



Ronald Michael Krainz

July 21, 1936 - October 10, 2017

Ronald Michael Krainz, a beloved husband, a dedicated father, and a longtime executive in the plastics industry, died on October 10, 2017 in Houston, Texas. He was 81. The cause was from complications associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Ron was born on July 21, 1936, in Cleveland, Ohio. His father, Michael L. Krainz, was an electrical engineer; his mother, the former Alice F. Jezek, was a homemaker. Both parents were active in the Catholic Church and with the local Slovenian community.

While growing up in Euclid, Ohio, Ron attended the nearby Holy Cross grammar school. He decided as a young boy to study for the priesthood so he entered the Eymard Preparatory Seminary in New York under the direction of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. He graduated from high school in 1954 and earned an AA degree in 1956 all while in the seminary. That autumn, Ron entered the Blessed Sacrament Fathers Novitiate in Barre, Massachusetts, where he remained until he decided to terminate his studies for religious life in 1957. Upon his return to Ohio, Ron enrolled in John Carroll University where he earned a BS degree in chemistry.

Ron's cross-country career in plastics began shortly after graduation in 1961. After a brief stint as a research chemist with Addressograph-Multigraph

Corporation of Euclid, Ohio, Ron was hired by Diamond Alkali Company's Plastics Division to work in both technical services and sales. Eager for new challenges and warmer weather, Ron accepted a transfer from Ohio to Los Angeles to expand Diamond's West Coast plastics market. Next Ron moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to work as an operations manager for Kerona Plastics, a medium-size pipe manufacturer. Realizing that he enjoyed sales far more than manufacturing, Ron, in 1970, joined Albis Corporation; a multinational company headquartered in Hamburg, Germany; to develop plastics sales in the western United States.

Ron would stay with Albis for the next twenty-seven years. Using Southern California as his initial base, Ron sold various types of plastics throughout the region. He worked out of his home and traveled extensively visiting manufacturers and suppliers. He would occasionally take his sons along to various factories, a memory that they still fondly recall. Years later, his son John would follow his father to Albis, joining the company in 1986 as a salesman. Albis' corporate leaders turned to Ron in 1975 to revitalize the American headquarters by promoting him to president. This promotion necessitated a move from the Los Angeles area to Houston, Texas. Upon his arrival in Houston, Ron quickly stabilized the American operations and within a year returned it to a profit-making organization. Albis' reputation eventually grew to be a well-respected reseller of plastics. By the late 1980s, Ron began planning for a major expansion, the building and operating of a plastics compounding facility. The doors to the new plant, offices, and warehouse opened in Rosenberg, Texas, in 1990. The facilities in Rosenberg were soon expanded and would employ 179 people, with operations running twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. Under Ron's leadership Albis had been dramatically transformed during his time there beginning in the mid-1970s until his retirement in 1997. After leaving Albis, Ron volunteered for over ten years providing free tax services for people in need and senior citizens.

He is survived by his cherished wife of fifty–six years, Millie A. Yager, whom he married in 1961. They had met two years earlier when Ron’s mother suggested he call the daughter of a Slovenian friend. Ron and Millie enjoyed traveling together, visiting five continents and extensively exploring Europe through numerous trips. The highlight of their travels was reconnecting with their relatives in Slovenia. Together they were blessed with four wonderful children. Ron’s greatest joy was seeing his children, and more recently his grandchildren, become successful and caring individuals. He deeply enjoyed attending their various athletic events, musical shows, and theatrical performances. Ron’s sense of humor will be recalled by all and remained with him until the end. Ron is also survived by his sons Michael and his wife Elizabeth, John and his wife Jill, and Tom and his wife Laura Knotts; his daughter Nancy Camarillo and her husband Thomas; his treasured grandchildren Kevin, Justin (Amanda), Ryan, Anna, Wilma, Theresa, Anthony, and Robert; his cousins Marilyn Karpinski and Paul Karpinski; his sister–in–law Lou; his nephew Johnathan Paul (Katie); and his niece Krista (Rich) Sasak. He was preceded in death by both his parents and by his younger brother Paul.

Ron will be remembered for his love toward Millie and his children, his business acumen and ethics, and his devotion and service to his family and God.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44143 or at <http://blessedsacrament.com/>.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

OCT **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Reception

OCT 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

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625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Graveside Service

OCT 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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13001 Katy Freeway
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dettling Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Michael Krainz*



Dettling Funeral Home - October 16, 2017 at 01:48 PM

LK

Millie, Michael, John, Thomas, Nancy and all the spouses:

Memorial masses were celebrated for the repose of the soul of Ronald Michael Krainz on October 10, 2017 and October 18, 2017.

One with you in spirit from Manila.....lou k

lou krainz - October 18, 2017 at 11:45 PM



“ *Ronald Michael Krainz*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Ronald Michael Krainz*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Ronald Michael Krainz*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Ronald Michael Krainz*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *We all loved Ron at Albis!!*



Anton - October 20, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ *As I left the United States in 1996 and went to work for Albis in Hong Kong, I was given a wonderful foto book signed by just about any colleague I had with Albis Corporation. A sign of the spirit that we lived under the leadership of Ron. I am attaching a few photos from this farewell party...Forever engraved in our minds, dear Ron.*



Anton - October 20, 2017 at 12:11 PM

BS

“ *Tom and Laura,*

We send our prayers and condolences on the death of your father,

Beth and Bill Streit

Beth Streit - October 18, 2017 at 08:52 PM

LA

Thank you Beth and Bill, your thoughts are much appreciated.

Laura - October 24, 2017 at 09:17 PM

JV

“ *Ron, being our son-in-law's father, had become a family member and one who was easy and fun to share family stories with - be it on the phone or during his visits to the Naperville area. We always enjoyed dining and visiting with Ron and Millie very much.*

He was good about sharing music CDs with us & all of the music he chose was from the good old days. We will miss Ron and he will remain in our prayers.

Our condolences to Millie and the Krainz family.

John & Batb Vest - October 18, 2017 at 12:51 PM

JP

“ *JIMMY ,ANNETTE AND CHASE PELHAM purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Ronald Michael Krainz.*



JIMMY ,ANNETTE AND CHASE PELHAM - October 18, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Michael Krainz.*



October 17, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *Rick, Cameron, and Tyler Yager purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ronald Michael Krainz.*



Rick, Cameron, and Tyler Yager - October 17, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ronald Michael Krainz.*



October 16, 2017 at 04:21 PM

MB

“ Dear Millie and family, Please accept my deepest condolences. I am so saddened that Ron is gone. He taught me so much about the business world as his personal secretary for 10 of the 16 years that I worked at Albis. He often challenged me when he called me over the intercom to come to his office and his first words would be "Mary, this is a test". However, it was always a good challenge and he helped me learn and grow in, not only the business world, but on a personal level, as well. He always had his employee's best interests at heart. He became a very dear friend and was like a second father to me. After his retirement, the time we spent together was even sweeter as he and Millie have watched my children grow up and became a part of their lives. He was loved by our family and will surely be missed! Our deepest sympathies and love from The John Beaton Family - Mary Ann, Alex & Samantha

Mary Ann Beaton - October 12, 2017 at 10:22 PM