



## Kenneth J. Weis

July 3, 1958 - August 29, 2024

Kenneth “Ken” Weis of rural Highland died on August 29, 2024, at his home surrounded by family.

Ken was born July 3, 1958, the oldest son of Cyril and Dolores (Huelsmann) Weis. Growing up north of Pierron, IL, on the family farm, he attended Immaculate Conception Grade School, “Pierron University” until 4th grade before transferring to Highland Community Schools. During the last two years of high school, before graduating in 1976, he attended the Collinsville Area Trade School and learned the construction trade. Pursuing his passion, he spent his high school summers employed by Alberternst Construction, Aviston, IL and worked for the organization for the next 12 years.

On Friday, December 28, 1984, he married Lynn M. Weis, nee Lewis, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL in a double wedding ceremony along with their siblings, Rich Weis and Margaret Weis, nee Lewis.

In 1988, along with his brother, Rich and friend, Lloyd Schrage, they established Weis-Schrage Construction Company. Over the next 36 years, the company built residential homes, farm and light commercial buildings in southwestern Illinois and Missouri. Interested in encouraging others to learn the construction trade, the company employed many local youth over the years. He enjoyed remodeling projects over new construction because of the

challenge. In addition to his professional interest in building, Ken spent his free time in the barn (woodshop) building and refurbishing furniture and serving as a mentor for 4-H members and others interested in woodworking. Each piece he made was “one of a kind”. Ken was always willing to share his knowledge, space and equipment with others. No matter what the project; quality of work and integrity were most important.

Ken had 5 passions in life - hunting, fishing, golf, woodworking and his wife, Lynn. A lifelong hunter, he enjoyed rabbit, squirrel, quail and pheasant hunting. For 26 years he, his brothers, father and friends would pheasant hunt in northwest Iowa. Ken and his son, Terry enjoyed training bird dogs and raised quail for field trials and training purposes. Later in life, you could find Ken and the rest of the “Dawn Patrol” at Oak Brook Golf Course in the early morning. In addition to participating in Ken’s above-mentioned interests, Ken, Lynn and Terry loved to explore the backroads of America. Each trip was an adventure, and the journey was always more important than the destination.

Although Ken did not formally join organizations, he helped when asked and preferred not to be acknowledged for his generous spirit. During his lifetime, he participated in softball, golfing, skeet, pool and bowling leagues. He liked puzzles, playing euchre and enjoyed butchering. His Autumn Apple Cheesecake and Grandma Kate’s coffee cake was requested often by family and friends.

Survivors include:

Wife - Lynn (Lewis) Weis, Highland, IL

Son - Terry (Angela) Weis, St. Louis, MO

Sister - Diane (Richard) Boeser, Highland, IL

Brother - Richard (Margaret) Weis, Highland, IL

Sister - Joyce (Duane) Schlemper, Pocahontas, IL

Brother - Gerald (Geraldyn) Weis, Pocahontas, IL

Sister - Doris (David) Eilers, Pocahontas, IL  
Brother - David (Tricia) Weis, Aviston, IL  
Sister - Brenda Knackstedt, Alhambra, IL  
Mother-In-Law - Dorothy (Geiger) Lewis, Highland, IL  
Sister-In-Law - Mary (J.D.) Beil, Highland, IL  
Numerous nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Cyril "Cy" Weis  
Mother - Dolores S. Weis, nee Huelsmann  
Father In-Law- Glenn Lewis  
Brother In-Law - Allen Flamm  
Brother In- Law - Perry Knackstedt

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, September 6, 2024, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at St . Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Bond County Hospice; Madison County Extension Education Foundation for a Woodworking Award.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Highland, IL

# Previous Events

## Evening Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home  
1501 9th  
Highland, IL 62249  
info@spengel-boulanger.com  
<http://spengel-boulanger.com>

## Morning Visitation

SEP 7. 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home  
1501 9th  
Highland, IL 62249  
info@spengel-boulanger.com  
<http://spengel-boulanger.com>

## Funeral Mass

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SEP 7. 9:00 AM (CT)

St Paul Catholic Church  
1411 Main St  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2339

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I worked for ken, rich, and Lloyd about 10 years ago. I learned a lot from them and ken especially. He was beyond patient and kind to me. Hard to hear this

Brady Siebert - October 22, 2024 at 10:44 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album From Family



Jay - September 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM

BB

“ My deepest condolence and sincere sympathy go out to the entire Weis family. Beverly (Frey) Bryant.

Beverly (Frey) Bryant - September 11, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Weis.



September 06, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Weis.*



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September 05, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Love, Hope Stowers & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth J. Weis.*

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**Love, Hope Stowers & family** - September 05, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Lynn and family. So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ozzie & Laura Roth** - September 04, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My Uncle Vernon started golfing with my Dad later in life, and he LOVED golfing with this group. The memories they made were priceless and they enjoyed taking Uncle Vernon with them. My God give you peace during this difficult time.*

*Dawn Steiner*

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**Dawn Steiner** - September 03, 2024 at 04:24 PM

LD

“ Lynn and family I am so sorry to hear this. We appreciated his help so much with our garage and other project here. Also just a very nice man to be around and of course all the memories that you and Gene share with your work with the county and with the district he will be sorely missed !

lillian daiber - September 02, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MG

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mary and Dennis Green



Mary Green - September 02, 2024 at 10:48 AM

BA

“ Lynn and families please accept my sympathies on the passing of Ken.

Barb Lammers

barb - September 01, 2024 at 08:29 AM

SS

“ Lynn, we were sorry to hear about Kenny's passing. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Kenny was a good man and a very hard worker. We appreciate everything he helped us with on our homestead.

Stan and Sharon - August 31, 2024 at 10:46 PM

LR

“ Our sympathy to you, Lynn, and your family. Sending prayers.

Lynn (Mollet) Rivas - August 31, 2024 at 10:30 PM

BS

“ Sincere sympathy to his family. God Bless 🙏

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**Beckie & Bob Schrumpf** - August 31, 2024 at 07:42 PM