



Keith A. Brendel

October 3, 1946 - December 8, 2025

Keith Aloys Brendel, age 79 of Highland, IL, died Monday, December 8, 2025, at his home in Highland, IL.

He was born on Thursday, October 3, 1946, in St. Louis, MO, the son of Aloys and Leona (nee Russell) Brendel.

On Saturday, October 2, 1971, he married Donna Marie Brendel (nee Weber) at Marine United Church of Christ, Marine, IL, who survives.

He was a member and past president of Woodmen of the World Chapter 105. He was also a member of VFW Post 5694 and American Legion Post 439.

Keith was born in St. Louis, Missouri and lived in Jennings, Missouri until he was five. He then moved to Troy, Illinois. There he met his wife and then in 1980 moved to Highland, Illinois. Keith graduated from Triad High School in 1965. He joined the US Navy in 1966 and served in Vietnam for 15 months. He was active in the U.S. Navy for four years. Keith worked on barges on the Mississippi River in the early 70's then worked at Magna-Fab in O'Fallon, Illinois until 1984, then he went to A.O. Smith. Tower Automotive bought them out and he worked there until 2006. In his younger years, Keith loved woodworking, hunting, softball and bowling. He and his wife were camp counselors at the Woodmen of the World Camp (Little Egypt) in West

Frankfort, Illinois for over 20 years.

Survivors include:

Wife - Donna Marie Brendel, nee Weber, Highland, IL

Son - Todd A. (Angela) Brendel, Marine, IL

Grandson - William Eyvind Brendel, Marine, IL

Brother - Douglas R. (Debbie) Brendel, Maryville, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Aloys "Al" Henry Brendel (died 1/23/2007)

Mother - Leona S. Brendel, nee Russell (died 3/10/1981)

Daughter - Nicole "Nikki" Lee Brendel (died 9/30/2003)

Brother - Donald "Don" Lee Brendel (died 6/21/2018)

Nephew- Kent D. Brendel (died 4/13/2016)

Sister-In-Law - Jean (Ken) Brewer

Mother-In-Law - Alberta Weber, nee Mugler

Father-In-Law - Wilbur Weber

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 Friday, December 12, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. William E. Kapp, Pastor, officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Fischer House (VA - Jefferson Barracks).

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
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P.O. Box 187
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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Friends of Fisher House St. Louis extends our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Keith Aloys Brendel. We are grateful to Mr. Bob Brendel for making a memorial contribution in honor of Mr. Brendel and his service to the USA. We are honored to be able to serve Veterans families' with these funds. We wish the family of Mr. Brendel great peace in their memories of Mr. Brendel.*

The Friends of Fisher House St. Louis
www.FisherHouseinStL.org

Friends of Fisher House STL - January 23 at 03:43 PM

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“ *Donna I'm so sorry to hear about Keith was such a great guy you guys welcomed us to the neighborhood was such great neighbors I want to share my sympathy and condolences to you Todd and the rest of your family again so sorry for your loss Timothy Gillespie*

Timothy Gillespie - December 13, 2025 at 12:03 PM

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“ *Sending sympathy to his family 🙏🙏*

Bob & Beckie Schrupf - December 11, 2025 at 11:32 PM

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“ *Donna, Todd and Family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time. It was always our joy to be your neighbor for so many years. We always knew we could count on Keith and your family whenever we needed help. God Speed his soul to heaven and he'll be with you in your heart and memories.*

Pam & Aimee Lecerf - December 11, 2025 at 02:16 AM

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“ *Donna and family, Please accept the sincere sympathies and prayers of your friends in the Marine HCE unit. Mary Gross, Secretary*



Mary T Gross - December 10, 2025 at 12:14 PM