



Kenneth J. Kampwerth

May 3, 1943 - May 5, 2022

Kenneth J. "Ken" Kampwerth, 79, of Highland, IL, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022, surrounded by his family at his home. Ken was born May 3, 1943 in Highland, IL to Edward H. and Alvina C. (nee Steinmann) Kampwerth. He married Donna J. Jackson on April 20, 1968 at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland. Ken lived in Highland most of his life. He served in the US Army Reserves for 6 years (1964-70). Ken began his career in the railroad industry shortly after graduating from St. Paul High School in 1961. After 42 years of working with several railroad companies, he retired in 2003 at the age of 60. Ken was a Life Member of Highland Council #1580 of the Knights of Columbus and Saint Paul Catholic Church. Ken enjoyed many hobbies over the years. He participated in weekly bowling and horseshoe leagues in the Highland area. As many knew Ken, one of his biggest passions was FISHING. Ken and his family spent many weekends over the years camping at Keyesport, IL, fishing on Carlyle Lake and sitting by evening campfires. Ken cherished his time with family and spent a lot of time enjoying the activities of his children while they were young. From coaching youth sports to sitting on the sidelines; he was always there to support his children. He also followed the many activities of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren - hockey, dance, baseball, et al. Upon his retirement from the railroad industry, Ken spent his summers at Kentucky Lake. One of the things he was most proud of was the house that he and Donna built near Kentucky Lake at Hardin, KY. (Their address was on FBI Drive; Farm Boys from Illinois). Fishing and

gardening kept him busy almost every day. At the end of the day, he enjoyed nothing more than a good Vodka Martini.

Survivors include:

Wife - Donna J. (nee Jackson) Kampwerth, Highland, IL

Son - Kent M. (Tonya) Kampwerth, Highland, IL

Son - Kirk E. (Staci) Kampwerth, Highland, IL

Brother - Thomas H. (long-time friend-Catherine Brandlen) Kampwerth, Collinsville, , IL

Brother - Dennis A. (Mary Jo) Kampwerth, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kaleb M. (Katy) Kampwerth, Troy, IL

Grandchild - Kayleen M. Kampwerth, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Shane R. Lyman, Meadowbrook, IL

Grandchild - Shanda L. Lyman (Significant Other-Jerry Gogolowski), Meadowbrook, IL

Great Grandchild - Kurt D. Gogolowski, Meadowbrook, IL

Great Grandchild - Matthew R. Lyman, Meadowbrook, IL

Great Grandchild - CharleeJo L. Shewmake, Meadowbrook, IL

Great Grandchild - Beau D. Lyman, Meadowbrook, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Edward H. Kampwerth - Died 3/09/1984

Mother - Alvina C. (nee Steinmann) Kampwerth - Died 12/24/2002

Father-In-Law - Wilbur Jackson - Died 8/30/2003

Niece - Michelle Kampwerth - Died 6/27/1982

Brother-In-Law - Timothy Jackson - Died 2/2/1985

Brother-In-Law - Darwin Voigt - Died 6/25/1997

Sister-In-Law - Susan Kampwerth - Died 1/29/2004.

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

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Shriners Hospital for Children; Unity Hospice and Palliative Care.

Tribute Wall



“ Happy first heavenly birthday to the best Grandpa! 🙏❤️

The first week of May will always be difficult, but this year is just the beginning of the hardships.

Today you would have been 80. It has been a rough almost year without you, but your birthday without you here is by far the hardest. We are supposed to be celebrating with you, but instead we will be spending it missing you the most.

I wish so much that I could be with you right now. I wish I could call you on the phone one more time to wish you a Happy Birthday or to give you the biggest hug. However, today I will try my best to celebrate you in all the ways that I can think of. I hope you are having a fish fry with a martini in your hand and eating all of the blackberry and gooseberry pie.

Happy 80th Birthday Grandpa!❤️❤️

I love you always!❤️

Your little girl



Kayleen Michelle - May 03, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ 11 months!!! 11 months without you Grandpa. How can it already be 11 months without you It's almost been a year since I have talked to you, received a call, received a hug, seen your face. I miss you Grandpa. I just want to sit on the couch in Kentucky drinking a Belews milk shake with you again. I want to have another fish fry with you. There's SO many things that I wish I had more time to do with you. I think of you everyday and wish we had so much more time together. This next month is going to be HARD. So many of my last memories were with you in this month. Keep watching over us, Grandpa.

The picture was from last March and I happened to get your flannel that you are wearing in this picture.

*I love you always!!💕
Your little girl*



Kayleen Michelle - April 05, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Hi Grandpa!!❤️

10 months of missing the person I have the pleasure of calling Grandpa.

Life sure isn't the same without you. This past weekend was Butchering weekend. I missed your laugh and telling us what to do. I missed running errands to go get more stuff. I missed you being there. I miss you.

However, we knew you were with us and drinking a martini afterwards.

*I love you always!
Your little girl❤️*



Kayleen Michelle - March 05, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ 9 months since the hardest loss of my life. 9 months without you.

I still can't believe this is real. I miss you more and more as each day passes. Although my heart aches for you every day, I know you're watching over us. Love you more than I can put into words, Grandpa.

I love you always!❤️

Your little girl



Kayleen Michelle - February 05, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Eight months...*

And it never gets easier. I sit here trying to process the emotions I feel as we close the year that we entered with you and leave without you being here. Many times I wish I could pick up my phone to call your number, but all I have are voicemails to hear your voice; many of them regarding stocks or your computer problems. One even when you finally got internet at the house. I wish I could receive another phone call to hear all about your computer problems.

But hey Grandpa, you are going to be a GREAT GRANDPA!!!! I wish I could've seen your face of happiness when Katy and Kaleb told you.

I will always have you with me Grandpa!

I love and miss you so much, Grandpa.

I love you always!

*Love,
Your little girl*



Kayleen Michelle - January 05, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ Seven months...

Seven months of wishing that I could hear your voice and laugh, talking about stocks, and giving you a huge hug.

I wish that I could say that the days get easier, but that isn't the case. It doesn't get easier, you just move..not on, but forward.

There have been so many firsts and the firsts are hard.

Our first Thanksgiving with out you being here. It was hard! Not seeing you around the table, eating your favorite pie. But don't worry, Uncle Kirk and I had plenty for the three of us.

Soon, it will be our first Christmas without you. You won't be sitting in the recliner, your name won't be under the tree, you won't be here to open your favorite gift..the calendar, I won't have my person to win LRC or horse races with, and I won't have my Grandpa to join in on another Kampwerth granddaughter picture. Gosh, I am going to miss you so much over the next month. I will forever cherish our pictures and memories. I know these pictures made you and Uncle Dennis so proud and happy. I just wish you could be here with us, but I know you will be watching over all of us.

I love you Grandpa!! I miss you so much!!!

I love you always & forever! 💕

Your little girl



Kayleen Michelle - December 05, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ Six months ago was the worst dream I had to live. How has it already been that long without you? Six months of not hearing your voice and laugh. Six months of no hugs from the best Grandpa. Six months of you not complaining about the Stock market. Six months of not seeing your smile. Six months of not hearing your advice. Six months of missing you more than ever. Six months of learning how to navigate without you. The past six months have been hard, but I often have to remind myself that I had 23 years of memories with you. Memories that I will forever cherish. Now I get to carry a piece of you with me everyday. I miss you, Grandpa.

I Love You Always!❤️❤�

*Love,
Your little girl*



Kayleen Michelle - November 05, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Hi Grandpa!!❤️

Five months without you!? How has is been that long since I had a conversation with my best friend? So much has changed since then and it doesn't get any easier without you here, it honestly will only get more difficult. Just recently I met an older gentleman that said he knew you. He talked very highly of you and told me various times that I was the apple of your eye. If anyone knew you, they would have to agree that Kaleb and I were your world. Your whole family was, but we were very special to you and for that I will always be grateful for. I HAVE the BEST Grandpa that a girl could ever imagine. The next couple of months are going to be hard. This month I won't be able to hear your voice wishing me a Happy Birthday, but I know you will be with me on that day. I love you SO much, Grandpa. Not a day goes by without me thinking of you.

Keep drinking your martinis and catching all the fish up there.

I Love You Always, Grandpa!

Love your little girl!❤️❤️

Kayleen Michelle - October 04, 2022 at 09:19 PM

KK

“ *Almost 5 months have gone by and it still is not get any easier without you here. The tears, the pain, and the heartache are still with me every day. I just wish we had so much more time together to continue doing the fun things that we shared over the years.*

I love you Dad and I miss you so much!

Kirk

Kirk Kampwerth - October 01, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ Hi Grandpa!!!❤️

Four months without you and it still doesn't get any easier. How has it already been that long without my best friend? This weekend we all enjoyed your favorite place and your favorite foods together, but I was really missing my favorite person. Dad and Diann drank your favorite drink together giving both you and Dale a cheers. I know you were looking down on all of us as we had a fish fry. I know you would've loved it!!

