



Robert "Bob" Edwin Kreitz

March 3, 2019

Robert "Bob" Edwin Kreitz, 95, died Sunday, March 3, 2019 succumbing to the inevitability of old age. He was born May 24, 1923 in Reading, PA, the only child of Warren C. and Erma (Greth) Kreitz. As a teen he was an avid Boy Scout, earning the rank of Eagle. He graduated from Reading High School in 1940.

Upon graduation, Bob joined his grandfather Morris, his father and his uncles Albert and Lamon in the family business, Morris Kreitz and Sons Moving and Storage (MK&S), working on the moving trucks. Then, on November 16, 1942, he enlisted in the army, where he served as part of an anti-aircraft gun crew in the South Pacific until the end of the World War II and was honorably discharged on January 16, 1946.

Returning stateside, he continued his work for MK&S, and was eventually made the fifth partner in the company. Upon the retirement of the older partners, Bob became president and sole owner of the firm. During his business career, he developed the company into a specialized heavy machinery moving and rigging business. He also founded a separate long-distance hauling firm, Kreitz Motor Express, and a crane service, Hample and Kreitz. He owned Berks Welding Supply and was a founding member of Heidelberg Country Club.

Bob married Beatrice “Bebe” Mae Rudy on his 23rd birthday and a couple of years later they moved to Wyomissing, where they raised their family and lived until moving to the Phoebe Home in Wernersville in 2013. They moved to Oak Leaf Manor in Millersville in 2019.

Bob was a Boy Scout leader, an active Rotarian and YMCA member for many years. He enjoyed outdoor sports including golf, fly-fishing, skiing and hiking. He and Bebe spent considerable time in the Colorado Rockies, where they maintained a second home in the 1970s and '80s.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his children: Ann Dianna and Nancy (David) Myer, both of Lancaster and Morris (Rhea) Kreitz of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, as well as six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by his family as a generous and loving man.

Funeral services will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Memorial Contributions in Bob’s name may be made to the YMCA, 631 Washington St, Reading, PA 19601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Edwin Kreitz*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *This is Nancy Marshall from Reading Rentals expressing my condolences to the Kreitz Family. The Morris Kreitz business has been a very good customer of Reading Rentals over many years. I am sure your family has many fond memories of a great family man who was very wise and a hard worker. May God grant you peace, strength, and comfort. Sincerely, Nancy Marshall, owner, Reading Rentals*

Nancy Marshall - March 18, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Bob will be dearly missed by all of his friends at the YMCA. We shared lots of good times together in the Poconos and breakfasts out. Joe Denaro*

Joe Denaro - March 11, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Dear Ann, Nancy & Kreitz family,*

My most sincere condolences regarding the death of your father, Robert Kreitz.

Sincerely,

Tanya Serena (Horn) West, CONTACT Lancaster Helpline

Tanya West - March 10, 2019 at 04:58 PM

AC

Hello Ann this is Arthur Cohen I don't know if you remember me. You did it for a while I was in law school in Connecticut. I have been trying to find you and Ray across your father's obituary House of floors condolences go out to you and your family I am back in Reading after all these years in Florida I would love to hear from you. 239 240 2655 Arthur

Arthur Cohen - July 06, 2019 at 08:52 PM

AC

Sorry about the typos

Arthur Cohen - July 07, 2019 at 07:43 AM

LT

“ Dear Bebe and Family, sorry about your loss of Bobs passing. I thought of you and Bob so often. And wondered why we didn't run into you at a restrent on Sunday mornings after church as in he past. I hope your health, Bebe, is good. My Bob will be 95 this year. His health is good for his age, however his mind is gone and he knows it. It is a burden for both of us. I'm 82 and I say I'm too old to take care of a 5 year old but it's what I have to do. I have very fond memories of our times together. Take good care of yourself.

Love, Laura and Bob Trewella

laura Trewella - March 10, 2019 at 03:22 PM

JH

*“ I have really fond memories of Bob as a Scout Leader of our Troop 4 in Wyomissing.
Jim Hoy*

Jim Hoy - March 08, 2019 at 12:43 PM

SB

“ *Bebe and family,
I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing today. I am so glad the YMCA guys were able to get together with him for breakfast before Christmas. Over the past 30 years we had many good times with lots of stories. I especially enjoyed his visits with the Y guys to my house in the Poconos. I still have one of Morris' paintings that Bob gave me, 'Lobster Boats Off Southport', hanging in our mountain home.*

God's blessings and peace to all of you. If I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely, Steve Belinski

Steven Belinski - March 07, 2019 at 05:05 PM

DU

“ *My deepest condolences on the passing of Bob. He was a wonderful mentor and friend to my husband, Richard Unger, who passed from cancer in 2005. We enjoyed many good years with Bob and Bebe during the running of Berks Welding Supply. My prayers are with Bebe and the whole family.*

darlyn unger - March 07, 2019 at 03:08 PM