



Richard L. Kellen

September 6, 1937 - February 5, 2015

Richard L. Kellen, 77, of Aurora, passed away Thursday, February 5, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 6, 1937 in Aurora, IL.

Rich served in the U.S. Army stationed in Alaska following his graduation from Marmion Military Academy, and spent his working years at Barber-Greene and All Steel, finally retiring from Lyon Metal Products. After that he could be found behind the counter at Ace Hardware on Lake Street, ready to show you what size bolt you needed or to cut another key. An outdoor enthusiast, Rich's yard and garden were the envy of the neighborhood, and his happiest hours were spent camping, fishing, hunting, or playing a game of pinochle or euchre.

Not only did Rich grow a large variety of vegetables and catch fish and game, he knew how to prepare and preserve them. His children didn't return for a taste of Mom's home cooking, but with requests for any number of Rich's specialties. His cooking skills will always be remembered by his family, and they were also put to good use providing meals for Hessed House. He called himself "The Stew Man" and enjoyed seeing smiles on many faces as he pulled up in his truck on the first Saturday of the month with two huge pots of hot beef stew to serve for dinner.

Rich was a volunteer and member of St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church and

honorary lifetime member of the Lucky 50 Club. He was also a member of the Barber-Greene Hunting and Fishing club, Phoenix Club, and Turners Club.

He is survived by his wife of fifty six years, Dolores (Hettinger) Kellen; three children, Jerry Kellen, Nancy (Javier Cortes) Kellen of Atlanta, GA, Dennis (Michele) Kellen of Aurora; two grandsons Brandon Copp and Jon Greiner; his sister, Karen McMaster; his in-laws, Carole Elsner, Frank (Betty) Hettinger, Robert (Martha) Hettinger, Thomas (Marion) Hettinger, Peter (Ruthanne) Hettinger, Lois (Donald) Haag, Rita (James) Crimmins; many nieces and nephews; his special friend and neighbor, Darrell Pittman, and his fishing buddy, Mary Morehouse.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Susan (Jungels) Kellen; his brothers-in-law Steve McMaster and Byron Elsner.

Funeral services will be held day, Monday, February 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, to St. Rita of Cascia Church at 10:00 AM, Interment will be at Marywood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 8, 2015 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Rich's family or sign the guestbook.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Rich's name to the St. Rita of Cascia Church Capital Fund Campaign.

Cemetery Details

Marywood

1820 Church Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Wake Service

FEB 8. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Morning Prayers

FEB 9. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Rita of Cascia Church
750 Old Indian Trail
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-892-5918

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. Kellen



Daleiden Mortuary - February 07, 2015 at 04:53 PM

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“ May prayers are with you and your family in this time of grief. - Gerri Navarro

gerri navarro - February 09, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Richard L. Kellen.



February 07, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Richard L. Kellen.



February 06, 2015 at 06:30 PM



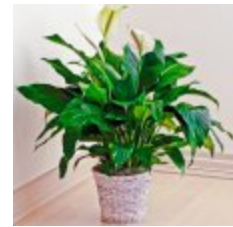
“ *Silver Season Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard L. Kellen.*



February 06, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Richard L. Kellen.*



February 06, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ *Words cannot express our appreciation for the genuine, open-armed, and loving welcoming that Mr. and Mrs. Kellen extended to our family. It takes a man with a heart after God's, to unconditionally embrace others as if they were birthed from hi own loins. And that what is was like with Richard Kellen. In loving memory . . . Gracie, K'Chandra, Derrick and JOSHUA*

Gracie Jamiah - February 06, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ *William E. Rich purchased the Silver Season Bouquet for the family of Richard L. Kellen.*



William E. Rich - February 06, 2015 at 11:17 AM

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“ *Rich will be missed by all. The one thing we know is his camper will always have a view of the lake; wherever he parks, the cooler will be filled with the coldest beer in the campground and his stringer will be filled with the catch of the day. Your words of wisdom will be missed around the fire. KEEP THE FIRE GOING! Wayne and Ellie Guzman.*

Wayne Guzman - February 06, 2015 at 10:49 AM

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“ *Glenn, Mike, and Patrick purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Richard L. Kellen.*



Glenn, Mike, and Patrick - February 06, 2015 at 10:34 AM