



Jerome B. Kuhl

August 20, 1941 - February 23, 2024

Jerome B. "Blackie" Kuhl, age 82 of Highland, IL, died Friday, February 23, 2024, at Aviston Countryside Manor in Aviston, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, August 20, 1941, in Breese, IL, the son of Edward and Hildegard (nee Molitor) Kuhl, Sr.

On Saturday, February 3, 1962, he married Karen E. Collman at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, Illinois, who survives.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. He was also a member of Highland Pierron Volunteer Fire Department (1974 - 2007) and Highland Knights of Columbus Council #1580.

"Blackie" was born in Breese, IL and lived in several places in the Metro area. He graduated from St. Paul High School, Highland, IL in 1959. He served with the US Army Reserves for 6 months and then started working. Places that he worked included the City of Highland and Korte-Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. He started Kuhl Excavating where he was very active for a number of years. He also operated a wrecker service out of the Standard Service Station in Highland. He retired in 2018, Originally the Kuhl's lived on North Poplar Street, where his storage units and strip mall shops are still open. They lived there from 1973 - 1999. For many years his family lived on the hill west of town

(across from Brown's A & W Drive-In), now Korte-Luitjohan Construction, Inc. He and his wife moved into town in 2016. Everyone admired his flag display on Lindenthal Avenue for which he was recognized by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Blackie also had a large garden and distributed produce to family and friends.

Survivors include:

Wife - Karen E. Kuhl, nee Collman, Highland, IL

Daughter - Kimberly A. (Charles, III) Kilcauski, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Ricky E. (Significant Other Mikayla Kitchen) Newcomb, Jr.,
Davenport, IA

Grandchild - Kelsey M. Newcomb, Greenville, IL

Grandchild - Amanda Cook, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Katy (Aaron) Haigood, Trenton, IL

Great Grandchildren - Many

Nieces and Nephews - Many

Cousins - Many

Brother - Francis H. Kuhl, Mount Vernon, IL

Brother - Edward J. (Mary) Kuhl, Jr., Aviston, IL

Brother - Michael J. (Barbara) Kuhl, Highland, IL

Brother - Patrick L. (Karen) Kuhl, O'Fallon, IL

Sister - Dolores (Raymond) Weckback, Saint Louis, MO

Sister-In-Law - Sandra Kuhl, Belleville, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Edward F. "Eddie" Kuhl, Sr. - Died 1/12/1997

Mother - Hildegard M. Kuhl, nee Molitor - Died 8/03/1981

Grandchild - Jonathan B. Cook - Died 7/22/2018

Brother - Paul A. Kuhl - Died 5/30/2013

Father-In-Law - Walter L. Collman - Died 11/12/1996

Mother-In-Law - C. Harriet Collman, nee Mueller - Died 12/25/2011

Sister - Mary Lou Lanter - Died 8/05/2004

Brother-In-Law - Firmin D. Lanter - Died 1/10/2024

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

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at St . Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

Memorial Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at St . Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, St. Paul Catholic Church, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland-Pierron Volunteer Fire Department.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ He was always a very nice polite guy while being the primary organizers for the yearly reunion so rest in peace

John Buss - November 06, 2024 at 06:28 PM

JF

“ "Blackie" was always so loving to me and I got some wise words from the old sage. when I was upset. I remember playing ball in Uncle Al's field when we cousins got together on Sundays in Germantown. Love your hugs at the family reunions, too. I certainly will miss your gravelly voice and your sweet smile.

Jane Molitor Franckowiak - February 29, 2024 at 11:09 PM

AM

“ So sorry for your loss. "Blackie" was a treasure. I will miss my walking buddy. I looked forward to our conversations; he was full of wisdom and always gave his opinion. He was a patriot and loved his dog. Rest in peace Blackie, up there on your back hoe.

Angela Michael - February 27, 2024 at 11:28 PM

JM

“ My memory of Blackie was from many years ago. He was always fun to be around, playing pool at their home or just in the swing in that backyard he was always fun to be around. Later years when you talked to him it was just as he was so many years before always with a smile and kind thoughts. I will miss him for sure.

Jim Molitor - February 27, 2024 at 04:47 PM

PK

“ Many years ago, my brother Blackie, was out doing some yard work at his home with his good buddy, a big brown boxer. My brother's hands were busy, so he tied the dog's leash to his belt and went about his business.

All was well, until the boxer spied a couple of squirrels playing under the walnut tree. It's like the critters knew the dog was tied up, so the coast was clear for a little squirrel roughhousing. Wrong.

The dog took off like a boxer out of hell. Riiiiip went the belt. Dooooown went the pants. Dooooown went my brother. It's hard to chase a runaway boxer with your pants around your ankles.

The bad news is there were witnesses. It's a good thing Mom insisted we always wear clean underwear, just in case.

Unfortunately for my brother, I became a journalist (some would argue that), and somewhere along the line the paper started paying me to write family stories in a newspaper column. Rather than being just a silly family legend, the boxer incident became everybody's business, from Belleville to the far reaches of Clinton County.

Patrick Kuhl

Patrick Kuhl - February 27, 2024 at 04:21 PM

SM

“ Blackie was always the "welcoming committee for the family reunion at the KC Hall each year. Until the last few years, he always sampled the cream puffs before they came inside. What a great warm, friendly, welcoming personality he had.

Sister Urban Molitor - February 26, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Jerome Kuhl*



Rita Rinderer - February 26, 2024 at 04:19 PM