



David P. Kiska

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David Paul Kiska, a lifelong resident of Lorain, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, September 2, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was born on December 3, 1932 to Paul and Mary (nee Brezina) Kiska.

He belonged to Holy Trinity Catholic Church where he served as an Altar Boy as a youth. He was a graduate from St. Mary's High School in Lorain where he excelled as an all-around athlete. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1952 where he served as a Tank Commander. He fought in the Korean War and participated in the pivotal Battle of Outpost Harry where he and many other brave American soldiers, who were greatly outnumbered, fought heroically against invading forces. His unit was honored for its valor. David was honorably discharged on March 13, 1954 at the rank of Corporal. He was the recipient of the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon his release from the Army David met the love of his life, Donna Marie Catalano of Lorain, who he described as his best friend. They married at the original St. Peter's Church in Lorain and renewed their 25th wedding vows in the current St. Peter's Church on Oberlin Avenue in Lorain. Donna passed away in 1985 from cancer at age 47.

David worked at various occupations, starting at the old Thew Shovel Company, and ending his working life as a Service Officer for Lorain County Veteran Services from where he retired in 2002. He took great pride in his work with veterans and did all he could to help them not only in securing proper paperwork for benefits but also by creating personal friendships. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, the AMVETS Post 47, and the American Legion.

David is survived by his four children, Mary K. Harkacz (Myron), Kelly A. Coutts (Jerry), Nancy M. Kiska (Wayne DeWald), and Paul D. Kiska (Angela), and



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grandchildren David Harkacz, Emily Coutts, and Olivia Kiska. He is also survived by his sister, Joanne Vance (Trian) of Newark, Ohio, nieces, a nephew, and many loving cousins. He was preceded in death by parents Paul and Mary Kiska (Brezina).

David made many friends over the years and will be missed by his golf buddies and Amvets Post 47 veterans.

The family would like to thank Dr. Ronald C. Carissimi, Mercy Health Lorain Palliative Care, and Mercy New Life Hospice for the exceptional care and compassion that was shown to David. Also, a prayerful thank you to Father Michael Petkosek of St. Albert the Great Church in North Royalton

Family and friends will be received on Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. Closing prayers will be at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral center followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 noon, at the Church of St. Peter, 3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain. Rev. Father Michael Petkosek will officiate. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com





Events

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, September 8, 2022

 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET


 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**


1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



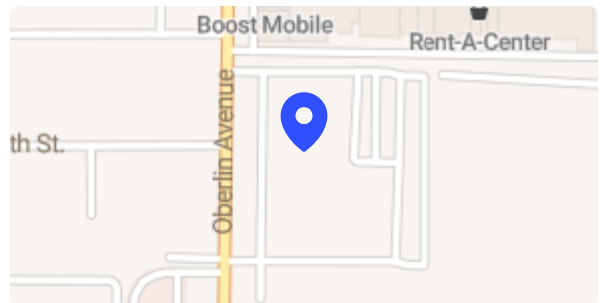
Funeral Mass

 **Thursday**, September 8, 2022

 12:00 PM ET

 **Church of St. Peter**

3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain OH 44053





Tribute Wall

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Dovin And Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center shared a **Tribute Video**.



September 7 at 6:06 PM



Ann (Adamcek) More posted:

To the Kiska Family My deepest sympathy to the entire Kiska Family. You are in my prayers. Ann (Adamcek) More LC Teacher

September 8 at 5:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Kiska family.



September 7 at 9:53 AM



Doris Maynard lit a candle in honor of David.

Mary, Kelly, Nancy, & Paul, so sorry for the loss of your dad. It's obvious how much you all adored him. You have many wonderful memories to hold in your heart. Doris & Rick



September 7 at 9:38 AM



Mary September 7 at 5:51 PM

Thank you Doris & Rick. Love you both so much ❤️ 👤



Your Jw Family sent a Rose Remembrance to the Kiska family.



September 7 at 6:04 AM



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From Bill, Melissa And Andrew Vance sent a Fairest of All to the Kiska family.



September 6 at 11:25 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Kiska family.



September 6 at 8:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Kiska family.



September 6 at 8:01 AM



Anita M Simko posted:

Thank you for making me feel like family!

