



Emery D. Kalman

October 10, 1923 - August 8, 2021

Emery “Jeep” Kalman, 97, a lifetime resident of Aurora who was living at Jennings Terrace Assisted Living Retirement Home, passed away on August 8, 2021. He was born October 10, 1923 in Aurora to Frank and Rose Kalman. He went to school at Oak Park Elementary, St Therese School, and East Aurora High School where he played football. He proudly served his country in the US Army Unit 599th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion during World War II. After working 40 years he retired from Lyon Metal. He was on the Board at St. Nicholas Catholic Church and a regular usher. He enjoyed scouting: Cub Scout Master, Pack 328 at St. Nicholas, Round Table Commissioner for Devil’s Cave at Camp Ka-De-Ka, Commissioner at Camp Chin-Be-Gota for Boy Scout Troop 28.

He loved to dance the polka and jitterbug at the VFW Club and Tiger Club. He had fun throwing horseshoes, winning many trophies. He enjoyed fishing and went regularly with his good friend Chuck and also with Nancy at her pond. He rode his bicycle to go fishing until age 90, even retrofitting it with an electric motor to help with the hills. He spent time on the computer sending emails to friends and family well into his 80’s. He played cards, dice, billiards, and was a bingo caller. He particularly enjoyed inventing new card and dice games with intricate rules and teaching them to others. After he retired, he rekindled his love of art and created ‘recycled art’ which was featured in a Beacon News article. Emery was known for his quick wit and sense of humor, he loved a

good joke and making people smile. He enjoyed family gatherings and looked forward to playing games and telling stories to his grandkids and great grandkids. While quick with a joke, he was also full of wisdom, regularly encouraging his grandchildren to “get smart” in order to get a “good job”. Despite his age, he never grew old!!!

He is survived by his loving wife of 74 years, Antonette Kalman (Zefran) and 3 children. Carol (Larry) Looper of Bloomington, Joan (Rex) Roehl of Deerfield, Jim (Virginia) Kalman of Aurora. In addition he leaves behind his very loved nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his son David Kalman, sisters Barb (John) Hoffer, Julia (Joe) Bokar, two brothers Frank Kalman and Stephen Kalman, and one grandson.

The family would like to thank the staff at Jennings Terrace Assisted Living for their exceptional care and compassion.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday August 13, 2021 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 801 Oak Street, North Aurora with Father Max Lasrado officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the church preceding Mass.

Following the service, a family burial will be held at St Joseph’s cemetery.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, donations can be made 'in memory of Emery Kalman' to Jennings Terrace which is a non profit retirement home. The donations will be used for resident activities that Emery always participated in and enjoyed so much. Checks can be sent to Jennings Terrace Assisted Living, 275 S. LaSalle St, Aurora, IL 60505

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

In State

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Church
801 West Oak Street
North Aurora, IL 60542

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Joan, Rex, Brian and Michelle,
Our sincerest condolences on the passing of your father and
grandfather. We are so sorry for your loss.
Bruce and Sheila Domash*

Sheila Domash - August 11, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White
was purchased for the family of Emery D.
Kalman.*



August 11, 2021 at 08:36 AM

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“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers are sent your way. Such a long
and wonderful life.
May he and your entire family be at peace! ❤️
Linda Lannen Schiltz*

linda lannen schiltz - August 10, 2021 at 09:56 PM

JG

“ *Prayers for the family. May you be comforted
by many fond memories of times shared
together.*



Jean Goodale - August 10, 2021 at 04:20 PM