



## Kermit Patrick Kutzer

September 7, 1948 - October 27, 2018

Kermit Patrick Kutzer, age 70, of Hobart, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2017. He was born in Evergreen Park, Illinois on September 7, 1948 to Raymond and Ellen (nee Jenkins) Kutzer.

He grew up on the South East side of Chicago where he attended St. Francis deSales elementary and Mendel Catholic High School. After graduation he began college at the University of Illinois Chicago and Graduated with high honors from St. Joseph's College with degrees in political science and psychology. In high school he began working at Youngstown – J&L – LTV – Arcelor Mittal Steel Company. He became a journeyman ironworker maintaining operations throughout the mill for 50 years from 1965-2015. He was actively involved in the United SteelWorkers of America Union, local 1011 where he tirelessly fought for the safety and rights of workers.

Kermit was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was a chess champion, he loved to read, listen to Motown music, spend time with his grandchildren and was a devoted Chicago Bears, Chicago White Sox, and Notre Dame fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law Genevieve Antczak, his sister Julie Ann Tucker, brother Michael Raymond Kutzer, brother-in-law William Puchalski, and sister-in-law Laura Kasprzyk.

He married his wife of 48 years, Elizabeth Ann (Betty Ann), nee Puchalski, in 1970. They had 3 children: Patrick Kutzer of Hobart, Jamie Kutzer (Jon Wente) of Valparaiso, and Breann Kutzer McManus (Martin McManus) of Mishawaka. Kermit was a loving and devoted grandfather to Adele Kutzer (Walter Osorio), Samantha McManus Rogers (Alex Rogers), Jackson McManus, Bianca McManus (Víctor Oscar Cobs Muñoz), Mackenzie Kutzer (Josh Gaines), Elizabeth McManus, William McManus, Lucía Roncalés Samanes, Andrea Navasa del Rio and great grandson Leonardo Osorio. Sisters-in-law, Mary Jo Verstraete, Patricia Vittetoe (Rick), Linda Kasprzyk, brother-in-law, Richard Tucker. Godchildren, Johnny Puchalski, Tammy Dodds, Kelly Sheridan, and Sarah Vittetoe; loving nieces and nephews.

A Prayer service for Kermit will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street Hobart. Friends are invited to visit with his family from 10:00 a.m., until the time of service. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EL

“ Hello, I am Elizabeth McManus, granddaughter of Kermit Kutzer. He was, to be honest, my favorite person to have around. He read me stories, played dress-up with me, and loved me beyond explanation. Now I am ten years old, in fourth grade at Stanley Clark School, South Bend, Indiana. I miss him so much and wish he were here. If you are reading this, Grampa, I miss you.

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**Elizabeth** - May 14, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.



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November 09, 2018 at 08:59 PM

SK

“ Liz and family....my deepest sympathies to,you all....so tough to lose dad. He was too young, but for some reason, God needed him now. Know that I send loads of hugs and lots of love to all, during this most difficult time. So glad you all have each other to lean on.

Stay strong.....❤️❤️❤️Sally

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**Sally Kopko** - November 09, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.*



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November 09, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.*



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November 09, 2018 at 12:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.*



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November 09, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *Love and prayers, Katie James purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.*



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**Love and prayers, Katie James** - November 08, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.



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November 07, 2018 at 01:18 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.



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November 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.



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November 05, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of Kermit Patrick Kutzer.



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November 04, 2018 at 04:09 PM