



## Jacob Kertz

May 7, 1928 - April 3, 2023

Jacob Kertz, 94, of Leesburg FL passed away at home, April 3, 2023. Jacob was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1928, to William Jacob Kertz and Marie Thomas Kertz.

Mr. Kertz was a Naval Aviator for 20 years. After his Naval service he taught at Lake Sumter Community College. Jacob loved flying and working on his private plane for many years. He was still flying at 90 years of age. He also loved working on his MGTD, doing a complete remodel. Jacob was passionate about flying and worked as the Leesburg Airport Manager for a couple of years after retiring from LSCC. He was active in the Civil Air Patrol and participated in Angel Flight, among many other organizations, including the Flying Farmers.

Mr. Kertz was preceded in death by both parents, his wife of more than fifty years, Nancy C. Kertz, and his sister, Doris Hawkins of Plant City. His son, James (Kelly) of Leesburg, and daughter Lora of Hollywood, FL., survives him. Many nieces and nephews also survive him as well as honorary nieces and nephews from his naval family.

Mr. Kertz was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church since moving to Florida in 1978.

Mr. Kertz will be interred at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. A

visitation will be held at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel in Leesburg  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 5:00 to 7:00 pm and a Mass held at St. Paul's  
Catholic Church, in Leesburg on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 11:00 am.  
Flowers may be sent to Beyer's Funeral Home, 1123 W Main Street,  
Leesburg, FL 34748 or in lieu of flowers, a donation to St. Paul's Catholic  
School in Leesburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory  
1123 W Main St  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
(352) 787-4343

## Funeral Mass

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Catholic Church  
1330 Sunshine Ave  
Leesburg, FL 34748

## Burial Service

APR 13 (ET)

Florida National Cemetery  
6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513



# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jacob Kertz*



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**Beyers Funeral Home** - April 11, 2023 at 01:43 PM

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*Uncle Jake will certainly be missed. We always enjoyed his conversations and visits. Francine, Jack , Braxton and Brayden Cassidy*

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**Francine Cassidy** - April 12, 2023 at 06:49 PM

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*My dearest Father. The only thing that could keep me away from you today would be a flooded closed airport. And it did. I tried Dad. Just to say again how much I love, adore and respect you. I'm sorry I didn't win our bet, Dad but I will be with you in heaven and tell you how much I adore you. The best Father in the world. Love Trouble. Aka Lora Kertz*

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**Lora J Kertz** - April 13, 2023 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Jim and Kelly and Lora, we are so sad to hear of your dad's passing.... Although we no longer live in Leesburg, we really enjoyed getting his Christmas card and letter every Christmas and always the first one we got. We had great memories of time spent with both your mom and dad especially in church activities. He was a wonderful person!!!*

*Claire and Ralph Souliere*

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**Claire and Ralph Souliere** - April 12, 2023 at 10:24 AM