September 6 at 6:17 AM

MA **Mary** September 6 at 4:00 PM
Love you Anita ❤️👤❤️



Anita M Simko lit a candle in honor of David.



September 6 at 6:14 AM



Nanny Kiska lit a candle in honor of David.



September 6 at 5:30 AM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Kiska family.



September 5 at 6:42 PM



Deb Palmer posted:

Nanny, Mary, Kelly and Paul...so sorry for your loss, he truly was one of a kind. Hugs and prayers to the family. Love you, Deb Palmer

September 5 at 6:13 PM



Mary September 5 at 6:33 PM

Thank you Debbie, we love you and so did he. ❤️



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kiska family.



September 5 at 6:10 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Kiska family.



September 5 at 1:26 PM



Media

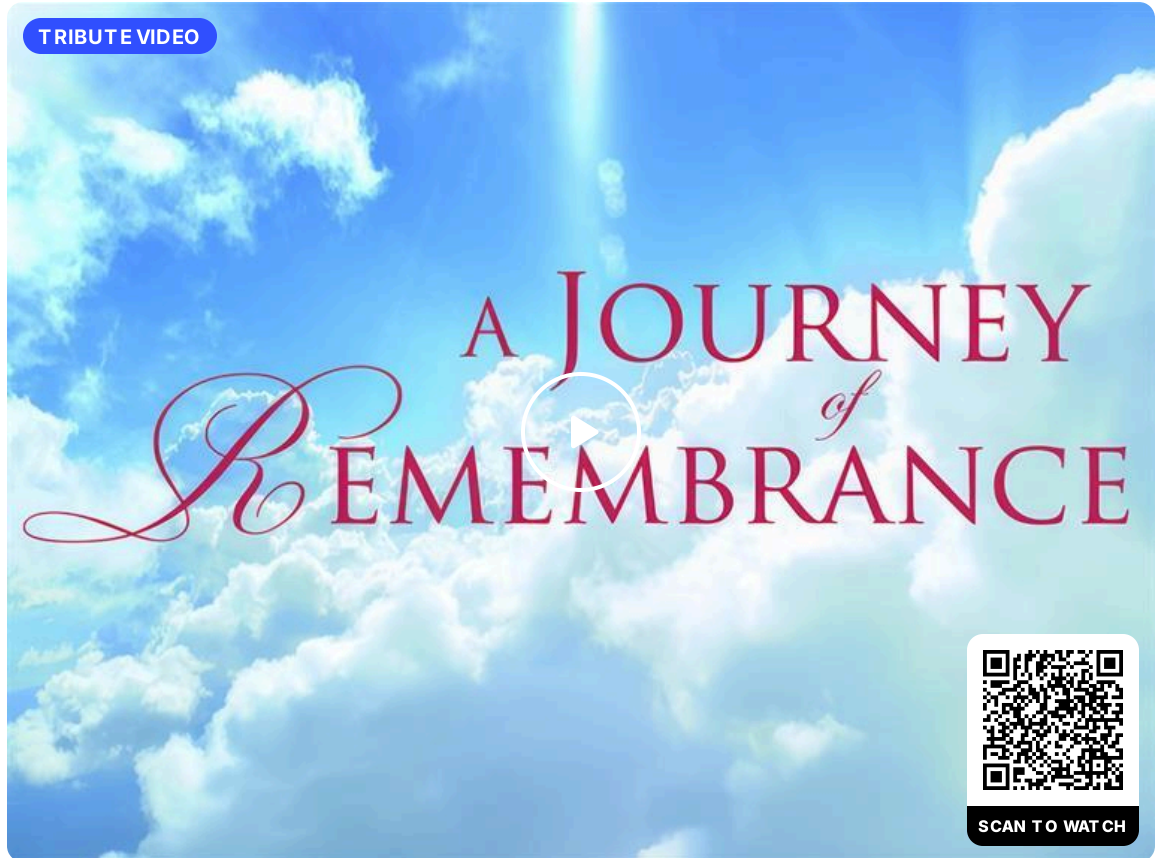
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September 7 at 6:06 PM



Paul Kiska September 7 at 6:14 PM

Thank you Pam Reber. This video tribute to our dad, David Kiska is beautiful, The Kiska family



Memories only last if you share them

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



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