



## Allen E. Kunze

January 30, 1943 - June 12, 2015

June 12, 2015, of Lancaster, NY, loving fiance and companion of Vickie Michalowski; son of the late Leonard and Evelyn Kunze; dearest father of Nicky and Gary Kunze; stepfather of Cathy Payne, Christine (Phil) Scott, Coleen Clark and Michele (Bill) Anderson; grandfather of Nick Jr.,

Thomas, Aaron, late Jacob, Joshua, Mandy, Serena, Ryan, Emma and Braden; great-grandfather of Mya; dearest brother of Margaret Otsuki of California, Sharon (late Hank) Ralph, Marge (late Gene) Cole, Lenny Kunze and Richard; survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

The family will be present to receive relatives and friends at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.), Sunday,

1-5 PM (prayer service 4:30 PM). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Buffalo or Wings of Love Memorial Fund in memory of Jacob Scott, 30 S. Cayuga Rd., Williamsville

NY 14221, or online at [wnypbn.org](http://wnypbn.org). Allen was a Navy veteran, supervisor of Lancaster Steel Co. for 42 years, member of Elma Meadows Club and played softball for Cheektowaga and Lancaster Yukes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
(716) 668-3122  
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

## Prayer Service

JUN 14. 4:30 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Vicki and Family,  
So sorry to hear that Al had passed. By the time I heard, the services had already occurred. I'm sure you know, but Al was a father figure to many of us young Ukes in the early and mid-90's. I'll always cherish those memories, especially the championships in 1994 and 1997. But most of all, sharing a beer with Al, Jerry, Sap, Greg, Potts, Mark, Joel, Dave B., and the older Ukes such as Jack, Jimmy, Orlo and Dave K. are times that I miss. Hopefully Al is pitching to the big guy in the sky right now!  
Respectfully,  
Jim Ahrens

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**Jim Ahrens** - June 22, 2015 at 11:15 PM

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“ Forever in our hearts



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**Kunze** - June 20, 2015 at 07:56 PM

LB

“ Rest in peace Al... you will always be remembered. You had such a contagious happy spirit. Our condolences to Vicki and your family.  
With much love, Linda and Chris Bender

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**Linda Bender** - June 14, 2015 at 04:24 PM

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“ *BIG AL I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU AS A BOSS BALLPLAYER AND PARTIER LOL REST IN PEACE DAVE WITTEK*

dave wittek - June 14, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Allen E. Kunze.*



June 13, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *I will miss Papa Al at the WNYPBN events. He was always around to help out. He was such a kind and sweet man. He touched my life only briefly, but will always be remembered.*

*-Dawnie*



Dawn Both-Kim - June 12, 2015 at 08:31 PM