



Mr. Kerns Edward Rowe

January 21, 1933 - September 28, 2013

Kerns E. Rowe, 80 passed away in Orlando, FL on September 28th.

He was born Kerns Edward Rowe on January 21, 1933 in Whitesville, NY to Joseph C. Rowe and Reva B. Wilson. After graduating from Olean High School in Olean, NY in 1951, Kerns attended the Indiana Technical Institute and received a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He moved to Orlando in 1961 to work for Martin Marietta and would continue to work for Lockheed Martin until his retirement in 1997.

Kerns was a man of many interests and talents. In his early years he played the trombone, was on the college tennis and fencing teams and played golf as time would allow. He always had affection for flying, piloting single-engine planes himself for several years and building model and wind-up planes as a lifelong hobby. More recently he became a pretty good billiards player spending time playing pool with friends and neighbors. The “engineering mentality” permeated his life outside of work as well. He was a tinkerer and enjoyed fixing things.

Known to many as a friendly person and good conversationalist, Kerns also enjoyed internet research of mutual funds and stocks and bonds, and proudly “beat the market” year over year. His artistic and creative side was expressed through water colors and he drew inspiration from artists like Thomas Kinkade

and welcomed the challenge to further understand their significance and apply that to his canvas creations.

Kerns Rowe's most noteworthy accomplishments were his stewardship at St. John Vianney Catholic Church and his compassion and commitment to community. As a volunteer he served his family and his community in many roles including Indian Guides and Cub Scouts, RCIA and a devoted Eucharistic minister, and also served his Home Owners Associations. After retirement, he donated his time and energy to Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and administering to the sick in nursing homes.

Husband, father, friend and mentor, Kerns will be dearly missed and fondly remembered. May he rest in peace and in the light of our Lord.

Kerns is survived by his wife Marie, his children Cecilia, Keith, Kevin, Michael, and Lisa and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A service to celebrate the life of Kerns E. Rowe will be held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church on Monday October 7, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32809

Tribute Wall



“ Lisa Rowe Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kerns Edward Rowe



Lisa Rowe Johnson - October 10, 2013 at 08:52 PM



“ When I was staying with Kerns and Marie in November of 2012. I really enjoyed his conversations. It was great that he would come up with a topic of the day and talk about what he found on the internet. Such a warm person and full of interest in what was going on around him. He was on the computer a lot. I was there for a convention and Lisa and I stayed there and it was a very fond memory. He will be truly missed. My heart goes out to the family. Love you Lisa!! You are my best friend for life and I am sorry for your loss.

Brenda Moore - October 03, 2013 at 12:51 PM



“ Brenda Moore and Max Kargarzadeh purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Mr. Kerns Edward Rowe.



Brenda Moore and Max Kargarzadeh - October 03, 2013 at 12:33 PM

LJ

“ 3 files added to the album *Family photos*



Lisa Johnson - October 02, 2013 at 10:44 PM

LJ

“ *Me and Dad - Christmas 2012*



Lisa Johnson - October 02, 2013 at 10:40 PM

LJ

“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



Lisa Johnson - October 02, 2013 at 10:31 PM

LJ

One of the last pictures taken with Kerns. He will be missed.

Lisa Johnson - October 02, 2013 at 10:36 PM

LJ

“ 2 files added to the album *Family photos*



Lisa Johnson - October 02, 2013 at 10:24 PM

JR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jeanne Rowe - September 30, 2013 at 05:32 PM

TA

“ *Lord bless you, Kevin and Jeanne. It's so hard losing a dad!*



Tricia Agnew - September 30, 2013 at 04:06 PM

JR

“ *Jeanne Rowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kerns Edward Rowe*



Jeanne Rowe - September 30, 2013 at 12:40 PM

PG

Kevin, Jeanne and all of the Rowe family, my prayers are with you.

paul garland - September 30, 2013 at 04:07 PM

ER

“ *Elisha Rowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kerns Edward Rowe*



Elisha Rowe - September 30, 2013 at 12:31 PM

SW

*Elisha,
You and the family are in my prayers. I know this is a difficult time for everyone. I'm sorry for the loss of such a fine gentleman. I will never forget his smile, his laugh, and his forgiveness. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*Love,
Mama*

Sheila Wilson - September 30, 2013 at 09:32 PM