



George R. Kratzer Sr.

May 12, 2025

George R. Kratzer Sr., 86, of Allentown, passed away Monday, May 12, 2025 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late Mary Ellen (Eck) Kratzer. He was also the companion of the late Barbara Franclik. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Harvey and Grace (Werner) Kratzer. Before retiring, he worked for 30 years at Bethlehem Steel. Later, he worked as an assistant to Rep. T.J. Rooney and Rep. Joe Brennan. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Allentown. After graduating from Allentown High School, where he also played football, he served in the National Guard. He was a former boxer and was a boxing trainer in the Allentown area. He enjoyed cooking, traveling, dining out, family functions and sporting events. He always supported his grandchildren's events. He also held memberships with the local Allentown, Bethlehem and Catasauqua YMCA. He will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors: son George, Jr. and his wife Carla of Plantation, FL; daughters Sherri Abruzzese of Saylorsburg, Shelly, wife of Glenn Schlegel of Catasauqua; brother Richard and his wife Cecelia; sisters Betty, wife of Robert Kushner and Nancy, wife of Gregory Geiger; grandchildren, Allyssa Berumen wife of Chris, Tierney and Anthony Abruzzese husband of Brielle, Mary Ellen and Dylan Thomas Schlegel; great grandchildren Lincoln, Carter, Dakota, Brynleigh as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brothers Robert, Eugene, and James, sisters Bonnie

Kratzer and Delores Schwartz (James).

Services: 11:00 AM, Thursday, May 22 at Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St. Allentown. Calling period will begin at 9:30 AM.

Memorials can be considered to the American Diabetes Association, c/o the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Cemetery

Kimmett Ave.
Whitehall, PA 18052

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAY 22. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home
1625 Highland Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 434-9616
info@trexlerfh.com
<https://trexlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Graveside Burial

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ Jorge (what we playfully called you), it was a pleasure working with you all those years. Thank you for being you. You will be greatly missed! ~Brenda

Brenda G Pagan-Fontanez - May 21, 2025 at 01:39 PM

DF

“ Debbie & Lynn Dietrich & Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of George R. Kratzer Sr..



Debbie & Lynn Dietrich & Family - May 21, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ It's still hard to believe. I want to start by saying thank you for not only being a Father but filling in the void after Mom passed away. I wouldn't be the person I am without your support. Your strength 💪 couldn't be matched. You took me for my wedding dress 👰 you helped plan my baby 🤰 shower. You were there for so many special moments in my life. Mary Schlegel and Dylan Schlegel baptism and 1st days of school 🏫. Birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and events you were always there. Cheering and laughing loudly. Those memories will always remain in my heart ❤️. Our daily conversations are the things I miss the most. The sound of your voice and jokes. I'm so glad we're able to spend your last few days together. We miss you terribly Dad 😭💔 You will always be my hero 💙

Shelly Schlegel - May 21, 2025 at 09:01 AM

TF

“ *The Hullihen Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of George R. Kratzer Sr..*



The Hullihen Family - May 20, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George R. Kratzer Sr..*



May 19, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George R. Kratzer Sr..*

May 19, 2025 at 06:21 PM

RC

“ *RICHARD and CECE purchased the Vivid Reflections for the family of George R. Kratzer Sr..*



RICHARD and CECE - May 19, 2025 at 02:30 PM

SA

“ Sherri Abruzzese lit a candle in memory of George R. Kratzer Sr.



Sherri Abruzzese - May 18, 2025 at 02:02 AM

SA

You should still be here Dad. Allyssa, Tierney and I missed so much time with you but you were and always will be in our hearts.

Sherri Abruzzese - May 18, 2025 at 02:05 AM

OT

“ OTD-STXU purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of George R. Kratzer Sr..



OTD-STXU - May 17, 2025 at 11:22 PM

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“ OTD-STXU planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George R. Kratzer Sr..

OTD-STXU - May 17, 2025 at 11:22 PM

BM

“ RIP my old friend great memory Bob Munshaur

Bob Munshaur - May 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM