



Daniel R. Kramer

September 21, 1916 - May 4, 2020

Daniel R. Kramer, 103, of Clinton, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 4, 2020 at Prairie Hills Assisted Living – Clinton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Daniel generously donated his body to the University of Iowa Deeded Body Program. In the future, his remains will be buried in Linwood Cemetery in Dubuque, Iowa. The Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is honored to serve the Kramer family and online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Daniel Ralph Kramer was born on September 21, 1916 in Dubuque, Iowa, the son of Dolph and Stella (Collins) Kramer. Daniel graduated from Dubuque Senior High School in 1934. He attended the University of Dubuque for three years and graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1939. He married Mary Jane Kuehnle on June 18, 1941, at First Congregational Church in Dubuque, Iowa.

Daniel enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1940 and was commissioned Ensign on June 12, 1941 at Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois. On the day of the Japanese attack, December 7, 1941, he was onboard the battleship U.S.S. California at Pearl Harbor. He was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Commander in January 1946. He moved to Clinton and worked for E. I. DuPont. After 32 years he retired in 1978 as a supervisor of employee relations.

He was active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the P.T.A. He was a General Chairman of the American Red Cross (1967) the year of the big flood. He was also chairman of United Way Fund, American Cancer Society and past president of the Jane Lamb Hospital Board of Directors. He was a 50-year member of the Western Star Masonic Lodge, a member of DeMolay Consistory, and KAABA shrine. He was a life-long member of the First Congregational Church. He was a 5-year volunteer in the Whittier School Study Buddy Program. He participated as a volunteer in the University Of Iowa Clinical Research Center. He enjoyed reading, gardening, golfing, taping and sharing music, and

his grandchildren. He was proud of his gift of 175 music tapes to the Sarah Harding Home.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, of Clinton and three children, Daniel and Kay Kramer of Minneapolis, John and Kathy Robinson-Kramer of Iowa City, and Susan and Michael Johannsen of Muscatine; grandchildren Chris Kramer, Kara Arzamendia, Jessamyn Donovan, Kaela Burkle, Ben Johannsen, Matt Johannsen and eleven great grandchildren and his sister, June Scremin of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eldon Kramer.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at Prairie Hills and Hospice Compassus for their compassionate care.

Comments



“ Dan Kramer is a dear person whose memory we'll hold especially close to our hearts. While my husband was pastor in the Clinton church he (and Mary Jane) were so supportive to us in so many ways. Always positive about so many things. We cherish his creative craft gifts given to us. Indeed, he added wonderfully to this world!

David/Marcia Yochum - June 03 at 01:20 AM



“ To the Kramer family,
I was discharged from Navy in 1957 and was looking for a job. I was fortunate to get an interview with your Dad at Dupont. At the interview he shared with me that he liked to hire veterans and farmers because they knew how to work. I was also born and raised on a farm. I was hired and I will never forget your Dad. He was a true gentleman. We went to visit him when he was at Prairie Hills. Our sincere sympathy.
Gary Mulholland
4348 Highway 136
Clinton, Iowa 52732

Gary Mulholland - May 07 at 10:43 AM



“ Sue and Mike...
Wow, what a hero ! I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. He was such a great person and he definitely will be missed. May God bless you and your family. g bell

g bell - May 07 at 10:35 AM