



## Victor Paul Kubilius

January 25, 1931 - March 14, 2025

Victor Paul Kubilius 94, passed peacefully on 3/14/1925.

Born Vytautas Povilas Kubilius 1/25/1931 in Lithuania, immigrated to the United States at 16 years of age near the end of WW2 after living 5 years in a displaced persons camp in Germany. Afterwards he landed in Ellis Island on a US Naval ship then Connecticut, with his first job picking potatoes, joined the US Army during the Korean War, took advantage of the GI bill, went to college and earned his associates degree in electronics from New England Technical School in Hartford, CT. He married Irene Giedraitis, they settled in Vernon CT and had 5 children together. He instilled a strong work ethic in his children by example and was a good provider.

Victor worked for United Technologies in E. Hartford for over 30 years before retiring. Victor was an avid runner, hiker, and cyclist having run several full marathons. Victor was also an accomplished ballroom dancer. He danced everywhere he went!

After his retirement he moved to Myrtle Beach and his dream was to hike the Appalachian Trail as a through hiker which he did with flying colors at 65 years old. That inspired him to continue through hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, then the Continental Divide Trail, earning him the title of "Triple Crowner", but also the oldest! After this major accomplishment, he continued on with long

distance cycling pulling a trailer circumnavigating the USA, Continental Divide on a mountain bike and another trip into the arctic circle dodging grizzly bears. He became without intention, a celebrity in his community.

He is predeceased by his father Povilas, mother, Magda, former wife Irene, sister Aldona, sister Matilda, brother Adam, sister Elvyra. He leaves behind his one remaining sibling, older sister Danute in Lithuania, his children Paul, Viktoria (Kenneth Fortier), Adam (Donna) John and Peter (Diana) and grandchildren Aleksandra, Matthew, Marcus, Kotryna, Tomas, Mantas and great grandchildren Autumn and Bryson, his girlfriend Andrea Keener who added much joy to his final months, as well as many nieces and nephews and devoted friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 1:00pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway with a visitation from 12-1pm.

Please sign a guest book at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com). Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences. I will always remember the great hikes we did together.. it was hard keeping up with him... I enjoyed the the story's he would talk about huddling around the wood stove after a long day hike.. he was a very knowledgeable man there wasn't much he could talk about.. specially when it came to music and telling jokes.. he had the perfect timing... I will always remember you. RIP my friend...  
Tony,

Tony - March 31, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Victor Paul Kubilius.

March 26, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Victor Paul Kubilius.



March 26, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Victor Paul Kubilius.



March 24, 2025 at 11:01 AM

KA

“ I just heard about Victor's passing from Andrea. I know he will be sorely missed at the Grove. I did not realize he began all his adventures at 65!!! I was already impressed by him, now even more so.

*Prayers to all who loved him!*  
*Kathy, formerly from the Grove*

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**Kathy** - March 23, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JD

“ John, Terri and Dan purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Victor Paul Kubilius.



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**John, Terri and Dan** - March 23, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JD

“ John, Terri and Dan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Paul Kubilius.

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**John, Terri and Dan** - March 23, 2025 at 12:08 PM

RG

“ Deepest condolences! We remember him as a happy and optimistic family man. But also a superb athlete. Inspirational. We salute him for literally climbing to the top of The Mountain of Life!

*Drs. Roland and Danute Giedraitis*

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**Roland Giedraitis** - March 19, 2025 at 07:18 PM

MH

“What an honor to have had the sharing friendship with Pappy for a couple of decades. Though he was almost my father’s age he could out hike me any day of the week. What beautiful trails and views on Mt. Hood in Oregon and in the Shenandoah plus a few in Vermont traversed with of course some of the great tales of his many adventures. He said that riding the perimeter of the US on his bicycle was easy “You just turn left when you get to New York, turn left again in Washington, left again in San Diego and, yes, left in Jacksonville...”

When I heard of his plan to do a second through hike of the Appalachian Trail in 2018 I decided I had to participate in some way. The timing put us on the trail in Virginia in June of that year. The four days together were short in duration but long as a blessing along with Vikki and our then new friend Bill “For Now” Schwartz. I am eternally grateful for that opportunity.

Pappy experienced major World War II tragedies during his early life and yet chose to literally dance through much of life. I think everyone who knew him knew of his dancing and singing. The man had moves, and lived by his belief in the value of continuing to move. I expect his memory will continue to move others. I sincerely hope that one day someone accepts and succeeds at the challenge of writing a fitting biography.

Pappy, thank you for the friendship and great memories, I hope St. Peter feels the honor when you offer to arm wrestle him.



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**Mary Hilton** - March 17, 2025 at 12:55 PM

VF

*Mary, thank you for being such a significant part of our lives . We love you*

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**Vikki Fortier** - March 18, 2025 at 05:54 AM

JM

“ *What an incredible man! I have some wonderful childhood memories of accompanying the Kubilius family to their cabin in NY state. The fun I had there ! I am so thankful to Victor for allowing me to join the family on several of these trips! He was always so upbeat and always whistling! I was exposed to his love of the outdoors through these trips. Swimming, catching salamanders, riding on the back of some type of 4 wheeler, running through the snow to the outhouse! All such great memories for me. As an adult, revisiting the cabin, that man beat everyone in the group at Trivial Pursuit!!! How he knew the answer to just about every question is beyond me. He truly lived his life with passion and I know he will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.*

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**Janet Marino** - March 17, 2025 at 11:43 AM

VF

*Wow Janet, thank you for those memories*

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**Vikki Fortier** - March 18, 2025 at 05:57 AM

KA

“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May treasured memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time. Isaiah 41:13*

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**Kathryn** - March 16, 2025 at 06:07 PM



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March 16, 2025 at 02:56 PM

GR

“ My friend “Pappy” , forever young ! ❤️ Your light shined bright among the Appalachian Trail Community.



Guest Richards - March 16, 2025 at 02:14 PM

IR

*Sending love to family and friends.  
Sincerely, Ina Richards*

ina Richards - March 16, 2025 at 02:16 PM



*I met pappy hiking on the Appalachian Trail in Maine 2018. What an inspiration to everyone that crossed his path. Sorry for your loss!*

Melissa Koger - March 16, 2025 at 02:37 PM

RP

“ I was quite fortunate to meet Pappy as he passed thru the Roan Mtn. section of the Appalachian Trail and while he spent sometime with Gray Ghost and I sharing some of his life stories. His zest for life both on and off the trail will always inspire me. ❤️

Robert Pirie - March 16, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Victor Paul Kubilius.

March 16, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MI

“ Rest in peace Pappy, it was a pleasure to meet you on the trail and listen to your stories and memories you had to tell. This world will miss you. (Peppermint from Germany)



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**Michèle** - March 16, 2025 at 11:37 AM

GH

“ May Victor's spirit soar gracefully

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**Gerta Huttemann-Duncan** - March 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

KD

“ Kyle, Jamie, and Steven Daigle purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Victor Paul Kubilius.



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**Kyle, Jamie, and Steven Daigle** - March 16, 2025 at 10:32 AM