



Kermit Ferdinand Stroh

February 25, 1933 - September 22, 2022

Kermit Ferdinand Stroh, 89, died on September 22, 2022, in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Kerm was born in Moulton, Ohio, on February 25, 1933 to Elmer and Emma (Detjen) Stroh.

He was married to Mary Lu (Schwer) Stroh for 57 years until her death in 2008.

In 2009 he married Mary Ellen Good who survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Tracey (Van) Wright of Wapakoneta, Deborah Stroh of Cridersville, and Melissa (Bob) Wansker, of Charlotte, NC. He is also survived by his five grandsons, Cameron (Jessica) Wright of Manhattan Beach, CA, Alex (Kristen) Wright of Rocklin, CA, Rob (Andrea) Wansker of New Bern, NC, AJ (Samantha) Stroh of Tipp City, and Austin (Erin) Wansker of Pawley's Island, SC., and his great-grandchildren, Maximo, Aila, Luca, and Zenzo Wright, and Emily and Briella Stroh.

His brother, Henry "Hank" (LeArdyce) Stroh, of Wapakoneta, and his sister, Miriam Kleven, of Westland, MI also survive him.

Besides his wife, Mary Lu, he was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Charles "Buck" Stroh, and infant son, Daniel.

A graduate of Blume High School class of 1951, Kerm worked with his father

in the Moulton General Store until called to serve in the Korean Conflict as a helicopter mechanic.

In 1958, he and Elmer founded Moulton Gas Service, Inc. working out of the back bedroom of Elmer's house. From that humble start, it grew into a multi-state full-service propane company.

During those years, Kerm served as the Ohio Propane Gas Association President, at that time the only one to hold the office twice.

He served on the Lima Memorial Hospital Board for multiple terms.

Moulton meant a lot to him. He was a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Moulton, serving on Church Council, president of the Congregation, a Sunday school teacher for the high school age class and a member of the church choir. He was a player/coach for the Moulton Merchants fast pitch softball team for 30 plus years. Kerm served on the Board of Education at Moulton Local School which he attended as a child. His membership in the Moulton Gun Club produced many interesting stories.

In the early 60's, Kerm from WERM was born as he began his radio career broadcasting local basketball and football games. The tournament games for this area were played at BGSU, and the people he met there started him on the road to becoming a true Falcon fan.

Kerm served on the BGSU Board of Trustees. He served two terms as board chair from 1999-2001. He received his honorary Doctorate from BGSU in 2002. Following the sale of his propane business, he and Mary Lu provided a gift to help construct BGSU's convocation building, The Stroh Center.

On October 8th, he will posthumously be inducted into the BGSU Athletics' Hall of Fame.

He was a die-hard supporter of Falcon Athletics, but the referees for some of those games, not so much.

A graveside service conducted by Rev. Melodi Hagen will be observed by the family. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on October 2nd at 2pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moulton. The family will receive friends, 1-2 p.m., Sunday, at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Memorials may be directed to the Permanent Improvement Fund at Trinity Lutheran Church,
14127 Moulton New Knoxville Road, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895
or given to the Kerm and Mary Lu Stroh Scholarship Fund at BGSU, which provides a yearly scholarship to a student in our surrounding area.
BGSU Foundation, Inc.
1851 N. Research Drive
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
14127 Moulton New Knoxville Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
14127 Moulton New Knoxville Road
Moulton, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kermit Ferdinand Stroh.*



October 01, 2022 at 08:19 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kermit Ferdinand Stroh.*



September 30, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Kerm was everywhere when I grew up in Moulton. General Store, Moulton Gas, Church, and the softball field. He was always happy and engaged you in a conversation. I remember the fun we had in his Sunday School class. His sincere smile and conversations will be missed. Trent Schultz*

Trent Schultz - September 29, 2022 at 03:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kermit Ferdinand Stroh.*



September 28, 2022 at 12:51 PM

DD

“ Tracey, my deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad. My parents always liked your Dad, and if you grew up in Wapak, you knew Kerm and all the great things he accomplished in his life and for the community. He will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Deb Darling

Debbie Darling - September 27, 2022 at 10:04 PM

CS

“ Traceyso sorry for your lossyour Dad was always a force to be reckoned with in only the kindest of ways.....I knew from the beginning of knowing you the great respect you had for him.....sending my comforting thoughts and prayers to you and your family

Candy Snyder - September 26, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kermit Ferdinand Stroh.



September 26, 2022 at 01:00 PM

MM

“ Tracey and Van: So sorry to hear of Kerm's passing. I am unable to make the Celebration of Life Service next Sunday because I'm involved in a special program at our own church that afternoon, but wanted to take a moment to send condolences and tell you how much I always enjoyed the "pride of Moulton". From the sales calls at Moulton Gas, to broadcasting right beside Kerm from WERM on a Wapak-Lima Senior football game, to the later years with his heartfelt and generous relationship with the BGSU Falcons, he was always one of my favorite people. Prayers are with your whole family as you celebrate the life of one of the "really good guys" in this world. Mike Mullen.

Michael J Mullen - September 26, 2022 at 08:03 AM

WW

“ Thinking of you all during this very difficult time. Prayers to all of you on the loss of such a kind man. I was blessed to meet Kermit at Wapakoneta High School basketball games when my daughter was a cheerleader. He had a contagious smile! From Wendy Wertz and family - friends of Debbie Stroh

Wendy Wertz - September 25, 2022 at 10:00 PM

TM

“ Tami and Tom Moore purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Kermit Ferdinand Stroh.



Tami and Tom Moore - September 25, 2022 at 08:46 PM

KP

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences.
Gene Pohlable and Family*

Ken Pohlable - September 24, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of Kermit Ferdinand Stroh.*



September 24, 2022 at 08:08 AM