



Harry Maynard Kreidler

December 29, 2021

Harry Maynard Kreidler, 96, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at Amara Hospice. He was born in McAllen in a house which was located on a lot which is now the north side parking lot for the Kreidler family funeral home. He lived in McAllen for most of his life with time out for college, WWII and three years in Eagle Lake, TX.

His ready smile and clean sense of humor were reserved for friends and acquaintances with whom he could relax as a contemporary that shared the same values and priorities. His inclination for pranks was sometimes on display when he was on family vacations and while visiting relatives, by marriage, in Louisiana and Mississippi. Maynard was a fan of history and preferred reading about WWII and the American Civil War, a huge fan of opera and a regular tenor soloist in the First Presbyterian Church choir. He enjoyed tennis until it threatened to interfere with golf which was a central priority of his life and in which his strongest friendships were nurtured. Decisive, punctual and acutely aware of his public visibility he was an adamant achiever in all things service oriented. He was a member and Past Master of McAllen Lodge #1110, A.F. & A.M., Past District Deputy Grand Master District 40B, Grand Lodge of Texas, Scottish Rite San Antonio Consistory, Alzafar Shrine, Past President of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Loyal Service Post #37, First Presbyterian Church of McAllen, McAllen Rotary Club, and as a young man he was a member of McAllen Volunteer Fire Dept.

For many years he was a volunteer at Rio Grande Regional Hospital and a volunteer driver transporting children from the Valley and Mexico to the Shriner Hospital for Crippled Children in Houston.

Maynard, a USAAF Veteran, trained as a waist gunner in B-29's although he had hoped his experience working for Pan Am as a Host on the DC-3 route between Brownsville and Medellin, Columbia or Trinidad and Tobago would secure him a spot on an officer's C-47. V-J day occurred two weeks prior to the end of his gunner training. He was a proud member of the fighting Aggie Band his freshman college year but then joined the USAAF and after the war he attended and graduated from Texas A&I in Kingsville.

Maynard, known to his children as Daddy then Dad then Dadsinville then His Majesty the King, and known to his grandchildren as Granddaddy, Odaddy or Grandpa Maynard, is survived by his wife Fern; sons John (Kay) and Colly (Kathy); daughter Sue Ellen (Mike) Jones; grandchildren, William, Gretchen (Greg) Austin, Peter (Rachel) Kreidler, Casey and Jason (Marlene) Wiginton, Michael (Catie) and Rachel (Patrick); and 7 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sue and his daughter Mary Maude Wiginton.

A visitation will be held at Kreidler Funeral Home from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Funeral services will be held on January 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church in McAllen with burial to follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Masks are required in the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Vannie E. Cook, Jr Children's Cancer Clinic, 101 West Expressway 83, McAllen, TX 78503

Previous Events

Visitaion with family

JAN **5**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Funeral Service

JAN **6**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church McAllen

Burial will follow

JAN **6** (CT)

Roselawn Cemetery
1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Maynard Kreidler*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Harry Maynard Kreidler*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Mary Wiley Corona lit a candle in memory of Harry Maynard Kreidler*



Mary Wiley Corona - January 07, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss and know he will be dearly missed. Condolences front the Pebley and Tavarez families.*



Kathleen Tavarez Pebley - January 06, 2022 at 04:42 PM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Harry Maynard Kreidler*



Myles Beeching - January 06, 2022 at 07:42 AM

FB

“ *I'm very sorry for the loss of your father, John and family. Condolences from the Byas family.*

Forrest J. Byas - January 05, 2022 at 10:42 AM

MI

“ *In his life, here on earth, this man has helped so many families, and friends, send their loved-ones on to their eternal resting place. Now, Maynard will be there to help guide us as we enter Heaven. May God Bless the Kreidler family and embrace them with His Love and Comfort.*

Michael Rabinowitz

Michael - January 05, 2022 at 10:31 AM

TB

“ *I will always cherish my friendship with Maynard. He was a kind and generous man, always trying to find a way to help others accomplish good things. His influence on the community will last forever.*

Tom Ball - January 04, 2022 at 12:34 PM

RS

“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. THINKING OF THE WHOLE FAMILY. CHERISHING MEMORIES OF YEARS GONE BY.
SENDING PRAYERS AND MUCH LOVE.

REBA SHOWERS
GAY AND SAM HARGIS

Reba Showers - January 03, 2022 at 08:12 PM

DH

My sincerest thoughts, prayers and love to the family as you honor and celebrate the life well lived, of your family's Patriarch. As a child I feared the wrath of Maynard as much as my own Dad's..thanks for the guideposts on how to behave. Peace be with you.

Dana Wilson Haynes - January 04, 2022 at 11:54 AM

MC

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. It was an honor to have know Maynard. Thank you for helping my family in the time of need. My love to all his family. Mary Margaret Wiley.

Mary Wiley Corona - January 07, 2022 at 05:17 PM

DJ

My heartfelt prayers and sympathy go out to all of Maynard's family. He blessed me with his friendship for over 80 years. He was a man of character and was a true friend in every sense of the word.I will miss him and look forward to seeing him again and celebrating the joy of eternal bliss with him.

Dave Horger, Jr. - January 09, 2022 at 03:55 PM

KB

“ In April of 2004 Maynard and my Mom got married and I got a new member to my family. They met at Rio Grande Hospital in McAllen where they volunteered. It has been a fun and interesting journey with my stepfather. I learned a lot about Texas history and Texas gentlemen. Maynard made several trips to our home in Minnesota. There he enjoyed the deer and wild turkeys in our yard, the hummingbirds and playing golf with our neighbor. We took him to the woods and he even participated with cutting down a Christmas tree. He also went shopping at the Mall of America and was amazed at the sky walks. I am not too sure he like my brothers new pup that drooled all over slacks but he took it in stride but did take the slacks to the cleaners the next day. He had a good sense of humor He visited us in Arizona and even took my mom to the casinos in Laughlin Nevada. I was very fortunate to be able to visit with him at the Vets home in November 2021 and he was able to communicate and he recognized Mom and me. He still was singing songs and knew ever word. My mom took very good care of him for a long time and they had a strong bond (although he could get pretty feisty at times)

*He will be greatly missed
from Ferns Daughter, Kathy Bickman*

Kathy Bickman - January 03, 2022 at 07:58 PM

AM

“ Adriana And Alex Muro lit a candle in memory of Harry Maynard Kreidler



Adriana and Alex Muro - January 02, 2022 at 05:41 PM

SB

“ *It was a privilege having met Mr. Kreidler a few years back. Definitely a pioneer in funeral service. My most sincerest condolences to the Kreidler Family. Rest In Peace.*

Steven R. Bailey - January 02, 2022 at 05:14 PM

EL

My deepest sympathy in your loss of this great man, Harry Maynard Kreidler. His service to so many of the Valley people has been remarkable. He will be missed. Mrs. Eunice Inmon Leervig

Eunice Inmon Leervig - January 03, 2022 at 06:53 PM