



Robert J. Krites

June 8, 1950 - February 15, 2025

Robert Joe Krites, 74, of Lima, Ohio, passed peacefully with family and friends by his side at 3:15 pm on Saturday, February 15th at Kindred Hospital following an extended illness.

Robert was born on June 8th, 1950, in Lima, Ohio to parents Harold E. and Margaret J. (Roby) Krites, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Cindie (Nuttle) Krites, his three children, Nicole Lynn (Chris) Boyed of Lima, Ohio, Commander Phillip Robert (Ashley) Krites of St Augustine, Florida and Amber Jo (Alberto) Fuentes of Knoxville, Tennessee as well as his grandchildren Michael Boyed, Kaylynn (Logan) Wicker, Heather Boyed, Kennedy & Cristian Fuentes and Graham and Grayson Krites.

Robert graduated from Wapakoneta High School in 1968 and went on to serve in the Army for six years while obtaining an Associates Degree from Southern Ohio College. Robert then served the City of Lima as a Police Officer before becoming a Process Operator and Head Pumper at the Lima Refinery until his retirement in 2012. An avid Eagle Scout in his younger years, Robert was extremely involved in local youth programs and his childrens' sports community. At Allen East schools he enjoyed coaching youth & girls softball and peewee football. He served as President of the Lafayette Summer Athletic Association and Allen East Mom and Dads' Club. He was active as a local high school and college baseball umpire and volunteered for

many years with the Bath Fire and Rescue Department. Robert was a member of the Lima Eagles and a former member of the Lima Umpire Assn, National Assn of Officials, the Fraternal Order of the Police and Bath Fire Assn.

Robert was a devoted father and friend who could always be counted on in a time of need. His selfless actions over the years have touched many lives and we are very proud of the man we were blessed to call Husband, Father, Family and Friend.

A Celebration of Roberts' life will be held on Thursday, February 20th, 2025, from 3-7:00 pm at The Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge, 25 E. Auglaize St, Wapakoneta.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to the Shadow Cat Sanctuary, an endeavor close to Roberts' heart, in care of Eley Funeral Homes (Wapakoneta). Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fraternal Order of the Eagles
25 E. Auglaize St
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Wow, I can't believe it! Life is short and we never know when we take our last breath.*

Bob was a great friend both on and off the field. I umpires hundreds of HS and college baseball with him. When the Locos season would start he would meet me at the field in the u.pires room to reminisce about our days together.

I will miss your presence at those games in the future, but will miss you forever. I will carry your friendship with me.

RIP and will see you again.

Ron Black - February 23, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JS

“ *It is with a saddened heart that I learned of the passing of Robert.*

Please know that I have heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy for his wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers go out to them during this time of sorrow. Robert was a dear friend of mine, and we shared a lot of fond memories together. I will miss him greatly, but our good times together will last forever in my heart.

Jack Shafer - February 18, 2025 at 11:28 AM

AF

Thank you Jack. He was a huge fan of yours as you know! I found some great pictures of you guys when we were looking through. I'm sorry for your loss of a friend as well. He left us with so many wonderful memories but we wanted more. Thank you for your sweet words.

Amber Fuentes - February 19, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JS

You are so very welcome, Amber. Yes, we had a special bond between us. Thanks for sharing about the great pictures. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jack Shafer - February 20, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JS

“ *Jack Shafer purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Robert J. Krites.*



Jack Shafer - February 18, 2025 at 11:12 AM

JW

“ *Prayers for his family*



Jamie L Wagner - February 18, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Robert Joe Krites, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Robert Joe Krites, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 18, 2025 at 05:32 AM

DL

“ *Prayers for the family of Bob. He will be missed by many...with deepest sympathy...Dan and Gloria Langmeyer, seat buddies from the Locos games.*

Dan or Gloria Langmeyer - February 18, 2025 at 05:09 AM

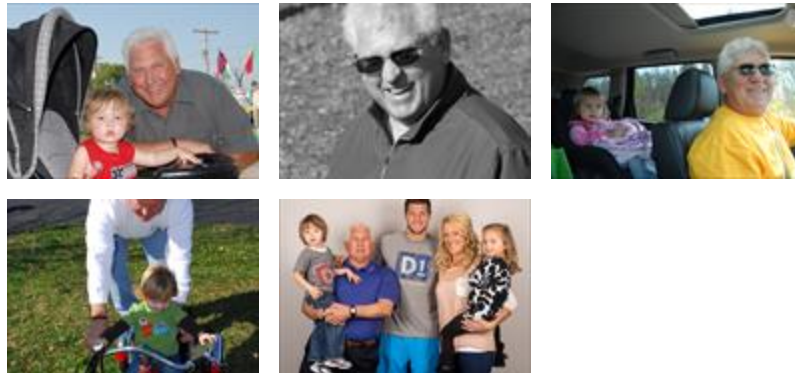
AF

He talked about you often and fondly!! Found a great picture of him with a Locos player we're displaying tomorrow! Thank you for reaching out, we really appreciate it.

Amber Fuentes - February 19, 2025 at 09:40 PM

AF

“ 27 files added to the album Memories of Robert Krites



Amber Fuentes - February 17, 2025 at 11:11 PM

JK

“ Cindie, you have my sincere sympathy. This has been a very challenging and difficult stage in your life and in Bob's final stage. I am so sorry for that. It is one thing to have a spouse die but another to watch them die.
Bob was a good friend of mine in school and I will fondly remember all the good times. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jackie Miller Knapke

Jackie Knapke - February 17, 2025 at 07:04 PM

AF

Thank you for your kind words Jackie!

Amber Fuentes - February 19, 2025 at 09:49 PM

WK

“ With love Mom Fuentes, Kiki and Kalina purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert J. Krites.



With love Mom Fuentes, Kiki and Kalina - February 17, 2025 at 06:40 PM

WK

“ With love Mom Fuentes, Kiki and Kalina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert J. Krites.

With love Mom Fuentes, Kiki and Kalina - February 17, 2025 at 06:40 PM

AK

“ A loving and giving grandfather to all of his children and grandchildren. You are always in our hearts, Grandpa Krites.

Ashley K. - February 17, 2025 at 05:49 PM

AF

Thank you Ashley! He loved you and the boys!!

Amber Fuentes - February 19, 2025 at 09:51 PM

AS

“ So sorry to hear this. Much love to the Krites family!

Adam Stedke - February 17, 2025 at 05:18 PM

AF

Thank you Adam, we really appreciate it.

Amber Fuentes - February 19, 2025 at 09:51 PM