



## George Philip Kinzfogl Jr.

August 29, 1946 - March 31, 2022

George Philip Kinzfogl Jr. passed away at age 75 on March 31, 2022.

He and his wife Lesley enjoyed the symphony of life's journey together for over 50 years. They raised their three sons, cherished seeing them all happily married, and most especially loved every moment spent with their grandchildren. Even before his cancer diagnosis, and certainly afterwards, one of George's happiest places was his chair where he could sit and talk with friends and family. Lesley's devotion to caring for George throughout his cancer treatments was an act of love and grace. She was fortunate to have the support of friends, neighbors, and family. A special thank you to Steve, Phil, Alan and John who accompanied George to many of his chemotherapy sessions. George's entire family is additionally grateful for the compassionate care by Dr. Binod Dhakal and his entire team at the Froedert Cancer Center, without whose stalwart advocacy the gift of these last two years would not have been possible.

George loved being Gramps. Tom and his wife Carlie moving to Milwaukee shortly after the birth of Frederick George Kinzfogl, "Freddie," brought hope and joy to George and Lesley throughout his cancer treatments. He took great pleasure in seeing his granddaughter Elise, and her parents John and Gina, on visits back and forth and via Google Meets during the pandemic. George and Kathy's children Michael, Christine, and Tommy were blessed to have

their Gramps in their lives for so many years. Regular visits to and from their Nana and Gramps were special events that formed an indelible bond of love and memory for them all.

George and Lesley celebrated his 75th birthday surrounded by their children and grandchildren this past August. It was a wonderful celebration of a great man and the family for which he was so proud.

He was kind to family, friends, and strangers alike. He took a sincere interest in the lives and dignity of everyone he met. He did not, however, shy away from vocal irreverence on matters of both humor and principle, or the occasional errant golf shot. He formed deep and meaningful friendships with those closest to him, playing golf and sheephead with lifelong companions.

He was born on August 29, 1946, to George Philip Kinzfogl Sr. and Margaret Else Kinzfogl. He was the oldest of four siblings and is predeceased by his parents and his sister Joan. He was a graduate of Marquette High School and Marquette University. He worked in sales for 38 years for Milport Chemical, a company co-founded by his father. For four decades he was a role model for others seeking sobriety through Alcoholics Anonymous.

George is survived by his wife, Lesley Wittig Kinzfogl; his son George Philip Kinzfogl III, wife Kathy Dolan Kinzfogl, and their three children Michael, Christine, and Tommy of Sudbury, MA; his son John, wife Gina Cantrell-Kinzfogl and their daughter Elise of Oakland, CA; his son Tom, wife Carlie Hanson Kinzfogl, and their son Frederick George of Whitefish Bay, WI; his sister Jean and her husband Elmo of Pelican Lake, WI; his sister Kathy and her husband Brian of Swan Lake, MT; and the many friends to whom he was family and whose lives would not have been complete without George's presence.

A wake to celebrate George's life will be held at North Shore Funeral Services, 3601 N. Oakland Avenue, Shorewood, WI on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

If desired, donations may be made to World Central Kitchen ([wck.org](http://wck.org)) or Southern Poverty Law Center ([splcenter.org](http://splcenter.org))

# Tribute Wall

WB

“ I just heard of his passing today, George was our Milport Salesman, My Dad, Wesley, my mother Irene, my brother Eric and I (Wayne), all of us really liked him, he as such a nice and knowledgeable gentleman. He retired from Milport about 10 years or so ago, he was one of the "old timers", that knew Chemicals. We all missed him from the day he retired, it was a big loss. RIP George, if you have time in Heaven, please visit my dad, mom and recently my brother (also passed from cancer), they would be overjoyed to see you. You were the best, a real gentleman.

Wayne Benz - May 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I just wanted to say one more thing, there was a genuine warmth about George, he just generated warmth and caring.

Wayne Benz - May 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Lesley, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers!

Lynn and John Lieber - April 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Kinzfogl Family in the passing of such a dear man. In the 5 years that we have come to know George (& Lesley) he left an indelible mark on our hearts. May you find comfort in the many treasured memories you carry with you. We love you all!

Rick & Cyndi - April 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ *I was born on the same day as George my friend and fraternity brother; we will all miss him.* ”

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**Willy Lee** - April 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM