



Col. William W. Kramer

September 23, 1920 - August 21, 2020

Col. William W. Kramer (USA Retired) passed away peacefully on August 21, 2020 at Falcons Landing in Potomac Falls, Virginia, a month shy of his 100th birthday. Born on September 23, 1920 in New York City, he was the proud and devoted son of immigrants Mollie and Samuel Kramer.

After graduating from Brooklyn College and starting law school, he joined the Army Air Corps during World War II as a navigator. Based in Debach, England, he flew 30 bombing missions as squadron navigator in the 493rd bomb group of the Eighth Air Force. A recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, he also received the French Legion of Honor for his service in the war.

After the war ended, he completed law school at George Washington University and rejoined the Army in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He served as an Army lawyer, judge, and appellate judge. After retiring from the Army in 1970, Col. Kramer practiced law in Washington, D.C. for almost twenty years.

In the summer 1948, Bill Kramer met Sylvia Steinberg of East Schodack, New York, at Camp Milford in Connecticut. After less than a year of a long-distance romance, they were married on July 10, 1949. Bill and Sylvia were deeply devoted to each other until she passed away in 2011.

Col. Kramer is survived by his loving family, his three children and their spouses, Jeff Kramer (Christina Kramer), Gilda Kramer (Sam Adenbaum), and Mimi Kramer-Roberts (John Roberts), and six grandchildren, Josh Roberts, Jacob Adenbaum, Molly Roberts, Alex Kramer, Philip Kramer, and Ben Adenbaum.

Burial will be at Arlington Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to either:

- Beth El Hebrew Congregation General Fund in appreciation of the Caring Community Committee

Beth El Hebrew Congregation
3830 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304

<https://www.bethelhebrew.org/>

- The Fighting 493rd Bomb Group (H) Association
P.O. Box 36
Mendham, NJ 07945-0036

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Tribute Wall



“ *Col. William W. Kramer*

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“ *Sincerest condolences from all of the volunteers of the 493rd BG Museum, Debach, England. It was from Debach that William served as Squadron Navigator of the 862nd BS and flew his combat missions, many on lead, Pathfinder, aircraft..*

Rest in Peace

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