



William "Bill" Joseph Kelner

January 8, 1949 - July 30, 2024

William "Bill" Joseph Kelner, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to many, passed away on July 30, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was 75 years old.

Born on January 8, 1949, in Gary, Indiana, he grew up in the Tolleston neighborhood, where he attended St. Emeric Catholic School, followed by Andrean High School. He was born to William Joseph Kelner, Sr., and Mary (Poremski) Kelner, along with his siblings Patricia (Cliff), Stephen, and Andrew (Janet).

While in college, Bill met the love of his life, his wife Sandra, whom he married on March 31, 1970. They spent the next 54 years in a joyous marriage, marked by numerous happy moments that made up a remarkable life. Along the journey, they had two children, Laura (Phil) and Benjamin (Nathaniel) and two grandchildren who he saw as his crowning life achievement, Jonathan and Daniel.

Throughout his life he displayed strength, tenacity and innovation of thought. He proudly served in the Indiana National Guard, and as an entrepreneur, he started his own business in carpeting and flooring installation and warehousing in the 1970s that would go on to flourish for the next several decades, providing a wonderful life for his wife and children.

Beyond a lifelong devotion to crossword puzzles and following current events closely, his favorite activities were spending time with his family and friends, sharing stories over conversation or just listening and laughing. But more than anything he loved his time with his wife Sandra, and together, they found great happiness in not only the big moments, but the everyday activities that make up a life.

He will be missed by so many.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 6:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana. www.burnsfuneral.com. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. www.stjude.org.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Tribute Wall

HS

“ Heather Scoggins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.

Heather Scoggins - August 07, 2024 at 04:43 PM

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“ Heather Scoggins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.



August 05, 2024 at 02:37 PM

AK

“ Andrew K. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.



Andrew K. - August 04, 2024 at 03:00 PM

RG

“ To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss.

Rest Easy hero.

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - August 04, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DG

“ Our prayers go out to all of Bill's family. He was the best of the best! You could not have asked for a better classmate, teammate, and friend. Nobody could cover center field like our dear friend!! RIP Danny & Patty Gile Myrtle Beach, SC

Danny Gile - August 03, 2024 at 11:58 AM

JG

“ A good friend can never truly be lost. Your energy lives on in our hearts and minds. I will miss the days we had our morning breakfast AND TALKED ABOUT THE GOOD OLD DAYS. “The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one”
Love Joe and Barb Guzik



Joseph Jacob Guzik - August 02, 2024 at 06:46 PM

DD

“ *Dick & Joan; Doug, Sandy & Drew; Dave purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.*



Dick & Joan; Doug, Sandy & Drew; Dave - August 01, 2024 at 07:46 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.*



August 01, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.*



July 31, 2024 at 11:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Kelner.*



July 31, 2024 at 10:03 PM