



Robert G. Kraatz

November 1, 1932 - September 28, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Robert G. Kraatz

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ULLIN

420 Ullin Avenue, Ullin, Illinois

Robert G. Kraatz, age 92, of Olmsted, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Sunshine Gardens in Marion, Illinois.

He was born on November 1, 1932 to Roy Rudolph and Cecil Pearl (Earnhart) Kraatz in Olmsted, Illinois. He was married to Mildred Burge.

Robert grew up working on the Kraatz Family Farm alongside his father and siblings. He credited his adult work ethics to that lifestyle and was very proud of his farming history.

Following graduation from high school, Robert attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1954, Robert joined the United States Navy and completed Naval Flight

Training at Pensacola, Florida. He served as a Naval Aviator in the Western Pacific during the Cold War era. Following one deployment, he was stationed at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station in Southern California where he met Mildred Burge. The two married shortly thereafter.

After his Naval service, Robert became involved in the industrial packaging business, a relatively new industry at the time. He was very successful and developed an expertise in production. Business opportunities kept him busy working and living on both the East and West Coast.

Robert chose to spend much of his retired life back home in Southern Illinois. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work and laughter.

Survivors include his son, Mark V. (Marcia) Kraatz; and his siblings, Joe (Wilma) Kraatz, Dan (Tina) Kraatz.

Along with his parents and wife, he is preceded in death by his infant daughter, Karen Jean Kraatz; and his siblings, Carol Steers, Rod Kraatz, and Don Kraatz.

A celebration of Life will be held at later date and will be announced to family and friends.

The cremation of Robert G. Kraatz will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ My good friend Bob he always had a smile, compliment. I really will miss you dear. He loved making friends and sharing stories. Fly high till u and I see each other again. Love you.

Kimberly Absher - October 05, 2025 at 06:09 PM

DL

“ My Mother lives at Sunshine Gardens and this is where I met Mr. Bob. I loved to listen to his stories when I could. He was such an interesting person as well as a proud military pilot. At 92, he still had that serviceman posture! May he rest in peace now.



Dottie Lawrence - October 04, 2025 at 11:27 PM

JK

“ We thank him for sacrifices when in the service. Thank you his family for carrying his life and memory forward. My father in law served to in the marines about the same time (from Dongola) God bless and give you peace

jim & karen Kaufman - October 04, 2025 at 11:23 PM

RT

“ Bob was a kind and thoughtful neighbor. Prayers for his loving family as they mourn his passing.

Rosita Taake - October 04, 2025 at 04:40 PM

KR

“ So sorry to hear about Bob’s passing. He was always so kind and friendly. He will be missed. Prayers for his family during this difficult time.

Karen Reagan - October 04, 2025 at 10:31 AM