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Gene Kerekes, formerly of Lorain and Amherst, passed away on April 7, 2011, in Florida due to a brief illness.

He was born in Lorain on December 13, 1929 and attended Lorain city Schools. He graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in 1948, where he competed in track and swimming. He then joined the U.S. Air Force.

On April 28, 1951, he married Dorothy Zvosec and moved to Amherst. He operated Kerekes Café which became known for his roast beef sandwiches.

Gene retired from the Avon Lake Ford Plant. He was a member of the UAW Local 2000 and 425. He also had served as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Amherst. He was a lifelong member of the Elks, was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of Eagles, Amvets, I.A.V., and American Legion. He also was a member of the Amherst and Florida “Browns Backers”.

While living in this area, he was a member of the former St. Ladislaus Church in Lorain, St. Joseph Church in Amherst and also a St. Leo Catholic Church in Florida. He was extremely proud of his Hungarian Heritage and spoke the language fluently.

He enjoyed hunting, traveling through Europe and Jamaica, attending ethnic church picnics and telling stories about his childhood in Lorain.

He is survived by his son, Eugene Kerekes II; his daughters, Renee (Mike) May, Julie (Greg) Peltz, Mary (Greg) Northeim, of Amherst; his grandchildren, Mike (Jessica) May, Bryan May, Allison Peltz, Gregory Peltz II, Gabrielle Northeim, Elizabeth Northeim; his sister, Helen Nemeth and brother, Joe Kerekes.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy (nee Zvosec), his parents, Joseph and Helen (nee Ger) Kerekes and his sister, Yvonne Kerekes.



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A private Catholic service, for the immediate family, was held on April 16th at Calvary Cemetery in Lorain.

In memory of their beloved father, Eugene (Gene) Kerekes, the family is asking for memorial contributions to be made to: Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, 7445 Deer Trail Lane, Lorain, OH 44053.

Family and friends may leave online condolences at www.dovinreberjones.com.



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SF

Scott And Deb Standen - Friend posted:

To all the Kerekes Family : We are so sorry for you're loss for you're Father. We are thinking of you all now in this time of sorrow. The moments cherished in a lifetime become precious memories and live forever in our hearts always. With Deepest Sympathy From Scott and Deb Standen and From Don and Norma Omler.

April 19 at 8:00 PM

RB

Raynelle And Jerry Bozicevich posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

SR

Sondra Hyatt - Elyria, Oh - Colleague To Renee May posted:

Renee and Family, Please except my condolences in the passing of your father. May it help you to know others care. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sondra Hyatt

April 17 at 8:00 PM

PR

Penny Herdman - Elyria, Oh - Co-Worker Of Renee posted:

My sympathies go to you and your family. This can be a trying time but if you believe that he is in a better place it will make your grieving easier.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

MF

Mary Lou & Bob Poli - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

Dear Mary & Family, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies. Many times the Kerekes name comes up here at the bowling center. People fondly remember your Grandfather & Father with stories of old times. I remember high school times that both your Father & Mother were very nice & tolerant of all of us girls invading their house for sleep overs! He will be remembered & missed. You & your family are in our prayers.

April 17 at 8:00 PM



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RN

Ronald And Arlene Towne - Amherst, Oh - Former Neighbor posted:

Dear Family, So sorry to read about Gene's passing! You were are former neighbors!! That seems like such a long time ago! We do have fond memories of the Kerekes family. With our sincere sympathy, Muzz and Arlene Towne

April 17 at 8:00 PM

TF

Terry Hamm - Westerville, Oh - Good Friend posted:

Dearest Family of Mr. Kerekes! join with so many people who knew Big Gene in offering my deepest sympathy on his passing. Although it is of little consolation at this sad time, it should be of some satisfaction to know that in his passing you can celebrate the end of a very long and full life. The measure of a life well-lived is not how much money one has or what possessions they have accumulated, but rather the lives they touched and the sorrow they leave behind. In my mind, Gene will always be a vibrant and outgoing individual who was a second father to me when I was growing up during my high school days in Amherst. He always treated me as one of your family and if the outpouring of sympathy on his loss is any indication, and it most certainly is, then truly his life is one that was well-lived. May all of you find peace and comfort in knowing that his loss is felt by all who knew and loved him. With deepest sympathy and warmest personal regards. Terry Hamm and the Hamm family

April 17 at 8:00 PM

CF

Carl Werner - Vermilion, Oh - Longtime Friend posted:

I was really saddened to hear that Gene had passed away. I've known him since I was a very young boy growing up in Amherst. My Father, Howard Werner, who was a Police Officer in Amherst for many years, would often stop at the Cafe and he and Gene would talk, etc. I also had the honor of working with and for him at Ford's Ohio Assembly Plant in Avon Lake. We shared our times and stories about old Amherst and its many changes. He was a great guy and a dear friend to myself and many others. God bless all of his family and he will be missed by many, but never forgotten.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

TF

The Meyer Family - Amherst, Oh - Friend posted:

Norheim Family - Our deepest sympathies for the loss of you Father and Grandfather.

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CR

Cheryl Kirsch Gabanic - North Royalton, Oh posted:

Julie and Greg,I haven't see you in ages, but saw the notice in the paper and wanted to extend my sympathies to you both. May your cherished memories help get you through this difficult time.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

MF

Michele Beko - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

Julie & Greg,My deepest sympathy at the loss of your dad. Father's are a part of the family that cannot be replaced. The memories and time will help heal the loss.Wishing you and the family only the best!Michele Fekete Beko

April 16 at 8:00 PM

NV

Nancy Denslow - Vermilion, Oh posted:

I was Gene's letter carrier for years when he was on East Martin, loved talking Browns with him, He was a great guy, always looking out for me.Maybe now that he's in heaven, he'll have a little pull getting the Browns to the Super Bowl.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

BA

Bill & Polly Makinen - Amherst, Oh posted:

So sorry to hear about your Father's passing. We remember the good old Shady Dr. days.Again, our deepest sympathy. Bill & Polly Makinen

April 16 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eugene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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