

## *In Memory of*

# Hermann J. Kreissle

### **Mass of Christian Burial**

Monday, January 30, 2012 | 10:00am  
St. Margaret Mary Church  
33 Arch Street, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

### **Driving Directions**

### **Visitation**

Sunday, January 29, 2012 | 03:00pm - 05:00pm  
Foley Funeral Home  
49 Court Street, Keene, New Hampshire

### **Driving Directions**



Hermann J. Kreissle 85, of Summit Road, Keene, NH, died Sunday, January 22, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family following a brief illness.

He was born in Munich, Germany on July 5, 1926.

He lived in Leuitkirch, Germany and attended primary school there. Upon graduating, he went to study at Mercedes-Benz in their apprentice tool maker program. He also studied at the Institute of Technology in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mr. Kreissle served in the Germany navy from 1943 until the end of the war.

He came to the United States in October of 1947 where he worked at several jobs in and around New York City and Connecticut. He moved to Keene in August of 1952 to work with the former American Optical Company, starting in their tool room and working his way up to become plant manager from 1972 until 1976 when he transferred to the American Optical headquarters in Southbridge, Mass. There, he was the assistant to the president of the international division, overseeing operations in Brazil, Mexico, France, Austria, England and Germany.

On February 7, 1953, he married Jane Berry in New Rochelle, New York. The couple made their home in Keene, Danbury, Conn., Sturbridge, Mass. and in 1988 following his retirement, back to Keene, a place he and his family always thought of as home.

Following retirement he was very active in many local organizations. Most recently, he was a volunteer at the American Red Cross NH West Chapter in Keene, preparing their tax returns and serving on their board as a member and past president. He was also a member of SCORE. He enjoyed doing work in his "home away from home", his workshop. There he crafted many projects not just for his own home, but also his grandchildren who he loved so dearly. Of all his jobs, being Opa was the one thing he loved the most.

He was a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Keene and until recently, was actively involved in parish activities. In 1970 he received the Order of St. Gregory from Pope Paul VI.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jane Kreissle of Keene, two daughters, Victoria Kreissle of Keene, Karen Cota of Roxbury, NH, two sons, Stephen Kreissle of Grand Isle, VT and Richard Kreissle and his wife, Irene, of Keene, four grandchildren, Leeanna Cota of Jacksonville, FL, Emma Robinson and Sarah Robinson of Roxbury, Alexander Kreissle of Grand Isle, a nephew, Fred Vigue, of Florida, a niece, Laura L'Heureux, of Tallahassee, FL, and cousins in Germany and Florida.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Monday, January 30, 2012 at 10:00 AM in St. Margaret Mary Church, 33 Arch Street, Keene, NH. Burial will follow in the Monadnock View Cemetery, Park Avenue, Keene. Family and friends are invited to call on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Foley Funeral Home, 49 Court Street, Keene.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests for those who wish that donations be made in Mr. Kreissle's memory to the American Red Cross, NH West Chapter, 83 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431, or to Patient Care Needs of Hospice, PO Box 564, Keene, NH 03431, or to a .