



Fred R. Kolb

June 24, 1944 - July 8, 2018

Fred R. Kolb of Mandeville, LA passed away on Sunday, July 8, 2018. He was born on June 24, 1944 in Georgenthal, Germany to the late Frederick Kolb and the late Gertrude Fuhr Kolb.

Fred is survived by his adoring wife of 50 years, Leslie Kolb; his children Clayton Kolb (Christi) and Courtney McMahan (Joseph); and his five precious grandchildren Kimberly McMahan, Joseph McMahan, Casey Kolb, Cassidy Kolb, and Catherine Kolb. He is also survived by his sister Kristina Kolb Johnson, two nieces, and a nephew.

Fred and his family escaped from the Soviets in 1947 and ultimately arrived in New Orleans in 1950. Later the family relocated to Houston, TX where he met the love of his life, Leslie Peek. Fred graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Economics and Finance while serving in the Air Force National Guard for six years. Fred was a dynamic, intensely committed individual in all of his endeavors. Having worked for most of his years as a Sales Rep and Manager at Deluxe Corporation, he retired in 1998 so he and his wife could devote themselves to world travel and to their favorite hobby – bridge. He was a co-founder of the Mandeville Bridge Club, which has brought much joy and camaraderie to its club's players. Fred was a Bronze Life Master, teacher, and club director, too. He would like to be remembered by the song "I Did it My Way". Fred played his final hand with courage and dignity. It was his last hurrah!

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 11:00 AM with visitation on Saturday beginning at 9:00 AM. Interment will follow the service in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens, Covington, LA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Mr. Kolb to be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, <https://www.stjude.org/> .

Cemetery

Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory

2280 W 21st Ave
Covington, LA, 70433

Events

JUL **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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JUL **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ He was a great friend! The nicest, most generous and friendliest hard ass I ever met ! He acted like he didn't have a boss, but those of us who know Fred and Leslie know better! He will be missed !! Connie & Roy

Roy Caffery - July 15, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ Leslie, I am very sorry to hear of Fred's passing. You and your family have my deepest condolences and will be in my thoughts and prayers .

Dianne Bailey - July 14, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ i remember in the dallas plant before we came to new orleans. fred went fishing in mexico and caught a marlin, he was proud and wanted it mounted. after a while the fish was delivered to the plant, he was happy but when they took it out of the box it looked fake. we were teasing him that they had a warehouse full of mounts, so when they saw his fish they asked for a no. 6 fish. another time still in dallas owen and me went hunting in west texas , when we were returning we stopped at this restaurant which is the only thing left in this town in the middle of nowhere. owen and i went in and spotted fred in a booth ed who was with him was walking to the bathroom owen followed ed and i charged fred jumping at him in the booth. we scared them, because this the last place you would expect to see someone you know. lots of fun. going to miss this guy. leslie and the kids so sorry for your loss, be strong you know fred will be looking down at you all. love you mickey and sara .

mickey mitchell - July 14, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ I feel privileged and blessed to have shared part of this life with Fed Kolb. Thoughts and prayers for the family and remember to hold all the wonderful memories close in your hearts.

Ann Mahnke - July 13, 2018 at 03:47 PM



“ Paulette and I would like to extend our sympathies and condolences to the entire Kolb Family. You are all in our prayers- Fred was a Great and Dear Friend- May God Bless Fred and his Family- J R "Rusty" Renaudin

J R "Rusty" Renaudin - July 13, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ I met Fred at Deluxe some 40+ years ago and it has been my privilege to have him as a dear friend for all these years. We had so much fun together whether it was work or pleasure and enjoyed competing with one another in many of the same hobbies. Our times together often involved our young families and they, too, have fond memories of Fred and Leslie. It is a sad passing, but I can't think of anyone who lived and loved life to the fullest more than Fred. He will be sorely missed by so many, but all that knew him will still have their great memories of him.

Our prayers are with you, Leslie, Clayton and Courtney.

Owen and Pat Dhonau

Owen Dhonau - July 13, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ Fred was such a great person to work for at Deluxe Corporation and will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Janet Whitten

Janet - July 12, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ AL AND SONYNA MCMANN purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Fred R. Kolb.



AL AND SONYNA MCMANN - July 12, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing Fred for 43 years, of which 23 we worked together at Deluxe Corporation; many years very closely. He made work look easy and was a successful sales person as well as a respected and trusted sales leader. Colleagues and clients gravitated to Fred because of these attributes and because Fred was so much fun to be with! I'm proud our friendship transcended the workplace and we remained close friends after we left Deluxe. Fred was a winner in life as well as business. He expected to win in every endeavor he undertook; and he often did, but always the right way.

