



## Kurt M. Gronau

May 17, 1937 - May 28, 2019

Kurt Max Gronau, 82, of Lake Bluff, Illinois, passed away peacefully from cancer at Journey Care Hospice Center in Glenview, IL the morning of Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Kurt was born in Northbrook, IL on May 17, 1937 to Kurt K. and Ollie (Schroeder) Gronau. He was the oldest of 3 siblings and attended a one room schoolhouse in Northbrook through 8th grade. In 1955, he was in the second graduating class at the original Glenbrook High School and is a graduate of Bradley University, after which he served in the Army Reserves. Kurt had a career in insurance, living and working in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City before returning to the Chicago area in 1977 where he started his own insurance business and has been actively involved in the Lake Bluff/Lake Forest communities. Kurt was a long time member of the Lions Club, having served as president, a board member for the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce, and a 42 year member of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest where he served as a Deacon and volunteer through PADS of Lake County. His love of Lake Bluff and the game of golf lead him to serving 20 years on the Lake Bluff Park District Board of Commissioners as the longest tenured Board member, having held every Board office and committee position. For the past 18 years, Kurt has stood alongside his wife, Peg, as owners of Peg Ann Kompany, a Lake Bluff treasure, never meeting a stranger as people shopped over the years. They were always awesome partners in work as in life!

Kurt is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Peg (Coleman), 4 children, and 11 grandchildren: Gretchen (Michael) Wooldridge (Merritt and Calvin) of Morton Grove, IL, Jacki (Timothy) Michael (Harley and Sloan) of Lake Bluff, Rodd (Sarah) Specketer (Sadie, James, Miles, Elizabeth, and Wells) of Lake Bluff, and Melanie (Sean) Walsh (Molly and Jack) of Lake Forest, his two sisters, Carol (Harvey) Applegate of Omaha, NE, and Judy Duszak of Libertyville, IL, and nieces Michelle Blanchard, Kim Bezek, and nephew, Chris Duszak. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 8 from 9-11 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, followed by a service celebrating Kurt's life at 11:00.

Memorial contributions may be made to either JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 ([www.journeycare.org](http://www.journeycare.org)) or PADS of Lake County, P.O. Box 428, North Chicago, IL 60064 ([www.padslakecounty.org](http://www.padslakecounty.org)). For information: Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com) or (847) 234-9649.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest  
700 North Sheridan Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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700 North Sheridan Road  
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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Sad to hear that Kurt has passed. We were very close on age. Got to know Kurt through Harvey and Carol "Sister" Applegate. May he rest in peace.

Glenn Markley - June 14, 2019 at 10:02 PM

GH

“ I always enjoyed seeing you two enjoying each other!! A gift❤️❤️

gerry hart - June 07, 2019 at 09:44 PM

RS

“ Dear Peg and family, I am so sorry to hear about Kurt. I am so sorry about the loss of Kurt . I remember his smiles his hugs and always helpful and he made my day when i saw him. You and Kurt are in my prayers, I am sure he will make all those angels happy with his personality, humor and understanding. I will miss you Kurt, now do not forget to smile, God bless, Renate

Renate Schuler - June 06, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kurt M. Gronau.



June 04, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kurt M. Gronau.



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June 04, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Kurt M. Gronau.



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June 04, 2019 at 05:23 PM