



Ned C. Klaus

August 6, 1947 - February 23, 2017

Ned C. Klaus, age 69 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, February 23, 2017, at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born August 06, 1947, in Highland, IL, the son of Willis and M. Betty (nee Spellerberg) Klaus.

On May 20, 1983, he married Nancy Jo Drda at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland. She survives in Highland.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. He was also a member of VFW Post 5694-Highland (Life Member); Masonic Lodge #583, A.F. & A.M.-Highland; Ainad Temple, A.A.O.N.O.M.S. (Shriners)-E. St. Louis, IL. ; Eagle Scout

Ned was born in Highland and attended Highland High School where he played the trombone in the band, played football and ran track. He graduated in 1965. He attended SIU-C and McKendree College and then in the Fall of 1967 enlisted in the US Army. He served in Vietnam from March through December of 1968. He worked at the old Venture Store in Fairview Heights, IL and then at the corporate office in St. Ann Missouri. For five plus years he operated N.C. Klaus Home Improvements in Highland. He then worked for Todd Uniform, which became Aramark, until 2001 as Route Salesman and

Distribution Manager. From 2002-2008 he worked for Gutter Helmet / B-Dry Systems in Sales. He then worked for Dutch Hollow Supplies for 5 years retiring in 2013. Ned enjoyed boating on the Mississippi and for a while was Commodore of the Anchor-Yankee Boat Club. He also enjoyed hunting, time at the Condo in Branson, MO and sharpening saws. His family was always very important and he supported his daughters in their Cheerleading and Dance activities during high school and college. An avid Cardinals Baseball fan, he always listened to their games. In the past years, the daily golf cart rides around the Klaus Lake family property was essential.

Survivors include :

Mother - M. Betty Klaus, nee Spellerberg, Highland, IL

Wife - Nancy J. Klaus, nee Drda, Highland, IL

Daughter - Barbara J. "Barbie" (Curtiss "C.J.") Weis, Grantfork, IL

Daughter - Amanda K. (Rick) Wasson, Highland, IL

Daughter - Melissa N. (Significant Other - Bryant Michael) Klaus, Highland, IL

Brother - Timothy Richard (Linda) Klaus, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Patton J. Weis, Grantfork, IL

Grandchild - Lillian M. Weis, Grantfork, IL

Sister In-law - Sandra K. (Dennis) Wilkinson, Highland, IL

Sister In-law - Jill A. (Carl) Siever, Highland, IL

Nieces and Nephews - Many

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Willis C. Klaus Died 3/11/1997

Mother & Father-in-law - Ione G. (nee Zeller) died 8/7/01 & Joseph W. Drda died 9/1/77

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 Sunday, February 26, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, February 27, 2017, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 27, 2017, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL., with Rev. Will VerDuin officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to His Grandchildren's Education c/o Nancy Klaus or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
info@spengel-boulanger.com

Service

FEB **27**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
2520 Poplar Street
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-7459

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ned C. Klaus*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 PM

DC

“ *Ned was a great guy and good friend. He will be missed by many. I'm sorry I wasn't there but I just found out that Ned has left us. We were in scouts together, our families spent a lot of time together, we played football and we were both Vietnam Vets. One of my biggest memories of Ned was at Camp Sunnen when we did our Order of the Arrow "ordeal". We were taken out in the woods with just a sleeping bag and were posted in a spot alone to spend the night till they returned next morning to retrieve us. We were not to talk to each other or anyone or we would be dismissed. Big problem, Ned was on crutches from a football injury and had to do all the hiking on his crutches. They did drop the two of us within sight just in case he needed help. But he made that night and the whole weekend on his crutches and passed the test. I will miss him and truly regret we haven't seen each other in years. God bless him and his family.*

Don Callahan

Don Callahan - February 27, 2017 at 08:13 PM

BW

Thank you Don for sharing your story about my dad. Words can't describe how much we miss him. He was a great father and I cherish all the memories. Thank you again for your story, kind words and prayers during this difficult time.

barbie weis - February 28, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - February 26, 2017 at 11:58 AM

GR

“ *I would like to express my sympathy to the family. Ned is my contemporary, fellow Vet and I'm really happy to see that he is a Eagle Scout. Ned set a fine example for others. Rest In Peace, Sir.*



GARY A REYMOND - February 26, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ned C. Klaus.*



February 25, 2017 at 11:48 AM

JM

“ *Ned was always such a great guy and good friend! He will be missed. My love and prayers are with Nancy and his entire family.*
Janean Sentenne Monroe

Janean Monroe - February 25, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ned C. Klaus.*



February 25, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ned C. Klaus.*



February 25, 2017 at 07:41 AM

KE

“ *I cherish the memories of Ned & his family when we were kids. I lived across the road on Walnut Street in 1957/58. My Dad was very sick & Willis & Betty let me stay with them much of the time while my Mom spent time working & caring for my Dad. Ned and I had a nice visit last summer, remembering the fun we had as kids. May you rest in peace my friend.* Ken Etcheson

Ken Etcheson - February 24, 2017 at 10:17 PM