



## Rex Kreigh

March 22, 1944 - February 18, 2015

Rex A. Kreigh, 70, of Bluffton, passed away Wednesday, February 18, at home following a seven-month battle with cancer. He was born in Allen County to J. Roger “Dodge” Kreigh and Alma Lucille (Mackey) Kreigh on March 22, 1944. Rex married Billy May (Beaty) Kreigh in 1967.

Survivors include his wife, daughters Regan Ann Kreigh of Fort Wayne, and Erin Neille (Chad Carnes) Kreigh of Uniondale; one grandson, Jasper Stone Kreigh and two granddaughters, Chelsie and Alayanna Carnes. Two sisters, Karen Hall of Noblesville and Ruthann Clinkenbeard of Highland, and brothers-in-law Doug (Jan) Beaty of Anderson and Kevin (Sara) Beaty, of Bluffton. Eleven nieces and nephews also survive. Rex was preceded in death by his mother, father, and two nephews.

A 1962 graduate of Ossian High School, Rex excelled in sports, especially basketball. He is among the top 10 all-time scorers in boy’s high school basketball in Wells County. In the 1962 Bluffton Sectional Tournament championship game, he scored a record 22 points in the fourth quarter for his Ossian team, a single quarter sectional record which still stands. Rex attended Middle State Tennessee University and Taylor University on basketball scholarships. He enjoyed all sports, especially college basketball and golf, plus his family and friends, and most of all, his grandson, Jasper Stone, who he called “The Rock.”

A Memorial Service to celebrate Rex’s life will be held at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, at 10:30AM on Sunday February 22, 2015. Life

Celebrant, Jeff Lemler will officiate. Visitation will be at the Funeral Home from 1:00PM to 8:00PM Saturday, February 21, 2015. Preferred memorials are to Family LifeCare of Berne, Riley Hospital for Children, or the donor's choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends may leave online condolences at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

FEB 22. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rex Kreigh*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 21, 2015 at 01:34 PM



“ *Rex Kreigh*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Billy & family, Ruthann, Karen,*

*I've been thinking of Rex a lot so I checked the funeral homes website, and saw the video the home put there. It was beautiful, but heart wrenching.*

*Condolences to all of you for your loss.*

*God bless,  
Rooksby*

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**Henry Mackey** - April 17, 2015 at 01:34 PM

TK

“ Dear Rex Kreigh family, I'm so sad to hear of cousin Rex's passing. I did not know Rex well, but Rex always treated me well in our short visits. I know Dad is glad to see Rex. Their probably playing one on one in that barn loft dad use to tell me about they played in as kids. Peace be with you all.

*Todd Eelon Kreigh*

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**Todd E. Kreigh** - March 06, 2015 at 03:35 PM

KM

“ Billy and family--So sorry to hear about your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kristi Markwicz** - February 25, 2015 at 11:18 AM

CH

“ Christine And Dan Hunt lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh



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**Christine and Dan Hunt** - February 21, 2015 at 04:23 PM

JG

“ *What words can be added to the already eloquent thoughts already placed by others on this Tribute Wall? I can think of many, but the some that come to mind are fair play, caring, and the willingness to think more of others as evident in the following example.*

*The tradition at OHS was the senior class basketball team members were provided the opportunity to attend the state finals in Indianapolis. I must preface that I reall wasn't very good at the game. But when Rex found out that I wasn't going to go to Indy for the finals he willingly offered to give up his place so that I might attend.*

*Thanks Rex*  
*Respectfully*  
*Jim (Dennis) Gallacher*

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**Jim Gallacher** - February 21, 2015 at 03:19 PM

SA

“ *Billy, family, Ruthann and Karen, you have our deepest sympathy, knowing how family oriented you are and he was. He never knew an enemy to my knowledge. Such great memories I have when we were kids.*

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**Steve and Barbara Archbold** - February 21, 2015 at 10:34 AM

CH

*Find memories of when we were first married and got together with Becks, Elkins, Nodines Smeckens and Kreighs. Fun times! God bless you and your family, Billie.*

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**Christine and Dan Hunt** - February 21, 2015 at 04:28 PM

GW

“ Garry & Kay White lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh



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**Garry & Kay White** - February 21, 2015 at 09:41 AM

RS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Billy and your family  
Roger Schindler

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**roger schindler** - February 21, 2015 at 08:18 AM

AR

“ Rex and I had a lot of wonderful times while growing up in Ossian. I was two years ahead of Rex in school but will also remember him as a wonderful, fun loving person. I, too, call our son Rocky, "The Rock". My brother David use to chase and retrieve basketbalsl while Rex was practicing. Be strong Billy and family, and we will certainly miss Rex. You have have our deepest condolences.

