



William Russell Kreiter

June 29, 2007

WILLIAM RUSSELL KREITER October 8, 1921 to June 29, 2007 A loving spouse, a caring father, a teacher, an athlete, a mentor, a friend, and a fighter until the end, William Russell Kreiter recently passed away at his home. Born in Dover, Ohio, he was the son of the late Russell Franklin Kreiter and Clara Weber Kreiter. He and his wife, the former June Loreen Mishler, retired to South Carolina in 1980 and were married for 61 years. A native of Dover, Ohio he graduated from Dover High School. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in June, 1942 where he served for 40 months with the Eighth Air Force Bomber Squadron in Europe. While in the service he helped pitch his squadron to the Strategic Air Command Baseball Championship in Luxembourg in 1945. Upon his return to the States, this helped to earn him a contract as a professional baseball pitcher for the former New York Giants organization which he had to abandon due to arm trouble. After returning from World War II, he married June Mishler and began a family. He started his working career with the General Telephone Company in 1946 as a sales engineer and worked his way up to General Manager of the entire Central Division of the State of Ohio. He was elevated to the Safety Manager for the entire state of Ohio at the corporate headquarters for General Telephone Company of Ohio prior to his retirement. He was a very avid golfer and an accomplished bowler, winning numerous awards in both sports. His hobbies were sign writing and sign painting, and following the Ohio State Buckeyes football team and marching band and the Cleveland Indians baseball franchise. One of his favorite past

times in his younger years was to coach and mentor various youth baseball programs and individuals. His teams were always in the top echelon of their leagues. He continued to promote numerous young ballplayers to various major league teams even into his later years. He was a member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Myrtle Beach and had recently attended Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Conway. He has been a member of various Rotary and Elks Lodges in Ohio. He is a member of the Ohio Masonic Lodge. He formerly served as the President of the Marion, Ohio Chamber of Commerce and served on various United Way and YMCA boards. He is survived by his wife, June Loreen Mishler, two sons, Tim, and Ron and his wife Melinda, all of Kentucky, and two daughters Sue Immel and her husband Craig of Ohio, and Sherri Nelson and her husband Mark of Illinois; ten grandchildren: Tim, Heather and Corley Kreiter Tim; Matt, Michael and Bryan Kreiter Ron; Jon Immel and Jennifer Immel Frederick Sue; Erik and Kirk Nelson Sherri and two great grandchildren: Jaela and Chal. A memorial service in celebration of Mr. Kreiter's life will be held on Friday, July 6 at St. Phillip's Lutheran Church in Myrtle Beach, S.C. at 2:00 PM. Reverend Thomas BeMiller will be officiating. A reception will follow. A tentative memorial service will be held on October 27 in Dover, Ohio in celebration of Mr. Kreiter's life for those people unable to attend the service in Myrtle Beach. Any memorials are requested to be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2711 Middleburg Drive, Suite 205, Columbia, SC 29204. Now all of those children in heaven who never had the opportunity to play baseball, will have their coach. We love you Dad. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ I just learned about Bill. I worked for Bill at GTE. I had a great deal of respect for him as a person and as my superior. Bill was a super listener and friend. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with June and the family. Dan Boone##imported-begin##Dan Boone##imported-end##

July 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear June and Family; Please accept our sincere thoughts of you at this time. Bill was very special to me, not only in my career, but as a great friend and mentor..... Les & Marty Irey##imported-begin##Les Irey##imported-end##

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“ ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES we have of all of us together.....they'll never fade.....you and your wonderful kids, June, will always be on our minds....and if we can do anything.....we will.##imported-begin##don & ruth willoughby##imported-end##

July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim and Ron- I just wanted to drop a line and send my condolences on the passing of your dad. I'm forever grateful that he taught me how to play baseball the right way and to appreciate the game my whole life. I didn't realize how good a coach your dad was until I experienced the 'coaches' my own boys had to deal with growing up. For instance, as I recall, neither one of you guys was a starting pitcher. Hopefully I was able to impart to them a fraction of what your dad did for me growing up, and not just about baseball. Looking forward to seeing you this fall at the local memorial service you're having for your dad. Jim Cox###imported-begin##Jim Cox###imported-end##

July 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Kreiter, Sherri, and family, So sorry to read about your loss. Our family also knows the pain of losing a husband, father, and grandfather. My Father passed away from leukemia just a year ago and we miss him terribly. Take care of each other and live on your beautiful memories. He will be missed but remembered in your hearts forever. Sherri.....give me a call sometime @ 740-225-0007 or email me at msmarion55@hotmail.com You probably heard by now but wanted to let you know that Kristy Rizzo Green passed away on July 1. She had brain and lung cancer and fought a long 5 year battle. Hope to talk to you soon. Patti###imported-begin##Patti Lupica Layne###imported-end##

July 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt June and family, May you always feel your loved one near in every treasured memory. Sincere Condolences, Kris, Bill and William Lee Marilyn and Jim Bracken###imported-begin##Kris Lee###imported-end##

July 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To June and family I pray your memories give you strength.##imported-begin##Jo Chapman##imported-end##

July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My old friends, Sympathy from Dover . . we never forget one of our own or the wonderful moments we all shared during those years spent in our little town. What a wonderful smile Bill always seemed to have on his face when I would visit the house or from my youth baseball experiences with Bill as a coach. I think the last I saw that smile was during a visit to my neighbors, the Zivics several years ago. Please rest assured that God continues to bless Bill and those in his family. Take care. Dave Trustdorf##imported-begin##Dave Trustdorf##imported-end##

July 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, Ron, Sue, and Sherry.. and Mrs. Kreiter, You all have our deepest sympathy. Both my wife, Margaret Ann Schererand I have fond memories of Bill and of all of you. We both know what it is like to lose a father and we understand how you are feeling now. Bill was of that same generation as dad and Paul Scherer... good men who lead very good lives. Take heart that he made a wonderful impact on many lives. With sympathy, Don Moose Maurer and Margaret Ann##imported-begin##Don Maurer##imported-end##

July 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Kreiter family for the passing of husband and father, Bill. Bill was encouraging to me as a little leaguer in Dover. Bill even scouted one of our opponents for our all-star team. We beat them 10 -0. I remember Bill as being gentle, encouraging and patient in helping a pre-teen player become a better baseball player. Thank you, Bill. ##imported-begin## Jim Antonelli ##imported-end##

July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Michael D. & Barbi J. Crider 890 Villandry Drive Marion, Ohio 43302 740.389.1949 My name is Mike Crider. I'm very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I worked for GTE for over 33 years, the first 10 in the Marion area while Bill was the Division Manager. Bill was the president of the Marion Chamber of Commerce the same year I was president of the Marion Jaycees, known by some at that time as the Junior Chamber of Commerce. You can imagine the confusion this sometimes caused others. I'd run into Bill at one of the offices and it was a race to see which one of us would be first to say ?I got one of your damn phone calls last night.? With me working at GTE, I was often asked if I was Bill's son; that kind of confusion never bothered me. What a great guy! Take care. Mike mdcrider@verizon.net bjcstamps@verizon.net ##imported-begin## Mike Crider ##imported-end##

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“ To the Kreiter Family, We were sorry to read of your loss and send our deepest sympathy. Ruth and Don still speak so highly of you and the friendship that has endured all of these years. In fact, we remember of Bill's bringing a nice box full of golf balls for us to take back to Don when we were vacationing in Myrtle Beach! But perhaps the nicest memory we have of him was the wonderful note of sympathy he sent when Dad passed away in 1985. May your many warm memories bring you comfort and peace. The Boich/Horn/Ireland family will be thinking of you.##imported-begin##Bceky Boich Horn##imported-end##

July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and family...my thoughts are with you. I am very sorry for the loss of your father. I am sure there will always be a special place in your heart for him.##imported-begin##Chuck Chesnut##imported-end##

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“ We are sorry we will not be able to attend the service tomorrow. We only learned of the time of the service this evening and have a prior commitment. June, you and your family will be in our prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##Jim & Vera Walker##imported-end##

July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt June and Kids, I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Bill. I want you to know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Stacy##imported-begin##Stacy Shaw##imported-end##

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