



Donald Kraft

January 21, 2010

Donald Bernard Kraft, 89, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born , November 19, 1920 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Bernhardt "Barney" and Verena Schatte Kraft . He and Rubye Farrow were married September 28, 1944 in Cape County. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University and holds degrees from Roosevelt University of Chicago, IL. and the Chicago Blackstone School of Law. He served eight years in the military. During WWII he was assigned to the Army Air Ways Communication System. During the Korean War he served as an Army Finance Officer at the rank of Captain. His civilian career consisted of twelve years as an audit manager with the U.S. General Accounting Office both in Chicago and Washington, D.C. For a number of years he was director of Internal Audits for the Defense Supply Agency. He then spent ten years as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State. He was an inspector for Foreign Assistance which required extensive overseas travel in the Far East, Africa, and the Middle East. With his wife, he had made numerous donations of antiques and art to Southeast Missouri State University. He had been affiliated with the U.S. Government Accountants Association, Certified Federal Government Accountants, Missouri American Legion, Missouri Veteran of Foreign Wars, he was on several boards of local museums, member of the President's Council and Heritage Club at SEMO. Survivors include his wife, Rubye Kraft of Cape Girardeau, one brother, Fred R. Kraft of Cape Girardeau, MO and several

nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will follow at 2:00 PM Sunday, January 24, 2010 at the funeral home with Mr. Tony Ward officiating. Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum. Military rites to be conducted by Missouri Honor Team. In lieu of flowers Mr. Kraft requested memorial contributions be given to the Humane Society Of Southeast Missouri.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm very sorry to read that Captain Kraft is gone...when I was young kid, my friend and I were thrilled to see the war relics he put on display in the window of his antique shop downtown. We would ask about his medals and badges, and even though he must have known we could never afford them, he always took the time to take them out of the case and tell us what it was, the history etc...we were enthralled with his war stories, especially when he went into teh ruins of the Berghof - he then pulled out a box of pieces of tile and porcelain he'd brought back, some of which he gave to us (and pieces of which I have on display in my military museum today). I remember he had a real passion for Napoleonic medals and would show us those as well. He was always patient and never treated us as annoying, questions. Captain Kraft was a true patriot and a good man who I wish I had known better.

Mark Conrad - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Aunt Rubye, I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Don was such a special man. My dad and mother thought so much of him, too. I'm sorry I will not be there for the services. I will be thinking of you though and praying for you. Love always, Barbara (Farrow)Klein

Ben and Barbara Klein - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM