

# Merrill M. KULLER



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Age 84 , of Naples, FL Died peacefully in his home on November 22, 2013. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1929, Mr. Kuller graduated from Central High School in 1947 and from the University of Minnesota in 1950. He served as a Special Agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps in Korea from 1951-53. In 1954, he married Gracia Klein. Mr. Kuller worked in his family's business, Minnesota Knitting Mills, from the age of 13 until he retired in 1988 as a partner. With his wife, Gracia, he moved to Naples, Florida in 1997. Throughout his life Mr. Kuller was active in community affairs, serving as: Board member of the Indianhead Council, Boy Scouts of America (the youngest member to have done so at the time)., Member, National Eagle Scout Association, President and Founder of the B'nai B'rith Lodge, St. Paul, President, B'nai B'rith Vocational Service, President, Anti-Defamation League of Minnesota and the Dakotas, President and Capital Campaign Chairman of the United Jewish Fund and Council, St. Paul, President, Temple of Aaron, St. Paul. During his years in

Naples, Mr. Kuller was a founding member of the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida. He was actively involved in the Naples Equestrian Challenge and was a board member of the Catholic-Jewish dialogue. Mr. Kuller's commitment to teaching and helping young children was well known in the communities where he lived, as he taught countless neighborhood children to swim, introduced them to the pleasures of horseback riding, scouting, skiing and sailing. Most fortunate were his grandchildren. Mr. Kuller is preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey D. Kuller; grandson, Jason Schleien. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gracia; children, Jo Kuller, Sandra Kuller, and Dana (Stuart) Schleien; grandchildren, Kai (Nichole) Kuller, Ben Kuller, Sophie Kuller, Jenna Schleien, Alexa Schleien, and Isabelle Kuller; brothers, Ted (Marcia Jacobs) Kuller, Harold (Judy) Kuller; daughter-in-law, Alison Kuller; brother-in-law, Louis (Linda Singer) Klein. Graveside service MONDAY 12 NOON, TEMPLE OF AARON CEMETERY, Larpenteur & Dale, Roseville. Memorials preferred to AVOW Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 3410 or donor's favorite charity. SHIVA at Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul, Monday 7 PM. Hodroff-Epstein 612-871-1234 [www.hodroffepstein.com](http://www.hodroffepstein.com)

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November 30, 2013

Dear Gracia and Kuller Family,

I was sorry to hear of your loss from Earl and Barb. When I read the announcement I had a flashback of all the times that I spent as a child in your pool and that "Uncle Merrill" had somewhat taught me how to swim as well. It sounds like he had a tremendous influence on so many people.

My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Fondly,  
Albert Sanford

**Albert Sanford**

November 29, 2013

I was fortunate to crew for Merril on several occasions last year. Merril greatly enjoyed sailing and he was a fine man to be with. He was an excellent host, and proud of his family and friends. God bless you Gracia and your family. He was the best!

**Dave Smith**

November 27, 2013

Dear Gracia, You are in the thoughts and prayers of your many friends @ Curves at this very difficult time.

**Marcia Piipponen**

November 25, 2013

Dear Gracie Our most heartfelt sympathies to you and your entire family. He accomplished so much in his lifetime. May you go from strength to strength as you cherish many beautiful memories. With warmth Corrine and Tom Feinberg

**corrine and Tom feinberg**

November 25, 2013

November 25,2013 We feel so very sad that you & your family have had to suffer so much loss & pain in such a short period of time. We know you are strong in your faith & have a close knit family , We hope & pray the Good Lord will give you the help you need and deserve to set the example for your girls & their families. WE love you, Audrey & Frank

**Audrey & Frank DeRango**

November 25, 2013

Our thoughts are with your family and may the love of family provide comfort.

Sincerely,

All of the Minnesota Knitting Mills Employees

November 25, 2013

May you sail peacefully into the clouds.

We will miss you very much.

Marilyn & Bob Goldberg

November 25, 2013

With sincere sympathy,

The Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation

**Dept of CTR**

November 24, 2013

Gracia and Girls:

Janis and I were very sad to learn that not only did Merrill pass away, but also Jeff. Janis and I babysat your kids for many years. We were the "Nelson" girls from Sheridan Avenue and we have wonderful memories of all the time that we spent with your family. Our deepest sympathies go out to all of you.

**Wendie Seiter**

November 23, 2013

Dear Gracia and family:

I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person beyond words. He will be missed by so many. Sincerely, Noralee Mogol

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