



## Victor C. Kimmel

May 29, 1927 - November 16, 2014

### Obituary of Victor Kimmel

Victor Charles Kimmel, son of Charles Arthur Kimmel and Velma Pearl Elton, was born on May 29, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away on November 16, 2014, in Leesburg, Florida. Vic grew up in Detroit, Michigan in the area of West Grand Boulevard and Tireman Avenue. Vic's first job was at Kline's women's apparel store in downtown Detroit, making 37 ½ cents per hour. Vic's mother was also employed at Kline's. After serving in the Navy during World War II, Vic was called back to service in 1953, spending two years in the Army. He embarked on his sales career in 1954 as a manufacturer's sales rep for Hortex Mfg., selling Billy the Kid Blue Jeans. In 1961 Vic found his niche as a manufacturer's sales rep in the souvenir industry, where he excelled for over 50 years, and was recognized as a Living Legend in 2004 at the Smoky Mountain Gift Show in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Vic was a proud Free Mason and member of Livonia United 152.

On July 27, 1970, Vic married N.J. "Joey" Tutor Olson in Walled Lake, Michigan. Vic and Joey founded VCK, Inc. in the mid 70's. During the past five decades, this successful, thriving enterprise has had the good fortune of working with some of the finest companies in the souvenir industry, such as Wheeler Mfg. Co., Inc. of Lemmon, South Dakota. He and Joey enjoyed splitting their time between homes in Leesburg, Florida and Cherokee, North

Carolina.

Vic is survived by his loving wife Joey of Martin, Tennessee; a son, John Thomas Kimmel (Tammy) of Sylva, North Carolina and daughter, Dawn Kimmel Roberts (John) of Tallahassee, Florida; five grandchildren: Courtney Jo Kimmel and Aaron Michael Kimmel of Sylva, North Carolina, Lindsey Minsch of Cincinnati, Ohio and Madison Kimmel Roberts and Logan Kimmel Roberts of Tallahassee, Florida; and other beloved family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 West Main Street, Leesburg, Florida, 34748. The family of Victor Kimmel would like to express their gratitude for the participation of the Lake County Veterans Honor Guard and the Masonic Memorial Lodge #18 F&AM in the memorial service. Memorial donations may be made to the Central North Florida Alzheimer Association in memory of Victor Kimmel, (407) 951-7992 or mail to: Central North Florida Alzheimer Association 378 Centre Pointe Cir. Unit 1280, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Joe and I have you, Joey and your family in our prayers. Both Daddy and Mother were very fond of you, Joey and Daddy loved Vic like a brother. They are truly forever...together as "Living Legends"! We are grateful that we were able to spend some time with you all in Cherokee after Daddy went to his "great reward"-his words! Today, I know there are many hugs shared and a huge reunion celebration in the Heavenly realm. Love and God bless you all... Joe and Ann (Privett) Moore

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**Joe and Ann Privett Moore** - November 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Joey, Dawn and Jack, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dawn it has been years since we have talked however, I want you to know that I am thinking of you and your family in this time. Your dad was a memorable man who who touched many peoples lives.

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**Lamar Rogers** - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Joey, Dawn, Jack & Family, You guys are in our thoughts & prayers... There must be one heck of a sales "meeting" going on upstairs in Heaven! Vic, Dad, & the gang are all back together again. After Dad died, Vic took me under his wing & helped me more than you'll ever know. He was one of the originals...Old Vic will be missed. Love you guys... Love, Tommy & Jill

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**Tom & Jill Privett** - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We're going to miss the World's Great Salesman!! A Man's Man. Always had a great story and a powerful grip. Cheers to Vic and the man upstairs....Give them hell Vic!! We all love and will miss you very much. Andy "Fish" Anderson and Family

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**Andy "Fish" Anderson & Family** - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Joey, Dawn and Jack; I am so sorry for your loss. Here a couple of things that I will miss with Vic being gone. I am going to miss Vic being the first one at the booth setting there in his yellowish sweater smiling at the rest of us filing in. I will miss his kingship in the court in his room after each day at the show. Most of all -- ALL of us will miss Vic. Our hearts and prayers are will you. Love rob

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**Rob Wheeler** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Joey, Jack, & Family- I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Vick was a great man that influenced many of us and our industry. We are forever grateful for everything that the Kimmel family has contributed. May you find peace in your fond memories. Thoughts and prayers for each of you. ~ Christina

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**Christina Bell** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Joey, Jack, and family Vic's passing is an end of an era, as he joins Jack Belvoir, Bryce, and Glenn. Al Bass

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**Al Bass** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Joy , Jack and family Truly sorry for your Loss. God Bless all of you  
He will truly be missed Al

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**AI Cosgrove** - November 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Victor C. Kimmel*

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