



Melvin John Kampmann, Jr.

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Melvin (Mel) John Kampmann, 85, passed away peacefully in his home on Tuesday, July 12th, 2016. He suffered from Parkinson's Disease. He leaves his wife of 50 years, Karin (Grabowski) Kampmann; his son, Scot Kampmann; his son Erik Kampmann and his wife Karen; and his grandchildren, Rebecca, Melanie and Meghan.

Born in Santa Monica, CA to Margaret and Melvin Kampmann, Mel joined the Air Force and served in the Korean War as an Air Traffic Controller and, to this day, cannot stand the smell of kimchee. After his service, Mel became a radio announcer and late night television movie host in Fresno, CA before moving to Los Angeles where he began his TV news career. He moved to San Francisco, where he met his wife, Karin and celebrated not one, but two weddings; one in California and one in Germany. Mel continued his news career in Denver, Philadelphia, Fargo and Washington D.C. Mel coined the term 'Action News' for channel 6 while in Philadelphia and earned an Emmy Award during his tenure at WJLA in Washington, D.C. Given his success, Mel hung up his News Director hat to become a TV News consultant and stayed in the D.C. area for 27 years.

During his time in Northern Virginia, Mel and his wife fell in love with the Delaware Eastern Shore where they established the Dairy Queen in Dewey Beach. Many summers were spent serving cones and enjoying the beach leading to their move to Rehoboth where, for the past decade, he enjoyed sharing war stories at the local VFW, surf fishing on the beach with his boys and performing with the Ad Hoc Touring Company, a sub group of the Possum Point Players.

A funeral service will be held at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium in Lewes on Wednesday, July 20th at 11am (visitation at 10am) and Mel will be interred at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Parkinsons' Education and Support Group of Sussex County: PO Box 56, Lewes, DE 19958.



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All arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

Please sign Mr. Kampmann's online guestbook.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016 TO THE LEWES FUNERAL HOME.



Events


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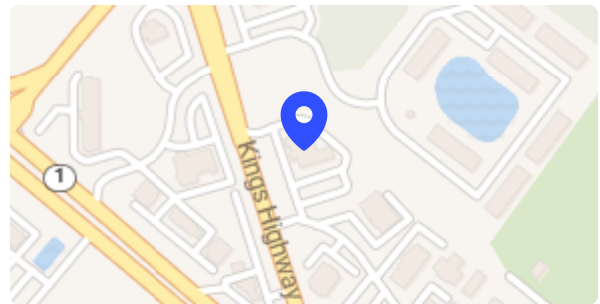
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 20, 2016

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



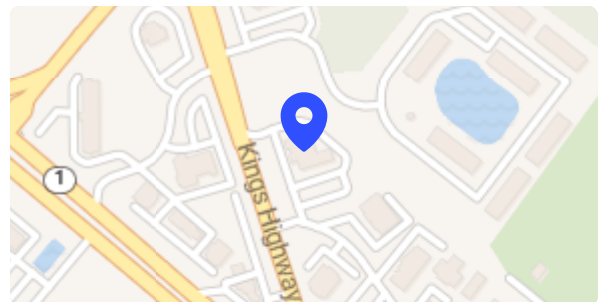
Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, July 20, 2016

 11:00 AM ET

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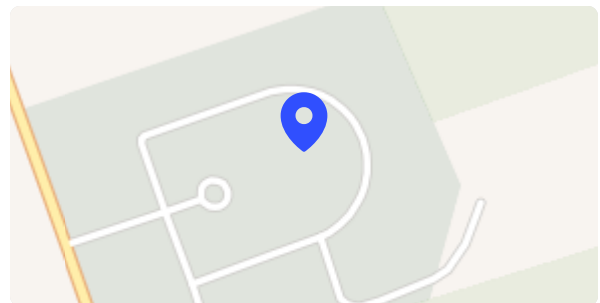
Burial

 **Wednesday**, July 20, 2016


 1:00 PM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

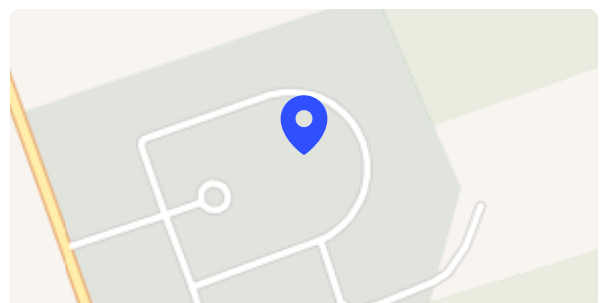
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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



July 21 at 6:19 AM



Don Shook posted:

Such sadness to so belatedly learn of Mel's passing. A class act, a true gentleman with a delightfully warped sense of humor... maybe that's why we got along so well! It was a pleasure to have him as my boss at Channel 6 News in Philadelphia, and to visit with him in later years in D.C., and San Francisco during our respective travels. Don Shook, Las Vegas, Nevada. September 19, 2017.

