



Howard V. Keen

July 21, 1935 - June 13, 2020

Howard V. Keen, age 84 of Griffith, passed away June 13, 2020. He was an avid hunter and fisherman in his younger days. Howard was a 53 year member of IBEW Local 697 and a member of the American Legion Post 66 in Griffith, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents- Alma and Vernon Keen; sister- Ann Sarbon. Howard is survived by his 3 daughters- Cindy (Glenn) Gilmore, Melody (Dr. Fred) Johnson, Jodi Keen; 3 grandchildren- Dr. Greg (Megan) Gilmore, Travis Traber, Madeleine Johnson; great grand-daughter- Harper Joy Gilmore; 3 sisters- Eva Johnson, Irene (Charles) Mikovetz, Donna (Kenneth) Baker, brother- Leo (late Cindy) Keen; many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Services will be private by the family. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *My Dad, a man of true integrity, a perfectionist in every sense of the word, a heart of great kindness and I am humbled in what he was able to accomplish in his earthly years, given his simple beginnings. He was greatly respected in his profession, a legend in his own time. A real maverick of a man, straight shooter and no pretenses, just simple and trusting. Dad is where he wanted to be, in the next chapter, with the Lord, as the best is yet to come for all children of God. Dad your spirit will live on in many that have learned from you, and I am missing you. Fred and I love you Dad, and your sweet Madeleine will forever carry her Papa in her heart and mind. Thanks for the memories and the life you gave me Dad. I will always make you proud! xo Melody*



Melody Johnson - June 22, 2020 at 07:34 PM

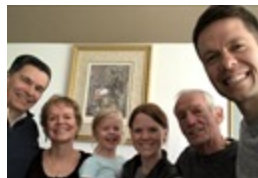
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Love, love, love.

Cynthia Keen - June 22, 2020 at 08:50 PM

CK

“ Cindy’s family when we visited from Texas in October 2019. My dad sure loved his great granddaughter. Happy Father’s Day in heaven Dad. I know you are at peace and I know you are proud of how I’m handling things in your honor and memory. I just weeded the beds and trimmed the hedges. The tomato plants miss you.💔



cindy keen - June 20, 2020 at 10:08 PM

MJ

So sweet! ❤️

Melody Johnson - June 22, 2020 at 07:38 PM

LV

“ Deepest condolences to dear Jodi & family!! My father George "Mitch" Myatovich & your dad were very good friends! He lived upstairs above Nickel Plate Tavern when my father owned it from 1972-1977. Howard was a wonderful friend to my father! You were truly blessed to have him as your dad!! Memory Eternal!! <3 RIP

Lori Vorkapich - June 18, 2020 at 10:44 AM

CK

Thank you for your condolences. I remember when he lived there.
Cindy Keen

cindy keen - June 20, 2020 at 09:55 PM

JJ

“ He was a great man, deep respect for him. My deepest condolences to his family, He always had a smile and made sure you smiled too!

Jeffrey Janowski - June 17, 2020 at 08:11 PM

CK

Thank you for sharing.

cindy keen - June 20, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ I am deeply sorry to hear this. I met Howard about 10 years ago and I got to see him almost every Saturday for quite sometime. He quickly became one of my favorite people in the world. His jokes, his stories and most of all his kindness. I was hoping this would never happen. I'm so sorry for all of his family. I know you will miss him so much. I know I will. 💔Katie

Katherine Kammerer - June 17, 2020 at 07:31 PM

CK

Thank you for sharing your memories. I am his eldest daughter. ❤️

cindy keen - June 20, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JN

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and healing. He will be missed. Eva and Theresa Johnson, Steve and Janet Norton, Jackie and Clem Stewart and families.

Janet Norton - June 17, 2020 at 01:58 PM

CK

Thank you all for your love and prayers. My dad was so unique in so many ways. I loved his quirks. My deepest sympathies to Aunt Eva. We know he's in a better place and couldn't wait to get there. ❤️

cindy keen - June 20, 2020 at 09:59 PM

SA

“ Dear Cleo and Loving Family of Howard, and also his many, many friends,

I was so, so sorry to hear that Howard had passed. He has been a dear family friend for as long as I have been alive. He and my Dad, Arnie, were the best of friends and also were neighbors for many, many years until Howard moved to Griffith back in the day. Howard came to all of our family events and holiday dinners. He was always a welcome guest, always a joke to tell or something funny to pick on one of us about. He'd stay for a few beers and would take a plate of food with him, and on to the next place he would go! Never stayed in one place too long!

After my parents passed, Howard and I stayed in touch over the years by phone or by the funny cards I would send him which he would always call me right away and then we'd end up solving the worlds problems together. I will truly, truly will miss him, he was one of a kind, one of the good guys. My parents absolutely loved him, as did I. In fact, I bet he and my dad are up there sharing some laughs over an ice cold Old Style right about now!

Cleo, I know how you will miss your brother. The last time he and I spoke, probably a couple months ago, he told me what a tremendous help that you have been to him. BLESS YOU my dear old friend, as you know, your brother was a very independent and oh so prideful man, and for him to admit that he needed help had to be a very humbling experience for him. My heart and thoughts are with you now and in the days ahead.

My Deepest Sympathies to all of Howards family and friends. He has spoken over the years about each and every one of you, how proud he was of you, how happy he was that he had just gotten a call or a visit. He knew he was valued, he knew he was loved. He always spoke his mind...that was our Howard! May God bless his dear soul and may he rest in Everlasting Peace. Amen.

My Dearest Howard,

*Thank You for your friendship. Thank You for being so good to my parents, especially after Mom passed away, your calls and visits to Dad meant the world to him (and to me and Randy). Thank You for your sage advice over the years. Thank you for being there for me after Dad passed, I knew it broke your heart to lose him too. YOU made a difference in my life Howard. I love you 'Sweetie-Pie'!
Happy Fathers Day! See you on the Other Side. XO*

Suzie and Jayce Austgen-Scheidt

Suzie Austgen-Scheidt - June 17, 2020 at 06:39 AM

JK

Suzie, My Father spoke of you lovingly always. Godspeed.

Jodi Keen - June 17, 2020 at 11:41 PM

CK

Thank you for your kind words and remembrances, Sue. Yes, I found one of the funny cards you sent him as I was packing up his house. He always updated me on your life. Thank you for being his friend. ❤️

cindy keen - June 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM

JK

“ My Dad was a loving and caring person to those who met him. I loved him and I will miss him.

Jodi Keen - June 16, 2020 at 07:26 PM

JS

Yes he was I will miss him, loved uncle Howard 🥺💕🙏

Jackie Johnson Stewart - June 16, 2020 at 07:59 PM

MS

Had many good times and great memories with him. Gonna miss you Uncle Howard 🥺🙏🙏🙏🥺

Mitzi Sawalski - June 17, 2020 at 02:06 AM

GA

“ *With our Deepest sympathy
Leslie Biggs, Georgene Addison*

Georgene Addison - June 16, 2020 at 04:16 PM

CK

Thank you Leslie and Georgene. ❤️❤️❤️

cindy keen - June 20, 2020 at 10:04 PM