



Vernon "Komar" Craig

January 7, 1932 - March 7, 2010

Vernon "Komar" Craig, age 78, of Wilmot, passed away, Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Brenn-Field Nursing Center in Orrville following a period of declining health.

Services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday at Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster with Bishop Clark Johns officiating followed by interment at Crown Hill Cemetery in Orrville.

Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from 6 - 9 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to: Custer-Glenn Funeral Home to help defray costs.

He was born in Rockdale, Ohio on January 7, 1932 to Orville and Leona (Thomas) Craig.

He married Ruth Troyer on January 13, 1956 in Orrville. She passed away December, 2000.

He started working at the Alpine Alpa in Holmes County as a Cheese Maker and Sales Manager and then with the College of Wooster as Head of the Grounds and Landscaping.

Soon he went to work for the Kennedy Foundation in Washington, D.C. on the committee that set-up The Special Olympics Program for the Mentally Handicapped on an international basis and was co-director for 5 states.

His real love was performing as "Komar" that occupied most of his life. He

started in 1963 presenting to many groups and organizations in and around Wooster. Soon, it started to spread to neighboring communities, states and then throughout 100 countries and most of the provinces of Canada. He was also inducted into the Guinness Book Of World Records.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Massillon; was an avid gardener and most of all enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Vicki L. Craig of Wooster, Scott Craig of Wooster and Brenda L. (Dave) Nussbaum of Orrville; 4 grandchildren, Lucas, Mitch and Heather Moffit and Conn Craig; 2 great-grandchildren; siblings, Yvonne Royse of Salt Lake City Utah, Robert Craig of Sarasota, Florida and Donna (Bennie) Barnes of North Port, Florida; numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **12.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, Inc.
2284 Benden Dr.
Wooster, OH

Tribute Wall



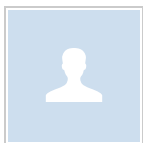
“ we have come to know Mr. Craig as a dear friend thru the years whenever we visited amish country. I did not know of his passing till now. I am so sorry. Our Sympathies from the Schindler Family, Mark, Joann and our Children , Nathan , Michael, and Stephanie who remember fond memories of saying Hi to Mr. Craig at Alpine Alpha thru the years. God Bless You, Mr. Craig##imported-begin##mark schindler##imported-end##

June 26, 2010 at 04:21 PM



“ My belated Condolences to the Vernon (Komar) Craig family, Ive seen Komar for about 40 years and chatted with him for about 20 years ! I was a regular customer at the Alpine resturant since i was a kid, He always wore that smile ! And watched/video taped him on that record holding feat " bed of nails " What a life he had , Going to miss him for a long time !! RIP Komar , Thomas##imported-begin##Thomas Klinar##imported-end##

June 02, 2010 at 06:11 PM



“ I was very sad to hear of vernons passing. He was my boss at Alpine Alpa but he was like working for my dad. He was stern at times but deep down a real sweet and giving person too. He was a gifted storyteller and I am happy just to have know him. I imagine he's in Heaven visiting with all who've gone before him. Thoughts and prayers with his family !!!!!##imported-begin##Cary Parker Bucy##imported-end##

March 19, 2010 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Brenda and children,

Wanted to send our sympathy in the loss of your father and grandfather.

You're in our prayers.

Love,

Fred, Connie, Alex and Malinda Stinson##imported-begin##Connie and Fred Stinson##imported-end##

March 14, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ *I followed "Komar" with interest through the years. He entertained at our Cub Scout pack when I was probably 9, and then I got to broadcast live on WWST from the Chamber of Commerce building as he set the record on the bed-of-nails. Of late, I've followed Vernon's postings on his facebook page. I think I have followed him from afar here in Californina because, from early on, he was an influence about living larger, and an influence on entertaining others, which I have made my life's work on the radio. I wonder how many others there are like me who were influenced by his spirit, his bed-of-nails, his sledgehammer and his message. May God bless you and comfort you all through your loss. - Jeff - San Diego, CA##imported-begin##Jeff##imported-end##*

March 12, 2010 at 06:33 PM



“ *Vicki, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Char##imported-begin##Charlene Lance##imported-end##*

March 12, 2010 at 08:19 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jeff Troyer##imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 12:24 PM



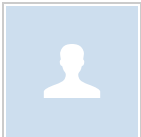
“ My deepest sympathy to Vernon's family.
He was such a special person. One of the unforgettable people that I have met and, most importantly, a friend.

He brought happiness and entertainment to people all over the world and yet if you had met him at Alpine Alpa you would have thought he was the most private and humble person in the world.

He has left us all with so many memories. Each of us that knew him will miss him in so many ways.

Vernon Craig was Komar. Komar the Magnificent!##imported-begin##Neil Zurcher##imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 10:05 AM



“ For my old neighbors and my good friend, I have so many memories of being at your house. Your dad was so full of spirit and life. May you find peace and comfort knowing he is no longer suffering, but rejoicing in his heavenly garden.
Peace be with you my friends, Ruth##imported-begin##Ruth Horn Douglas##imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 07:06 AM



“ Glad to meet you. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Carla Hon##imported-end##

March 09, 2010 at 09:51 PM



“ Hi Vicki, Julie told me that your dad passed away. I just wanted you to know that I'm thinking about you at this difficult time. No matter what the circumstances, losing your dad is so hard. Although it has been years since my dad died, I still miss him. When Charlie (Buster) died 4 years ago it helped me to know that others cared and understood.

Komar was a special person. You were lucky to have him in your life.

Take care, Jay##imported-begin##Jay Hon##imported-end##

March 09, 2010 at 04:45 PM



“ Dear Brenda, Luke, Mitch and Heather,

I want you to know that I was so sorry to read of the loss of your dad and grandpa. May the Lord give you and all of your family comfort!

Your old Westwood neighbor,

Julie Arnold##imported-begin##Julie Arnold##imported-end##

March 09, 2010 at 02:50 PM



“ I remember when I was a child, peeking through the window of the Wooster Chamber of Commerce, hoping to get a glimpse of him and his bed of nails as he set the world record.##imported-begin##Ric D.##imported-end##

March 09, 2010 at 08:44 AM



“ my thoughts and prayers go out to you all in these sad times.##imported-begin##barry jenkins##imported-end##

March 09, 2010 at 07:06 AM



“ Dear Vicki, Scott, Brenda and the Craig family,

I am so sorry for the loss of Vernon. Even though I did not spend much time with him I have fond memories. The last time I saw him was at Grandma Craig's funeral. We sat around after the service and shared memories, stories and a few good laughs. I always knew him as Uncle Sonny. The most vivid memories are when he visited us in Hawaii in the early 1970s. He was taping a television show and since his bed of nails was too heavy to transport my uncle Julius, brother Tim and I built him a new one. I always remember Sonny as being warm and loving towards us. I will miss him being around. Again, my sympathy goes out to all the extended Craig family.

Love, Larry Craig##imported-begin##Larry Dean Craig##imported-end##

March 08, 2010 at 07:33 PM