 12:12 PM