September 19 at 8:24 PM



Tom Zalewski posted:

We are going to miss you, especially that crazy hat you wore at the VFW Halloween party. God Bless. Tom & Jan Zalewski

July 20 at 11:20 AM



Karen Kampmann posted:

July 19 at 6:20 AM



Juanita L. Gary posted:

It was a pleasure to know Mel, a good man with a wonderful sense of humor. He was so accomplished and didn't talk much about it with us, PPP's Ad Hoc group. He was such an asset to our group, advising us wisely when needed. Thank you, Mel, for just "being". My sympathies to Karin and his family. Sadly, Nita

July 19 at 6:01 AM



Elaine Kennedy posted:

Tim and I were so sorry to read of Mel's passing; but I'm certain he is in a pain-free and happier place than the last couple of years. Tim and Elaine Kennedy

July 18 at 10:02 AM



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Ailed & Bert Esser posted:

MeI (Smelly),The sun will come out tomorrow and the memories will live forever.

July 18 at 6:01 AM



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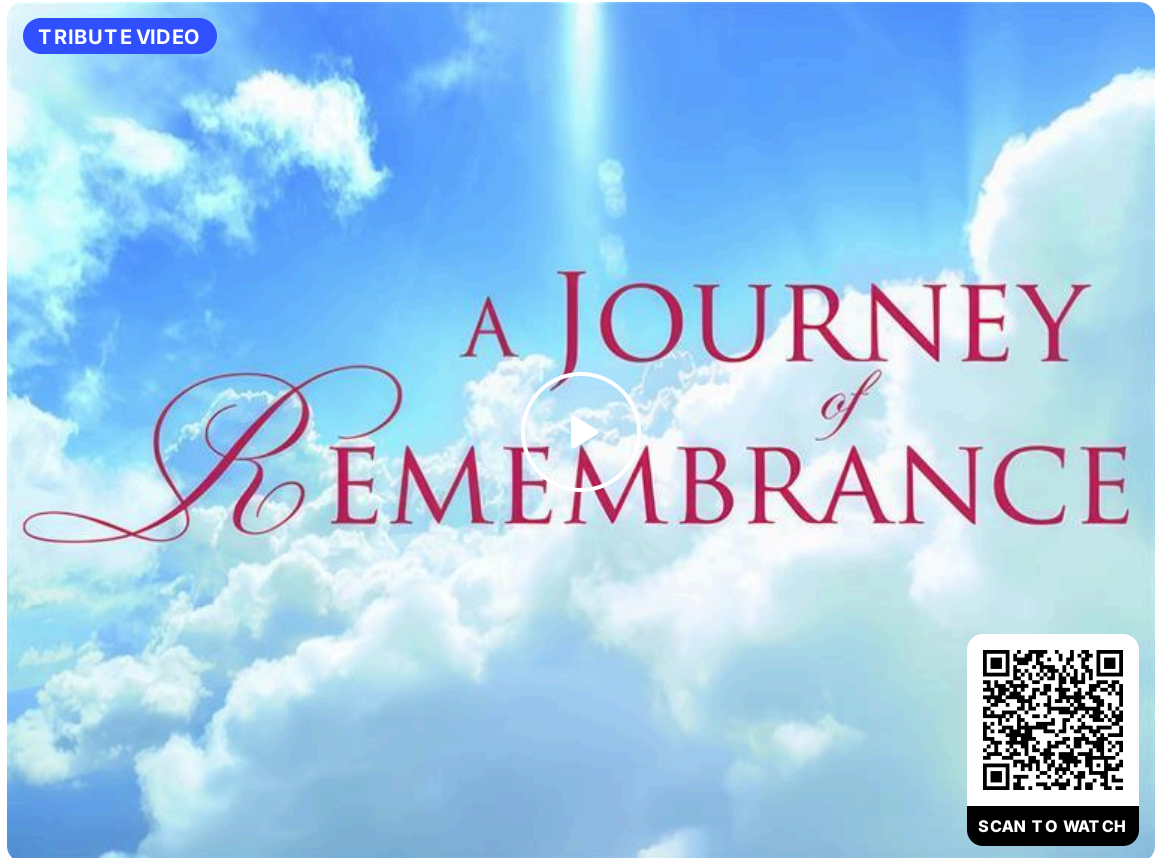
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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