



Max Kammer

March 26, 1920 - March 8, 2010

Bluefield, WV- Max L. Kammer 89 of 423 Oakhurst Avenue Bluefield, WV died Monday March 8, 2010 at a Bluefield hospital. Born March 26, 1920 in Williamson, WV he was a son of the late Harry and Helen Jo Stauffer Kammer, and they moved to Bluefield in 1923. Max was a 1938 Graduate of Bluefield High School and a 1942 graduate of West Virginia University. While at West Virginia University, he received a partial scholarship by serving as a four-year manager for the football team. Also, at graduation, Max was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant U.S. Army, and was ordered to active duty three days after graduation. During World War II, in the European Theater, he received two bronze stars and a Purple Heart. Prior to his retirement, he was responsible for the Army Reserve Unit being placed and built in Bluefield, directly behind Bluefield High School. He retired in 1970 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Max's father purchased Lewis Furniture Company in 1932, and Max began his long career at Kammer Furniture Company in 1946. For the last 61 years he was an active and charitable member of the Bluefield community. He served the Red Cross, Union Mission, Salvation Army, United Way, Parking Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Sales Executive Club, Past Commander of Riley-Vest Post # 9 of The American Legion, Past President of the Ahavath Sholom Congregation and B'nai B'rith. In 1994 he was chosen as the recipient of the Riley Vest Post # 9, American Legion Distinguished Citizen Award, and in 2006 he was inducted to the Bluefield High School Hall of Fame. He was a proud member of Bluefield Elks Lodge # 269, the Bluefield-

Mercer Lodge #85 A.F.&A.M., and the Beni Kedem Shrine. He and Kammer Furniture Company were recognized as the "1999 Home Furnishing Retailer of the year" by NHFA. In addition, he and Kammer furniture Company was the recipient of the West Virginia Home Furnishing Retailer of the Year for 1985, 1997, and 2007. Max was an exemplary employer, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all. He is survived by his lovely wife of 58 years Virginia Saunders Kammer, a son Harry S. Kammer and his wife Terri of Bluefield, VA, a daughter Alice Ann Sarver and her husband Steve of Bluefield, WV, a sister A. Roselyn Kammer of Lexington, KY, four grandchildren Katherine Anne Kammer, Caroline Rose Kammer, Chad Kammer Brady and Sarah Ann Kammer Brady and two step-grandchildren Matthew and Elizabeth Sarver. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday March 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Mercer Funeral Home with Rabbi Stanley Funston officiating. Interment and Military Grave Side Rites will be held at Monte Vista Park Cemetery. Members of the Riley-Vest Post # 9, American Legion will serve as pallbearers and members of the Mercer County Veterans Council will perform Military services. The family will receive friends Thursday one hour prior to service time. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial, tax deductible contributions be made to the Max L. and Virginia S. Kammer Family Scholarship Fund, for area high school students attending West Virginia University, in care of the Community Foundation of the Virginia's, Inc., P.O. Box 4127, Bluefield, WV 24701 or by visiting the Foundation's website at www.cfvinc.org, or contacting the office at 128 North Street, Bluefield, WV, 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Kammer family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Kammer*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *We are truly sorry for your loss and we will keep your family in our prayers. Debbie, David, Sydney and Zach*

The Bowmans - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *We will miss Mr. Kammer. We always enjoyed talking to him at the store and hearing his stories about his tenure at West Virginia University and his stories about his time in service. He and Larry enjoyed talking about events that happened in Bluefield years ago while I shopped. Everyone will miss him.*

Linda & Larry Bray - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Dear Harry, Terri and Family I was not able to attend Max's service today I recently had surgery and recuperating...put please know my thoughts and prayers are with. you!!! Max will be greatly missed by so many! God Bless, Pat Tolley*

Pat Tolley - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tim And Sheila Steele*

Tim Steele - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

CS

“ Dear Kammer Family, We have lost a friend and a guiding force in the community. Our lives were enriched and our hearts made lighter because of our conversations and friendship with Max. Bluefield has lost a giant. We extend our sympathy and our prayers. Charlotte & Charlie Sacre

Charlotte & Charlie Sacre - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

BC

“ Alice Ann Wow...we all thought Max would live forever. Your dad was a quiet humble man that had a strong and silent presence. He will be missed in the greater Bluefield area. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and your family's loss. This is very sad news....It is comforting to know that he will be watching over all of us now..... God bless. Biff

Biff Clark - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

PB

“ Dear Alice Ann, Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. With sympathy, Pam

Pam Kaufman Browning - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

CK

“ To Max's family, friends, present and past employees: Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Kammer was an expleary gentle man and gentleman. In every aspect of his life, he stood out, as an example. In January, I was able to visit with him. I learned more about the history of Bluefield and the history of his family and life, than some may know. I treasured our conversation that day and it will be a precious memory. The citizens of Bluefield, the County of Mercer and the State of WV lost one of its finest citizens. He will be missed. May God heal your pain and give you His perfect peace. God bless each of you. Connie Umberger Kelley

Connie Umberger Kelley - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

DR

“ I never missed an oportunity to visit with Max whenever I traveled to Bluefield and he was always able to catch me up on everything that had happned since my last visit.. He was like a member of our family and Virginia has alway been like my second mom. Max and my father in law, Dillon Smith grew up together and it always seems like we were just one big family. Dillon was always telling us of their life together and the fun that they had. Max made a difference in the lives of many people and will be sadly missed by so many. He was always so generous and did thing for many people at all occasions. Max really was a man to be looked up to and it will be hard to visit Bluefield with him not there. Our sincere condolences to Virginia, Harry and Allice Ann. Your dad was an awesome man who sacrificed for his country and many many people will miss him

Dan & Nan Rosenthal - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

PF

“ Sorry for your loss.

PARIS SAUNDERS FISHER - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

A&

“ *Our hearts are heavy for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*

Annette,KAyla,Lacie, &Jayden - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

DM

“ *Sandy and I want to send our sincere thoughts and sympathy to the whole family and especially to Genny. We had many wonderful contacts with Mr. Kammer and learned to love and respect him and the whole family. Our prayers are with each of you and especially Alice Ann and Harry. Our blessings, thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Dan and Sandy MacMillan - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

BK

“ *I WAS VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF MR. KAMMER. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.*

BRENDA KING - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

JR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Kammer's family. I was saddened to hear of his passing. I graduated with Mr. Kammer's daughter, Alice Ann. I never had the pleasure of personally knowing Mr. Kammer, but I remember Alice Ann's kind and gracious spirit - and I know from my parent's stories that was a reflection of Max and his values and character. God bless you all.*

Julie Blevins Russo - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

HP

“ My sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Max Kammer. I am a close friend of his sister, Rose, and although I never had the pleasure of meeting her brother, I felt like I knew him. Rose thought the world of her brother, and talked of him fondly and often. I know how much he will be missed.

Heather Pierce - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

DB

“ DEAR KAMMER FAMILY, SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF MAX, HE WAS SUCH A KIND & HELPFUL SOUL. HIS CHEERFUL SMILE ALWAYS MATCHED HIS LOVING HEART. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WILL BE WITH YOU ALL. SINCERELY, DENNIS & JULIE BALL

DENNIS & JULIE BALL - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

EG

“ DEAR KAMMER FAMILY, WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF MAX, HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY ALL. SINCERELY, EARL & WILMA GRUBB

EARL & WILMA GRUBB - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

PT

“ Dear Harry and family, I was so saddened to hear of Max's' passing!!! I don't think I could say in words how much I thought of him!!! If Max said it, you could bank on it!! What a legacy he has left for his family! It will never be the same when I come into Kammer Furniture....he always greeted you with a smile and a firm handshake and usually had a little story to tell you, which always lifted my spirits!! God has truly received an "Angel from earth"!!! I salute you, Sir Max and only wish all the world had more Max Kammers in it!!!

Pat Tolley - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

MS

“ Rose, You--and your family, are in our thoughts and prayers. We remember fondly the many mentions you've made about your brother and the joy that you all shared as a family. We miss you and bid you safe travels home. Trish Jaracz

Markey Cancer Foundation staff - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

VO

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Max's passing. I only knew him a few short years, but he had quite an impact on me. I invited him to speak to my students in Beckley two years ago on Holocaust Remembrance Day. The kids loved him. Max will always hold a special place in my heart.

Vickie Osborne - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

JM

“ To all of Mr. Kammer's family we send our condolences and prayers. He was so life-full -- and just downright cute! -- there was only one Max. We join you in our hearts at this part of your journey and wish we could be there in person.

John & Lisa MacLeod - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

CK

“ I was so saddened to hear of Max's passing. He was such a big part of the Katz/Kantor family. Not only will he be missed by his immediate family, but the entire Bluefield Community as well. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Cindy Kantor Kraft

Cindy Kantor Kraft - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM