



Kenneth C. Giesecking

June 7, 1939 - August 10, 2024

Kenneth C. "Ken" Giesecking, age 85 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, August 10, 2024, at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Highland, IL, the son of Carl and Agnes (nee Wild) Giesecking.

He was a member of First Congregational Church; Highland Lions Club (30 + years); Lee Iten Post 439-American Legion.

Ken grew up on a dairy farm north of Troy, IL with no electricity or running water. He attended Troy St. Paul Lutheran grade school, graduated from McCray-Dewey High School, Troy, IL, in 1957, and Belleville Area College (SWIC). He married Mary Lou Dale in 1961, which later was divorced. Then he married Diane Clark, nee Schuette in 2016. Ken retired from St. Joseph Hospital after working there for over 28 years, in 2011 at the age of 62. Ken had served in the Air Force Reserve for 11 years ending his career as a Staff Sargent. Ken enjoyed collecting pocket knives and Lion's Club memorabilia. He was a season ticket holder for many years for the St. Louis Cardinals. He also enjoyed going camping in his motorhome. He loved attending his grandchildren's activities.

Survivors include:

Wife - Diane L. Clark Giesecking, nee Schuette, Highland, IL
(married Sept 10, 2016, First Congregational Church)
Son - Bryan T. (Susan) Giesecking, Dorsey, IL
Son - Douglas A. (Carla) Giesecking, Colorado Springs, CO
Step Daughter - Anna E. (Brian) Nungesser, Highland, IL
Step Son - Robert J. Kopczyk, Alhambra, IL
Grandchild - Jeffrey Giesecking, Jr.
Grandchild - Brandon Giesecking
Grandchild - Nathan Giesecking
Grandchild - Ryan Giesecking
Grandchild - Spencer Giesecking
Grandchild - Amy Cotton
Grandchild - Amber Giesecking
Grandchild - Heather Berry
Grandchild - Dallis Harris
Grandchild - Kimmy Giesecking
Great Grandchildren - 19
Sister - Dorothy Hasting, Troy, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Carl L. Giesecking - Died 4/25/1983

Mother - Agnes M. Giesecking, nee Wild - Died 9/10/1996

Ex-Wife - Mary L. Giesecking, nee Dale

Son - Jeffrey D. Giesecking - Died 2/10/2017.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, August 16, 2024, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at First Congregational Church in Highland,

IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at First Congregational Church in Highland, IL, with Pastor Richard W. Cook, officiating.

Interment will be at Spangle Cemetery in Livingston, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church Building Fund or Highland Lions Club.

Tribute Wall



“ Bryan and Doug, I'm so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Not sure how else to contact you. My email is tlgotz@yahoo.com.
- Tracy

Tracy Gotz - August 25, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MH

“ Was so sorry to hear about Ken's passing. He & I were colleagues at St. Joseph-Highland and although not in the same department, our paths crossed with some frequency. Would also run into him around Highland here & there and it was always a pleasure visiting with him. I believe there was also some family connections on the Giesecking side with Wilma Giesecking, my friend's aunt. Again, so sorry to hear.

Mary L. Heeren - August 21, 2024 at 07:00 PM

TK

“ The Webers, Linda, and Kurt and Karen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth C. Giesecking.

The Webers, Linda, and Kurt and Karen - August 15, 2024 at 11:34 PM

TK

“ The Webers, Linda, and Kurt and Karen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth C. Giesecking.



The Webers, Linda, and Kurt and Karen - August 15, 2024 at 11:34 PM

TI

“ Tina and Travis Inghram purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kenneth C. Giesecking.



Tina and Travis Inghram - August 15, 2024 at 04:23 PM

TI

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Ken. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this most difficult time. Tina and Travis Inghram, Sundance, WY

Travis Inghram - August 15, 2024 at 04:15 PM

LF

“ Love The Hunstiger and Vieira Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth C. Giesecking.



Love The Hunstiger and Vieira Families - August 15, 2024 at 12:13 AM

PS

“ Diane, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm also so very grateful that we got to see Ken last week at the family reunion. Keeping you close in my prayers. Peggy Schuette Schlechter, Rapid City, SD

Peggy Schlechter - August 13, 2024 at 08:35 PM

BB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I cannot be there as you share memories of Ken and celebrate his life, but I am with you there in spirit. May God give you comfort and peace.
Barb (Bertels) Bean

Barbara Bean - August 12, 2024 at 11:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Giesecking.



August 12, 2024 at 08:26 PM