



Raymond E. Kurpe

December 29, 2011

Raymond E. Kurpe, age 59, of Westerville, met his Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at home. Born in Sharon, PA to the late Freda and Steve Kurpe, he was a graduate of Brookfield (OH) High School, Class of 1970. Ray attended, and proudly played football for Michigan State University. He worked in the footwear industry for over 30 years and was a member of the Jerusalem Lodge #19, F&AM, Hartford, Ohio and was a 32nd Degree Mason-Valley of Youngstown. Ray was a life-time member of the Two-Ten Footwear Foundation and was a member of the MSU Football Players Association. Along with his wife Georgene, he was a member of Central College Presbyterian Church. In addition to his parents, Ray is preceded in death by his two infant sisters and his first grandchild Seraphina Nicole Tosoian. He is survived by his wife of 39 years and his life-long best friend, Georgene; his daughters Nicole (Nick) Tosoian and Rachel Kurpe; his grandson Zachariah Tosoian and granddogs Zoe Rae and Georgie, all of the Columbus area; his brother Steve (Jackie) Kurpe, of Loganville, GA , and many nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Edward (Donna) Webster, of Hermitage, PA; sister-in-law Robin (Kevin) Powell, of Hubbard, OH and their families; and many friends. Family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8pm. TUESDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 where funeral services will be held 11:00am. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2012 with Pastor Larry Brown and Pastor Sandy Huber, officiating. (The funeral home is located on

W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Burial will follow the service at Blendon Central Cemetery, Westerville, OH. Because of severe medical allergies, the family respectfully requests the omission of flowers. Instead, please consider a memorial contribution to: The March of Dimes, online at www.marchofdimes.com , The American Heart Association, online at www.heart.org, or to The MSU Football Players Association (#AA068), www.msufpa.com/about-us/donations. Send condolences for the family to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond E. Kurpe*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I just learned of Ray's passing and send my deepest condolences to Georgene and the family. I had the honor of working for Ray at Morse Shoe in Canton, MA while Georgene babysat my daughter Brooke. We have such fond memories of this kind and funny man and wonderful family. God Bless. Barbara Stapleton Attleboro, MA*

Barbara Stapleton - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Well maacadamia nuts, how about that.*

Gracelynn - January 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. Ray and I worked together @ SCOA. Although we had our disagreements at times, we truly liked one another. I know the last few years were difficult on Ray and I'm sorry we could never get together for lunch. The world has lost a good man.*

Lee Siegel - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rachel and Family We are so sorry for your loss, Are thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. all our love Mr.& Mrs Herb Kruse*

Herb & Pat Kruse - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ George and family...Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Hugs to you all....Shelli

Shelli Leclair - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ George you and your family are in my prayers. (co worker at MWA)

Sharon Thompson - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Georgene, Nicole, and Rachel, Ray was the first person that I met in the office at SCOA in 1973 and we became friends. (He was bigger than me, I had no choice). I have fond memories of our days at SCOA. we kept in touch over the years but not as often as we could have. I will always remember him as the BIG Guy, who was really a big Teddy Bear. the only thing bigger than Ray was his giving and loving heart. He will be missed but never forgotten

Kary Sauers - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Please accept my heart felt condolences.

Bob Engle - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ May the Good Lord help you and your girls through this time. He was a sweet beautiful man and he will be missed by all. The world lost a good one. I cannot think of him without seeing you at his side George. Peace be with you always.

Ron and Cheryl Schwaderer - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ George, I know how much Ray loved God and his family. We never had a meeting over the many years that he did not talk about you and the girls, Nicole and Rachel or his grandson Zach and his son in law Nick. I have never known anyone with more courage in spite of the many, many challenges he has faced over the past few years. Despite his illness he never failed to have a positive outlook on life and he was so very, very proud of you and his family. He will always be remembered and I am thankful for his friendship. I am sorry that we are flying out of Columbus, early tomorrow , and will be unable to personally pass along our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as Ray leaves a tremendous void. Ron & Ruth Lykins

Ron & Ruth Lykins - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We would like to extend our condolences... I always remember the times we spent together...

Roger & Betty Reynolds - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ To the Kurpe Family, Please accept my condolences on the death of Ray. Ray and I worked together at SCOA and were competitors in Boston. Our friendship always extended beyond business. May Ray rest in peace and he will always be in my memory. You are in our prayers. Ben Keister and family

Ben Keister - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ George, I am very sorry to hear of loss of Ray. I fondly remember our times as neighbors in Westerville. God Bless and keep you and your children healthy and safe.

Tim Ritchie - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of mourning.*

Grant Campbell - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *The two things I will ALWAYS remember about you = 1- You helping me through my hardest time in my life when my father passed in 1994 2- Your handshake as NO one I ever met had hands as big as yours. God loves you.. and so do I! Until I see you again.. Love your friend, Glen B.*

Glen C Bolognese - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *You will ALWAYS be the BMOC (Big Man on Campus) in my mind and heart!!!! I bought you the sweatshirt in Green Bay, Wisconsin that said those words... and they stuck stuck with you... for all time.*

glen c bolognese - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *The world has lost a gentle giant and I have lost a very good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the Kurpe family at this very difficult time. Peace, Sandy*

Sandy Miller - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Kurpe family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Glenn and Corinne Vititoe - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM