



LTC Norbert Alvin Kanzler

February 12, 1932 - December 2, 2016

LTC Norbert Alvin Kanzler, "Norb", 84 of Chateaugay, NY passed away Friday, Dec 2, 2016 from a vehicle accident in Bellmont Center, NY.

Norbert was born on Feb. 12, 1932 in Trout Lake, MI, he was the son of Leo and Rose (Mahl) Kanzler. He was the youngest of six children, Dorothy Peake, Gertrude Rapson, Billie Campbell, John Kanzler and Robert Kanzler. He married Kathleen McGivney on Dec. 21, 1954 in Detroit, MI. He was a graduate of Michigan State College and served his country with pride and distinction in the US Army, retiring with 29 years of service and a recipient of the Bronze Star. He was an honorable member of the Order of Kentucky Colonels, the American Legion and the Alpha Zeta fraternity (Farm House). He was an honorary life member of the Siberian Husky Club of America and served on the board in several capacities. He was a life member of the Chateaugay Valley Kennel Club, Associate Member of the St. Lawrence Region Dog Judges Association, an advocate for the local wind turbines and a seed salesman for Mycogen.

Norbert was an avid sled dog musher from 1961 up to the present. He and his wife own the Innisfree Kennel, world renown for Siberian Huskies and Shiba Inu. His passion and love for animals was evident by everyone that knew him. He traveled the world with his wife Kathleen, supporting her dog judging assignments. He had a passion for woodworking, leather working, horseback riding and farming. He was a very prolific reader, enjoying westerns (Zane Grey), poetry (Robert Service) and historical information on the American

Indians.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen of 62 years; three children, Patricia, John and his wife Pamela and Sheila and her husband Frank; two grandchildren, Patrick and Kevin; two sisters Gertrude Rapson of Eaton Rapids, MI and Billie Campbell of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and a brother Robert Kanzler of Powder Springs, GA. He will be missed by the dogs and horses of Innisfree that he loved and cared for every day.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Friday, Dec 9, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a prayer service immediately following at 1:30.

A reception will be held after the services at the American Legion Post 375 in Chateaugay, NY.

Burial will be held at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org), Save-A-Vet.org, Churubusco Rescue Service or Ellenburg Rescue.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Kathleen, Trish, John, Sheila and family,
As the old adage goes, "where do I begin", as this small memorial space will not allow me to write of the many memories that I have of your husband, and father. In trying to remember the first time that I met your family, I believe it was in the late 60's, or whenever you started to come up to the neighborhood for the couple of weeks in the Summer, way before you moved up there full time. And the first time that I met Norbert, it was certainly his smile and quick wit and friendliness that I remember, even as a young man myself back then. And that was true of every time that I had contact with, or spoken to your dad all those years, and most certainly the last time that I saw him, when I stopped and visited with you Mrs. Kanzler, Trish and Norbert in July, 2014. He was a man of great integrity and patriotism, who as others here have said I'm sure, was a friend to all and certainly to our family who lived all those years just down the road, I fondly remember all the times that he was so quick to offer to help us with a field of hay, parking his vehicle in the field, and jumping right in, throwing those bales on the wagon. I know that my mother and father thought the world of your family, and appreciated his friendship all those years, even after they retired from the farm. Since now I live in Virginia, I look forward to the time that a patriot such as Norbert is finally laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, where I live close by, so that I can go and pay tribute to such dedicated American. And I look forward to speaking to your family in person, hopefully next Spring, so that as you said Trish, we can "tell some Norbert stories" and celebrate his life.

God Bless Norbert and all of you.

Clarence Clark on behalf of the entire Clark Family

Clarence Clark - December 16, 2016 at 03:18 PM

BH

“ To Tricia and family,

My condolences to all of you. Tricia -you have been the most wonderful daughter to your parents. You have been their glue. I am so sad to hear this news. Your dad was a "Bigger than life character"! I still recall when I waitressed at the Lakesider in Chateaugay serving your family gathering. It was the highlight of my evening. When I think of your Dad - I smile as I remember him. If there is anything you need please let me know. May your heart feel happiness in his memories, and your sadness fade with time. Thinking of you.

Regards,

Barbara Harrigan (Mom to Corey, Lee and Shane)

Barbara Harrigan - December 09, 2016 at 05:26 PM

DC

“ Kathleen, Trish, and the family and friends, we are so sorry for your loss. It is never easy to lose a loved one. However, he remain with us all in our hearts and memories. We have all of you in our prayers. Dave, Mary, and Amy Clark

David Clark - December 09, 2016 at 10:39 AM

BP

“ *Dear Kathleen, Trish, and Sheila*

A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept my condolences, Norbert will not be forgotten. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Birgit von Pelser

Birgit von Pelser - December 09, 2016 at 08:56 AM

FN

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Frank Napoli - December 09, 2016 at 08:14 AM

NH

“ *Norman H. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of LTC Norbert Alvin Kanzler.*



Norman H. - December 09, 2016 at 01:50 AM



“ Dear Kathleen and Trish, Norbert was a man of many talents and knowledge of all livestock. Will always remember the hospitality shown when I was a guest at Inisfree for several days and Norbert's skills on the snow mobile. Sincere condolences.
RIP Norbert Alvin Kanzler it was a privelege.

Keven Harris - December 08, 2016 at 08:07 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of LTC Norbert Alvin Kanzler.*



December 08, 2016 at 06:57 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of LTC Norbert Alvin Kanzler.*



December 08, 2016 at 01:48 AM



“ *Sincere sympathies to you all So saddened to hear the news on Norbert's passing.
Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Liz Boyce

Liz - December 07, 2016 at 09:13 PM

DE

“ Deepest condolences to the Kanzler family during this difficult time.



Debra - December 07, 2016 at 02:07 PM

DJ

“ Dearest Kanzlers, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Loved talking to Norbert on the phone. We want you to know how much we love each of you and how honored we are to be part of the family through "Trip". Doc and Judi

Doc and Judi Johnson - December 07, 2016 at 10:01 AM

WM

Kanzler family, We were most sorry to hear of Norbert's passing. He was never forgotten even though many years passed by until we saw him at our class reunion (Rudyard High class of 1950) this past summer. Norbert never changed and we all had a really good visit with him. He was one good guy. We sympathize with you all and God Bless your whole family. God Bless Norbert. Willard and Sheila Mayry

Willard Mayry - December 09, 2016 at 11:59 AM