In short, Fred was a good man, loving husband, wonderful father, and a fun, trustworthy friend. I will miss him greatly. I am comforted, however knowing Fred is in God's loving arms now. I bet he's gazing down a beautiful green fairway in Heaven - with no pain...

Leslie, please know that Vicky and my prayers are for peace and continued strength for you, Clayton, and Courtney through this difficult time.

Patrick Montgomery

Patrick Montgomery - July 11, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ Sending my deepest sympathy and condolences to you Leslie and family. So sorry to hear the sad news from Chris.

Suzanne - July 11, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ I remember Fred well as he was my roommate at my first Deluxe Sales Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Always a big smile and loved to help. I also remember how much he loved golf, and now all his putts will drop! To Fred's family, Thanks for sharing him...Bob Dourgarian

bob dourgarian - July 11, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ Fred was so much fun to be around. He had such a great sense of humor and I enjoyed exchanging jokes with him. He, also, had a kind heart. The first time I met Fred, Leslie had invited me to play at the bridge club. I had not played since college and then only a little. I had never played duplicate, so Fred was asked to showed me around. He introduced me to the bidding box, (never seen one before), and then quickly reassured me I would actually survive the next four hours. I will miss Fred's quick wit and broad smile! Rest easy in God's loving arms.

Betty Norton - July 11, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Fred R. Kolb.



July 11, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ My contact with Fred was mainly at DeLuxe sales and sales mgr meetings over the many years we worked together. Always looked forward to being in his company because of the great person he was. May the faith of his family comfort and strengthen them at this difficult time.

Jim Hartz

Jim Hartz - July 11, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ Fred was always a true salesperson. Worked with all departments in Deluxe and always got what his customers needed. Our prayers are with the family and Fred - who will be watching us from heaven.
Paul & Judy Mauer

Paul Mauer - July 11, 2018 at 08:07 AM



“ We will miss Fred. But the good times and memories shared over many years will remain and be cherished forever. Rita and John

Rita and John Nichols - July 11, 2018 at 07:42 AM



“ Fred never met a stranger. His personality was always full with laughter and smiles. Always 'up' and larger than life is how I remember Fred. May he now rest in peace.
Casey Gerber

Casey Gerber - July 10, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ I always enjoyed seeing Fred and I know he made Deluxe a better place. I'll bet he will make heaven a better place also. God bless you Fred.....Save a spot for me.
Rick MacPhie

Rick MacPhie - July 10, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Fred for almost 50 years. For most of those years we worked together at Deluxe and his friendship meant a great deal to me. I do not believe I ever saw him in anything but a good mood and his smile and laugh would immediately get you laughing and embracing life. He was a great sales person who built respect among his peers and his clients. I know he is at peace and I hope his family can find comfort knowing how many lives he touched.

Tom Jones

Tom Jones - July 10, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ Leslie, I extend my deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. As a new player to the game of bridge I was always in awe of Fred and his great bridge mind. He was a great director-stern but quick to laugh at himself and with others. I believe he will continue to wrangle bridge players in Heaven. His smile will always be missed by me and many others.

Jennifer Dennies - July 10, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ I had the pleasure of paying bridge at the club with Fred, 4th Friday of every month and the 25 May was his last game there. He was so full of life..always. We will all miss him so much and Fred, be nice to Mum when she plays with you in Heaven!
Leslie, we love you and will assist you all we can.
Chris Beesley

Christine Beesley - July 10, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ I am truly grateful for everything Fred and Leslie have done for me and the club. As a rank beginner last year Fred went out of his way to guide and help me , even putting up with my many mistakes , never getting upset or breaking his great smile. I will really miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with Leslie in this difficult time . I know Fred will be comforted in God's loving arms

bob reich - July 10, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ Fred would always be playing jokes and was always making us smile. He was a good director and kept the bridge club running smoothly. We will miss him so much.
Pat and Jonny Roberts

Pat Roberts - July 09, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ Gone too soon. Dear Fred. I wil miss you, your sense of humour at the beginning of every game and a willingness to coach this rookie. I have been privileged to make your acquaintance. God bless and may you Rest In Peace.

Gail Duffy - July 09, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Thanks Fred for giving me the opportunity to play bridge at your club, become a club director, teach bridge, and meet so many great people. It will be hard to fill your shoes but I hope your club will continue to flourish.

Jerrilyn Jones - July 09, 2018 at 05:44 PM