



Charles F. Keltner, Jr.

July 27, 1921 - March 15, 2008

Charles F. Keltner, Jr., age 86, of Highland, IL., died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at Fair Oaks Nursing Home in Greenville, IL.

He was born July 27, 1921, in Peoria, IL., the son of Charles and Lela (Crites) Keltner.

On February 19, 1956, he married Carolyn Kay Grizzle , who survives. Mr. Keltner was born in Peoria; graduated from Champaign High School in 1941; graduated from St. Johns School of Nursing in Springfield in May of 1958; and in March of 1962 graduated from St. Johns School of Anesthesia. After high school, he was a Champaign County Deputy Sheriff; telegraph operator for the railroad; and. a professional drummer with several bands. He started his nursing career in 1952. After graduating he had worked in Berwin & Marion, IL moving to Highland in 1964. He retired as Director of Anesthesia for 17 years at St. Joseph Hospital, Highland in 1984.

Mr. Keltner enjoyed fishing and hunting. His wife, Kay, was Nurse at St. Joseph's and worked as Patient Care Coordinator and Trauma Nurse Specialist.

He was also a former member of the Champaign Moose Lodge; and a former member of the Highland Optimist Club.

Survivors include Wife-Carolyn Kay Keltner of Highland, Ill., Son-Charles K. "Ken" (Tammy) Keltner of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Carolyn D. Wagner of Decatur, Ill., Grandchild-Bryan S. (Leslie) Wagner of Sacramento, Calif., Grandchild-Cpl. Aaron M. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corp. of Twentynine Palms, Calif., Grandchild-Caleb A. Wagner of Decatur, Ill., Grandchild-Bethany M. Wagner of Decatur, Ill., Grandchild-Charles Ryan Keltner of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Christine M. Keltner of Highland, Ill.

He was preceded in death by Son-Dennis James Keltner (died as an infant -1957), Mother-Lela G. Crites, Father-Charles Franklin Keltner, Sr.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.