



Earl K. Steiner

March 28, 1940 - August 31, 2017

Earl K. Steiner, age 77 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, August 31, 2017, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Thursday, March 28, 1940, in Highland, IL, the son of Leo and Aline (nee Niggli) Steiner.

On Saturday, June 09, 1962, he married Betty J. Steiner nee Witschie at E & R Church, Highland, IL, who survives.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL; Highland Lion's Club: (Charter Member, chartered in 1975; Lifetime Member; Board of Directors for many years; club secretary for 8 years; club president twice; Melvin Jones Fellow; Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow; District 1-G, Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, District Secretary-Treasurer, District Governer).

Born in Highland, IL; reared on the family farm east of Grantfork, IL. He was a 1958 graduate of Highland High School. He served with the US Army from 8/7/1958 to 5/6/1960 at Fort Lewis, Washington. He worked briefly at Highland Supply and Mobil Gas Station for several years. He then worked for the US Postal Service as a clerk, supervisor and then a post master at Gillespie and Greenville, IL. He retired at age 55. He was a Highland school bus driver for

10 years. He kept score for the Highland High School basketball team and was a chainman for the football games. He was an outstanding wrestler and refereed high school matches. He umpired little league, high school and American Legion baseball games. For several years he had a Sunday newspaper delivery route. He and his wife have been in the same Jass card club for 40 years. He had followed his grandson's hockey and baseball games. Earl was all about any sports. He was very active in the local Highland Lion's Club and the District level. He attended many international conventions including Korea, Hawaii and all over the US. He received many International President's Awards. He was the sponsor for the Highland LEO Club at Highland High School and was very proud of the young people that were involved.

Survivors include:

Wife - Betty J. Steiner (nee Witschie), Highland, IL
Daughter - Dawn M. Steiner , Highland, IL
Daughter - Lori L. (David) Miscik, Highland, IL
Grandson - Matthew K. Miscik, Highland, IL
Brother - Vernon L. Steiner, Pocahontas, IL
Sister - Carol L. Bottum, Lincoln, NE
Sister - Doris E. (Marvin) Neumann, Pocahontas, IL
Sister - Lois E. (Orville) Riepshoff, Highland,
Brother - David A. (Audrey) Steiner, Alhambra, IL
Sister In-law - Jo-Ann Steiner, Pocahontas, IL
Mother-in-law - Blanche I. Witschie, Highland, IL
Sister In-law - Joan M. (Arthur) Schuetz, Highland, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Leo A. Steiner - Died 3/15/1986
Mother - Aline A. Steiner (nee Niggli) - Died 8/30/1996
Brother - Alvin P. Steiner - Died 9/7/2016

Sister - Margery J. Wieseman - Died 5/7/1992
Brother-in-law - Walt H. Wieseman - Died 1/30/2012
Brother-in-law - Duane O. Suess - Died 7/30/1991
Brother-in-law - Robert O. Bottum - Died 3/28/2012
Sister In-law - Lois L. Steiner - Died 4/11/2014
Father-in-law - Everett W. Witschie - Died 11/25/1998.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, September 03, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Monday, September 04, 2017, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 04, 2017, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL., with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Lion's Club or Hoyleton Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl K. Steiner*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - September 01, 2017 at 02:05 PM

BK

“ *Betty, I know it has been quite a while since Earl past away but wanted to give you our deepest sympathy to you I happened to be looking at the Highland Lion's facebook page and saw a picture of Earl and it got me to thinking of all the good times we had at our Lion's club functions. I still remember the night that Earl was presented with the outstanding club of the year at our district meeting in Edwardsville. He was so excited. He was a fun guy and will always remember him.*

Bob & Carol Korte

Bob Korte - June 23, 2021 at 08:53 AM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear of Earl's passing. Earl umpired many of baseball games for the Highland- Pierron Merchants' Baseball team of the '70s and '80s. I have always had a great deal of respect for Earl. I particularly remember the time he and Al Rutz umpired a triple header at Pierron vs. Granite City. Very fond memories!*

J R potthast - September 05, 2017 at 11:56 AM

RB

“ *bettye and girls I am so sorry for your loss. the world needs more people like Earl. he was such a good man. always thinking of others. family was everything to him. he had a heart of gold.*

renee blankenship - September 03, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Earl had a huge impact on the Leo Club members at Highland High School. He was a great leader for us and, because of Earl, I decided to take the Lions Club to the college I was attending and start a club there. His passions and kindness radiated from him and I feel so lucky to have been a part of his Leo's!*

Christy Hobbs - September 03, 2017 at 11:05 AM

RJ

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Earl's passing! I remember he and dad joking at the bakery, giving each other the business! Dad really enjoyed Earl's friendship and I think it was mutual! Blessings of Comfort to all who will miss him!*

- Jan Castegnaro Johnson

Rev. Jan Castegnaro Johnson - September 02, 2017 at 02:08 PM

RP

“ *1 file added to the album Card Club*



Ray & Gladys Potthast - September 02, 2017 at 01:25 PM

LP

“ To the Family of Earl Steiner: So sorry to learn of Earl's passing. I remember him from his time here in Gillespie as Postmaster. Also the time he spent at Gillespie Country Club. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Larry Pianfetti

Larry Pianfetti - September 02, 2017 at 11:47 AM

LM

“ Betty and family you have my deepest sympathy. Earl will be deeply missed

Laura Muench (Salem UCC)

Laura Muench - September 01, 2017 at 07:53 PM

FS

“ Can't begin to express my sadness in Earl's passing. I have so very many great memories of Earl and Betty. I graduated with him from HHS, class of '58 and we were always on committees to plan reunions and birthday parties for the class. Such a kind, caring, generous and many other words to describe this Christian man. A more faithful friend is difficult to find. I, as well as others, will miss him so very much at our gatherings. Peace and love to his wonderful family. Love him. Fay Storck Schneider

Fay Storck Schneider - September 01, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - September 01, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ *Earl was my bus driver for a large part of my Highland school district education. The highlight of a lot of my days was getting on the bus to see and talk to Earl. He would constantly be getting presents of oranges for all the kids on his bus and he was respected by everyone. Earl is a great man that could always brighten up my day. He will always hold a place in my heart as an amazing bus driver and person.*

Ben Clayton - August 31, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *Betty and Family, I was very sorry to hear you lost your love one. Sincere Sympathy, Sharyn Seeger Kline*

Sharyn Seeger Kline - August 31, 2017 at 10:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl K. Steiner.*



August 31, 2017 at 09:02 PM



“ *We're so sorry to hear about the passing of Earl. He was a great man. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. Dean, Mary Kay, Tyler & Garrett Frey*

Mary Kay Frey - August 31, 2017 at 07:39 PM