



Luke Crossley Jr.

July 31, 1942 - January 12, 2023

Luke Crossley Jr. ascended into the arms of his heavenly father on January 12, 2023, in Orlando, Florida holding the hand of his wife of 59 years, Earline Crossley.

Luke was born in Miami, Florida on July 31, 1942 to Chloe Lackey Crossley and Luke Crossley, Sr. The family moved back to Orlando when he was 18 months old and settled in the Pine Castle area. Luke attended Pine Castle Elementary, Howard Jr. High and Boone High School and Orlando Junior College. He was active in 4-H through 8th grade and played JV football at Boone. After high school he worked for Orlando Boat Company where he raced boats. Later he and Earline took over the family business, Crossley's Nursery, Inc. that specialized in growing plants, landscaping and a retail garden center.

From childhood Luke loved everything pertaining to cars, airplanes or boats. He was a whiz at taking things apart and putting it together again. If you could think it up, he would try to build it, including several pieces of equipment he invented for use at the nursery. Luke loved auto racing, especially drag racing and was a mechanic for his brother-in-law's dragster. He also built Volkswagon engines for off roaders. His other hobbies included hunting, fishing, building and flying radio- controlled airplanes.

Luke was a founding member of St. Mary of the Angels Episcopal Church in Pine Castle. He was a member of and past president of the South Orange Jaycees, past president of Florida Off Road Drivers Association, past president of The Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club, the Minnie Winnie Winnebago Club and was appointed by the governor to serve as a fire commissioner of the Pine Castle Fire Control District for two terms.

Luke is predeceased by his parents, Chloe and Luke Crossley Sr., and his sister. His paternal grandparents, William and Mary Crossley, and his maternal grandparents, Clara and Lawrence Lackey.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Earline Marsh Crossley, his son, Luke Christopher Crossley, his daughter, Jennifer Lyn Crossley, his grandson, Luke Casey Crossley, granddaughter, Violet Grace Crossley, step grandchildren, Samantha and Harmony Bellanca, Jaykob Pitts, and Noah Scott.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be sent to Wm. R. Boone High School 5218 Haverill Drive, Orlando, 32809 designating the Class of '63 Scholarship in Luke's name or www.pmdalliance.org (Parkinson & Movement Disorder Alliance) in Luke's name.

Celebration of Life for Luke will be January 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary of the Angels Episcopal Church, 6316 Matchett Road, Orlando, Fl. 32809.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Angels Episcopal Church
6316 Matchett Road
Orlando, FL 32809

Tribute Wall

LC

“ 1 file added to the album Remembrance



Luke Crossley - January 27, 2023 at 05:43 PM

LC

“ My Grandfather, I remember him as a man who would teach you everything. If you wanted to know something you'd ask him. I'd never not find him in the workshop working on a new project we'd have given him. I will never forget him reading me 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' by Roald Dahl, it was the first and only book he ever read to me as a child, and I'll cherish it forever. My grandfather was the most hardworking man I'll ever meet. He'd always pick me up in elementary school on Wednesdays, we'd go to the hardware store to the nursery. to pick up some parts for his projects. Spending time with him will always be in my memory. I wish I could've spent more time with him watching movies and laughing at Clint Eastwood. He'll always be in my heart as my Papa. He will always be missed in this household.

Luke Crossley - January 27, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Luke Crossley Jr..



January 27, 2023 at 11:39 AM

JM

“ I will miss uncle Luke. In his prime he earned the respect of the community and all who he encountered. Most of all he loved Aunt Earline and their family. I am glad to have been one of his nephews. Aunt Earline, Chris and Jennifer you have my sympathy and support. May God bless you all.

Jack Marsh - January 26, 2023 at 10:09 PM

TF

“ The Shannon Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luke Crossley Jr..



The Shannon Family - January 25, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Luke Crossley Jr..



January 24, 2023 at 03:06 PM

SL

“ The biggest part of my Uncle Luke was his heart. I loved and will miss him very much. See you on the other side, Uncle Luke. Peace out.

Love your niece (Sybil's daughter),

Shelley

Shelley Myers Lippi - January 24, 2023 at 01:53 PM

JL

“ Julie Leckie lit a candle in memory of Luke Crossley Jr.



Julie Leckie - January 22, 2023 at 01:01 PM

JL

“ Uncle Luke was a kind and tender hearted man, although he preferred to hide the tender part most of the time. He was an entrepreneur, volunteer, and beacon of the community. He was an expert mechanic and could fix just about anything. He shared his knowledge with family and friends whenever they needed his assistance. In addition to being a hard worker, he also knew how to have fun.

Uncle Luke loved building model airplanes and we loved watching him fly them. He enjoyed fast cars and racing. One of my favorite memories is riding in the dune buggy with him. He would also take us around the nursery on any of the equipment that had wheels. He encouraged us to play games in between the plants and trees.

Uncle Luke will be remembered for his tall stature. He is loved by family and friends. We will miss him in our world. I can only hope that the ride he is on now is fast and fabulous, just as he prefers.

Aunt Earline, Christopher, and Jennifer, you have our love and support always.

Love,
Julie

Julie Leckie - January 22, 2023 at 12:20 PM

EM

“ Luke Crossley was a good man who lived a life worth celebrating. He had a fascination with cars, boats, and airplanes. He enjoyed working with his hands and had the aptitude of a mechanical engineer. Some of my earliest memories are of him and my Dad building and racing their hotrods when I was a kid. I recall that he built and flew some really cool radio-controlled airplanes as well. I also remember our families going on numerous dune buggy outings and hunting trips to the Ocala National Forest in our RV motor homes. Uncle Luke was definitely a loyal Winnebago customer. He was a no-nonsense person and sometimes came off as a little gruff, but he had a good heart. The times I most cherish were spending holidays together with our family in food and fellowship. My deepest sympathies go out to Aunt Earline in her time of loss and my sincere condolences to my cousins Chris and Jennifer and their families. May God bless Uncle Luke as he ascends into Heaven.



Eugene Marsh - January 20, 2023 at 04:19 PM