*Arlyn and Patricia Reinhard*

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**arlyn reinhard** - February 21, 2015 at 08:16 AM

LB

“ Billy and family, Ruthann and Karen, am so sorry to hear about Rex. We have not seen each other in years but the thoughts and memories of when we were younger are still there. Miss Lucille also, used to live down the road from her. Am so glad I was able to arrange a surprise visit between Rex and Steve when we all happened to be in Ossian a couple of years ago. Just wish could have seen Ruthann and Karen. Rex and Steve got to reminiscence about old times and Rex updated us on Ruthann and Karen. Steve and Rex got to pal around a lot when younger. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Am attaching a picture that I found in Mom's things of Rex in a baseball uniform and a picture of Steve and Rex at their surprise visit.



Linda (Archbold) Brown - February 20, 2015 at 08:58 PM

DB

“ Dwight & Nancy Baker lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh



Dwight & Nancy Baker - February 20, 2015 at 08:33 PM

R6

“ Rita Swaim James (class Of 62) sent a virtual gift in memory of Rex Kreigh



Rita Swaim James (class of 62) - February 20, 2015 at 05:56 PM

WH

“ Billy, I am sorry about your loss. My deepest sympathies are with you and your family at this time of grieving.

Wendy Clark Hendricks - February 20, 2015 at 04:59 PM

SF

“ Billy, I am saddened to learn of Rex's death. You and your family are in my prayers. Sandy Geist Funk



Sandy Geist Funk - February 20, 2015 at 01:45 PM



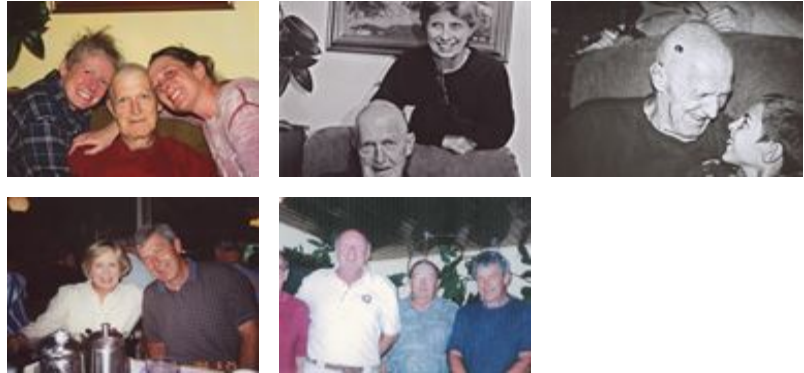
“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Rex Kreigh.



February 20, 2015 at 01:10 PM



“ 77 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 20, 2015 at 01:08 PM

R6

“ Roger Manns, class of 62 purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Rex Kreigh.



Roger Manns, class of 62 - February 20, 2015 at 01:05 PM

LM

“ Billy and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Ken & Louise Miller



Louise Miller - February 20, 2015 at 09:22 AM

KY

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Karen York** - February 20, 2015 at 02:29 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rex Kreigh.



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February 19, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Rex Kreigh.



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February 19, 2015 at 07:06 PM

DD

“ Rex Kreigh, was one of my best friends who I have known my entire life. It's hard to believe I am now writing this. I have a lifetime of memories.... 9 year old Rex driving the family car with my 10 year old brother as passenger to get the mail, a star shortstop and catcher in Little League baseball, one of the best high school basketball players to ever play in the Fort Wayne area, one of the best baseball catchers to ever play in the Fort Wayne area, Maybe the coolest under pressure athlete to ever play in Wells County.....and that same attitude served him well his entire life. I was there for all of it.....The long talks we had sitting in that Volkswagon trying to figure out our lives, the trip to Washington (Win--chester Cathe--dral) Courthouse, Ohio, the marriage to Billy, the birth of Regan and later Erin.....Everyone has maybe a handful of friends they can say are truly a "best friend." He was one of mine and I am gonna miss him.

