



Hermes Donald Kreilkamp

April 8, 1923 - January 3, 2017

Hermes Donald Kreilkamp, 93, of Rensselaer, Indiana passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at George Ade Memorial Healthcare, Brook, Indiana.

He was born April 8, 1923, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to the late Christian Kreilkamp and Emma Blum.

Hermes was married to Mary Ellen Cebulski and she survives.

He is a graduate of the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Rome and Catholic University of America, has served as a professor at seminaries and colleges in the United States, and was co-founder of the Institute of Philosophy in Marogoro, Tanzania, East Africa. His books include *Origin of the Patriarchate of Constantinople*, *Come, Lord Jesus* and *Jeshua, Son of Mary*.

Dr. Kreilkamp is Professor Emeritus, St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana from 1966 until his retirement in 1993.

Surviving along with his wife is a daughter, Mary, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a son, Joseph of San Francisco, California, a son, Lynn of San Antonio, Texas, a daughter, Emmy (husband Scott Newman) of Olympia, Washington, eight grandchildren, Matthew, Caton, Natalie, Lauren, Nicole, Christian, Elliott, Ezra and one great grandson, Corey.

Friends may visit with the family at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Sunday, January 8, 2017, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. cst. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. cst at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer. Father Timothy McFarland, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial

will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Rensselaer, Indiana.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to the Hermes D. Kreilkamp Scholarship Fund at St. Joseph College, P.O. Box 870, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Hermes Donald Kreilkamp*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 07, 2017 at 03:35 PM

FC

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Fr. David C. Eliaona, CSC - February 20, 2017 at 11:57 AM

FC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Fr. David C. Eliaona, CSC - February 20, 2017 at 11:52 AM

FC

“ I am learning about Prof. Kreilkamps' passing today, and it is with deep sorrow. Prof. Kreilkamp was my Philosophy Professor in Tanzania, where he and his lovely family spent a number of years engaging the minds and hearts of many Tanzanians to serve the country and the Church. He not just taught me to be an inquisitive student, but also a good Priest.

He still continued to mentor me as a graduate student at Notre Dame.

(I was thinking about visiting him and MaryEllen when I heard about the closing of St. Joe's and this is what I found when the phones went unanswered).

Rest thee well Prof. Kreilkamp, and know that what you planted in those far lands across the oceans is bearing so much fruits! You'll always be remembered near and far for your wisdom and love of people and the Church.

To MaryEllen and Emmy, my sincere love and condolence for Don's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will celebrate Mass in honor of Prof. Kreilkamp and for the your intentions!

Fr. David Eliaona, CSC ---

Fr. David C. Eliaona, CSC - February 20, 2017 at 11:46 AM

EB

“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Eric Boos - February 09, 2017 at 04:30 PM

EB

Don Kreilkamp was my mentor, my friend and my hero! He helped me find a peace I never knew, and a Jesus Christ I never knew. He inspired me to follow Jesus in all things and him to Tanzania! He had a hand in helping me achieve my BS, MA, and PhD! He inspired me to think more clearly, write more clearly and speak more clearly. And most importantly, he taught me that life is precious and family is a gift from God.

Eric Boos - February 09, 2017 at 04:36 PM

DJ

“*Dear friends and family of Don Kreilkamp, please accept my congratulations for having known and loved this dear man, and my condolences for your sorrow in his passing. Thank you for the beautiful video tribute. It was good to share in past moments of Don's life. (Our family never knew him as Hermes.) Don was, to us, a kindly, scholarly, humble guy, warm and friendly, hospitable and humorous. His strong commitment to justice and Christian charity shone through his life work. A professor of theology, he also lived as a saintly exemplar of joyful Christian manhood. From the humorous twinkle in his eye to his thoughtful consideration of a stated principle, to his passionate righteous witness to God's loving kindness, Don was a person who loved God, and his neighbors as himself. We are better people for having known him. Peace be with you. Dorothy (and Duvall) Jones and family*

dorothy jones - January 14, 2017 at 02:54 PM

KA

“ Dear Mary Ellen and Family,

Cousin Michael recently sent me Emmy's impressive obituary for her dad, and it was the first I had heard of Uncle Hermes's passing. I have sent the obituary as well as the photo gallery link to my siblings. We hope you find comfort in your loss of this "amazing patriarch," in the words of my sister Paula. I remember meeting him only once, long ago, and I must have been quite young because all I can remember are his feet (shod in sturdy sandals), the hem of his brown robe, and his kindness. But I also remember the immense respect dad always had for him. He was something of a mythical creature in our family, with an appropriate mythical name. (The three brothers grew to look so much alike!) Today I am making a donation to our local animal shelter in his memory. Sending you love from Ben and Renee's brood.

Katherine (named after Aunt Kate, I think) Daughter # 4

Katherine - January 12, 2017 at 10:13 AM

AR

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family our dear Mrs. Kreilkamp

*Dan and Anita Reed
Blair and Mario DiRuzza and family
Blain and Rob Carroll and family*



Anita Reed - January 08, 2017 at 03:18 PM

MG

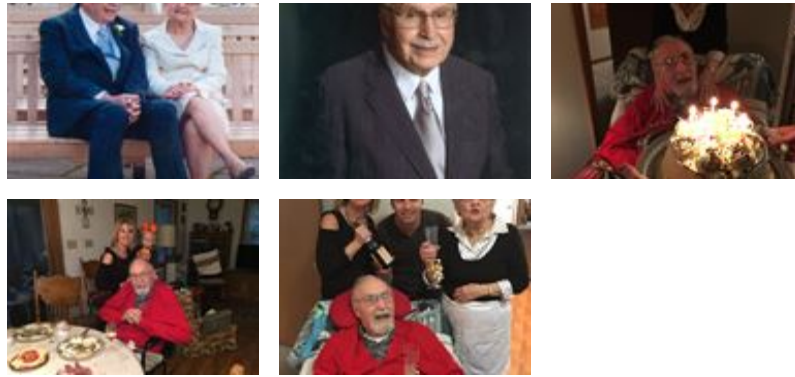
“ *Don was a wonderful and a kindhearted man. I had wonderful memories with him and his family in the past many years. I will miss Don a lot.*



Mahendra Gaud - January 08, 2017 at 03:56 AM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 07, 2017 at 02:28 PM

FS

“ *Mary Ellen, my condolences and prayers to you and your children & grandchildren on the passing of Dr. Kreilkamp. Though he was not one of my professors at St. Joe, I have memories of him via my attending there and working with many of the priests during the summer and school vacations. May he rest in peace.*

Frank R Shirer - January 07, 2017 at 12:28 PM

DC

“ Don was a Companion who lived Precious Blood Spirituality and for many years took the good news into the jail to give the incarcerated hope. There is power in the blood of tyhe Lamb. Rest in peace, brother.



Denny Kinderman, C.P.P.S. - January 06, 2017 at 04:00 PM

FC

“ Dr. Kreilkamp was a very good man; gentle; a good example of the Christian life and a wonderful spiritual advisers. Speaking with him was as if one was holding conversation with St. Gregory the Theologian or Maxiumus the Confessor. May his memory be eternal. I will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for him on Monday January 8th. Please be assured of my prayers for him and all his family. Fr. Yury Kuzara, C.P.P.S.

Fr. Yury Kuzara, C.P.P.S. - January 06, 2017 at 12:40 PM

FJ

“ Wonderful working with mr k in the st joe library During my years there. Fr Matthew jozefiak c.pp.s.

fr Matt Jozefiak - January 06, 2017 at 12:27 PM

SS

“ My condolences. Thoughts and prayers are with Mary and family.

steve santo - January 06, 2017 at 12:16 PM

LP

“ *Mary Ellen and family,*

My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time!



Libby Prohosky - January 06, 2017 at 08:40 AM

CL

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss, he was a wonderful person. Hugs and prayers for all.*
Carla



carla luzadder - January 06, 2017 at 08:30 AM

 Jody
Watkins

“ *Don was always such a kind presence. We are grateful to have known him. Love and sympathies to Mary Ellen, Emmy, and the family from Jody and Peter Watkins.*

Jody Watkins - January 06, 2017 at 08:16 AM

DG

“ *Mr. Kreilkamp was a great man and scholar. I feel lucky to have had him as one of the dad's in our extended tribe when I was growing up and as a long time, dear friend of our family.*

David Groppe - January 05, 2017 at 09:52 PM

JM

“ Jessica Madison lit a candle in memory of
Hermes Donald Kreilkamp



Jessica Madison - January 05, 2017 at 09:34 PM

MG

“ Meredith Grow lit a candle in memory of
Hermes Donald Kreilkamp



Meredith Grow - January 05, 2017 at 08:58 PM

MG

*Miss Mary - prayers for you and your family. My thoughts have been
with you for quite some time.*

Meredith Grow - January 05, 2017 at 08:59 PM

AO

*I'll always remember Don as a good and gentle man, a dedicated
teacher, and devoted husband to Mary Ellen. My prayers and
condolences are with you, Mary Ellen, and your entire family.*

Peace and love,

Al O'Dell

Al O'Dell - January 06, 2017 at 08:07 PM

RP

“ *Ralph & Lisa Pizer lit a candle in memory of Hermes Donald Kreilkamp*



Ralph & Lisa Pizer - January 05, 2017 at 08:26 PM

CP

“ *Cathy Prohosky lit a candle in memory of Hermes Donald Kreilkamp*



Cathy Prohosky - January 05, 2017 at 07:57 PM

RW

“ *Regina Warfel lit a candle in memory of Hermes Donald Kreilkamp*



Regina Warfel - January 05, 2017 at 07:53 PM

JW

“ *Jill Wilson lit a candle in memory of Hermes Donald Kreilkamp*



Jill Wilson - January 05, 2017 at 07:36 PM

MC

“ *Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of
Hermes Donald Kreilkamp*



Mary Jo Casey - January 05, 2017 at 06:33 PM

KV

“ *Kim VanHouten lit a candle in memory of
Hermes Donald Kreilkamp*



Kim VanHouten - January 05, 2017 at 05:46 PM