Keep watching over us Grandpa! We all miss you so much!

I love You Always!!

*Love,
Your little girl💕💕*



Kayleen Michelle - September 05, 2022 at 01:25 PM

KK

“ *I can't believe that 3 months have already gone by ... I miss you so much! Not a day goes by where I do not have tears in my eyes. Nothing is the same without you here by our side. Please keep watching over us all.*

I love you Dad and miss you so much!

Kirk

Kirk Kampwerth - August 05, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ Hi Grandpa!!❤️

Oh Grandpa, how I miss you so much. I can't believe it has already been three months without you here. The heartache never gets easier knowing I will never get a hug, hear your voice again, or to see your big smile. I love and miss you so much, Grandpa!

This photo popped up one of my memories the other day, it was taken about a year ago. I wish I could soak that time up with you again. I love you! Enjoy a martini for me today.

Always remember, I love you always Grandpa!

*Love You Always,
Your Little Girl❤️❤️*



Kayleen Michelle - August 04, 2022 at 10:46 PM

KK

“ *It's so hard to imagine that two months have already passed since you left us. It seems like yesterday. They say that it will get easier with time but right now I find it hard to believe. I had so many things left to say and so many unanswered questions that I know you would have the answers to. I just wish you were here to talk to.*

I love you Dad and I miss you so much!

Kirk

Kirk Kampwerth - July 06, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ Hi Grandpa!❤️❤️

*I can't believe it has already been two long months without you!💔💔
The 5th of every month from now on will always be the hardest for me. I miss you so much. I can't believe that it's been that long from our last phone call, hug, and conversation. However, I know you are looking down on each of us that had the chance to love you. This month, I started my new job at Germantown Elementary and I closed on my house. I just wish you were here to see it and to help Dad fix it up to your "standards." This past weekend, we were at your favorite place just wishing you were there to enjoy it with us. I wish we could've woken up early one last time to fish and to have a cup of coffee on the back porch and then ending our day drinking a martini while watching the hummingbirds. Keep watching over us, Grandpa! I miss you so much.*

I found this video recently of you, it just makes me smile and it reminds me of so many memories of you.

My world is no longer the same without you in it. I love you and miss you so much, Grandpa.

*I love you always!
Your little girl 💕💕💕*



Kayleen Michelle - July 06, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ Hi Grandpa!❤️

Today marks one month without you. I miss you so much. Nothing will ever be the same without you by our sides. I miss your hugs, phone calls, laughs, fish fries, sitting on the porch together, and watching the Stock market on repeat.

I wish I could have so much more time with you. Not a day goes by that I do not think of you! I hope you are catching all of the fish up there. I miss & love you Grandpa!

*Love you always,
Your little girl*

Kayleen Michelle - June 05, 2022 at 08:37 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kirk Kampwerth - May 25, 2022 at 02:29 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kirk Kampwerth - May 20, 2022 at 03:42 PM

KK

“ It's only been two weeks since you have been gone. Tears still run down my face every day knowing that I will no longer see you, no longer get a chance to visit, no longer get to hear your voice ... the list goes on.

I love you Dad and I miss you so much!

Kirk

Kirk Kampwerth - May 19, 2022 at 01:11 PM

EA

“ Ed, Sarah, and Samantha Armbruster purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Kenneth J. Kampwerth.



Ed, Sarah, and Samantha Armbruster - May 09, 2022 at 05:07 PM

SM

“ Our hearts are with Mr. Kampwerth's family and friends. It was an honor to care for him.-
Unity Hospice



Shannon McGinn-Corona - May 09, 2022 at 04:23 PM

AL

“ Kent and I are so sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. We are still in Florida until May 12 and unable to attend the funeral. Please except our deepest sympathy. Ann Linenfelser

Ann Linenfelser - May 09, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Kampwerth.*



May 09, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Kampwerth.*



May 09, 2022 at 07:19 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy. Sandra Kohler (Bill) Kohlbrecher. Rest in Peace.*



Sandra K Kohlbrecher - May 08, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *My sympathies to Donna and her sons and family. Lynn Grotefendt.*

Lynn Grotefendt - May 06, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ *Sending sincere sympathy to Donna & his family.*

Bob & Beckie Schrupf - May 06, 2022 at 10:36 PM