*Doug Durr*

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**Doug Durr** - February 19, 2015 at 04:30 PM

DD

“ My sympathy Billy, to you, the girls, and all of Rex's family. Having known Rex since elementary school, his loss is a tough one. I can't begin to count the number of basketball and baseball games I played with and against Rex. He was one great player, and a terrific friend. His easy-going nature and friendly manner made just about everyone remember him as a friend. Rest in peace, Rex; you've left a heck of a hole in the line-up down here.

*Dave Durr*

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**Dave Durr** - February 19, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 19, 2015 at 02:04 PM

SW

“ Erin,  
*You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers.*  
Love,  
*Ryan and Sarah (Haggard) Wolfe and Cooper*

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**Sarah Wolfe** - February 19, 2015 at 01:07 PM

RH

“ *Richard Harshman lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh*



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**Richard Harshman** - February 19, 2015 at 09:19 AM

JA

“ *Billy, Ron and I are so very sorry to hear about Rex. We are thinking of you and your family. Jean Anderson*

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**Jean Anderson** - February 19, 2015 at 08:52 AM

TL

“ Oh Billy, I am so very sorry. Thinking of you and your precious family.

*Teresa Ley*

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**Teresa Ley** - February 19, 2015 at 08:12 AM

SS

“ Billy, we are so sorry for your loss and are thinking of you and your family.

*Gary & Suzie Studebaker*

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**Suzie Studebaker** - February 19, 2015 at 07:37 AM



DO

“ Donna lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh



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**Donna** - February 19, 2015 at 06:36 AM

KF

“ Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh



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**Ken and Jeannie Flowers** - February 19, 2015 at 06:25 AM

KF

*Prayers for comfort to the family in the days ahead*

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**Ken and Jeannie Flowers** - February 19, 2015 at 06:26 AM

SK

*To Rex's family. I remember Rex from when I was just a kid. He played for my dad on the National Oil baseball team. Dad told the story of him hanging out the car window dribbling Dave Durr's sectional basketball as they drove through Fort Wayne. I don't know if it was true, but it's a story I'll always remember.*

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**Steve Kunkel** - February 19, 2015 at 03:49 PM

SS

“ *We send our thoughts and sympathy to all of you.*

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**Steve & Laura Sawyer** - February 18, 2015 at 09:38 PM

JT

“ *Julia Tobias lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh*



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**Julia Tobias** - February 18, 2015 at 08:28 PM

DW

“ We're sure going to miss you, Rexy!  
From the first time I met you more than 50 years ago, before Don and I got married, somehow I knew then that you were a special guy and someone who was very important to Don. We loved the trips we took with you and Bill, and some of the places you drove us were fun and some were weird, but the best part was being together and having fun.  
What will we do without you?  
Much love and many hugs to Billy, Erin, Regan, and JSK.  
Thanks for the memories!!  
Don and Susan

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**Don Wasson** - February 18, 2015 at 08:28 PM

CS

“ Cindy Stiles lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh



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**Cindy Stiles** - February 18, 2015 at 06:31 PM

HM

“ Shooting hoops with my little cousin in our grandpa's barn. When these little rivalries first begun he was easy. Upon my return from Marine boot camp he had developed his skills for ball handling greatly.  
May God have mercy on your soul.  
Rooks by Mackey

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**Henry mackey** - February 18, 2015 at 04:32 PM

KJ

“ *Kristi & Jeremy lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh*



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**Kristi & Jeremy** - February 18, 2015 at 02:44 PM

BF

“ *Bill & Sandy Fair lit a candle in memory of Rex Kreigh*



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**Bill & Sandy Fair** - February 18, 2015 at 08:33 AM

SF

“ *There are no adequate words to comfort a wife who has lost her husband. I am sorry about Rex's death and will pray for you and your family for strength in the days ahead.*

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**Suzanne Feedback** - February 18, 2015 at 07:55 AM

JO

“ *My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days and months ahead. Rex was such a sweet man and I am lucky to have been able to know him. Steve & I shared many mornings with him at Cowboys enjoying coffee and stories. Stay "strong". Joan Kelly*

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**Joan** - February 18, 2015 at 07:16 AM

KB

“ *We are sorry for your loss.* ”



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**Kami Paxson, Austin and Brody** - February 18, 2015 at 06:50 AM