



Keith L. Ziller

May 5, 1940 - May 19, 2023

Keith L. Ziller, 83, of Marengo, passed away after a short illness Friday, May 19, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born May 5, 1940, in Joliet, the 7th son of Charles D. and Martha M. (Hoskins) Ziller. On September 6, 1981, he married Vivian Henne-Kosek in Elgin.

In 1951 the family moved from Joliet to Gilberts, then onto Woodstock. It was the country life that Keith loved and learned to become an avid hunter & trapper, trapping countless creek banks in McHenry County. He loved hunting season, doing many hunts with his sons & grandsons, and traveling up to Mahanomen, MN to hunt with his longtime best friend, Butch Gordon. Keith was a proud lifetime member of Local 150 Operating Engineers, where he started his career right out of school.

He is survived by his sons, Brian (Babe), Jodie (Pam), and Chadd Ziller; grandchildren, Clayton (Melissa), Chase (Tarah), Jake (Erin), and Joanne (Will) O'Hearn. Known as "Cowboy Grandpa" to his great-grandchildren who he thought the world of, Jeremy, Landon, Colton, Easton, Paisley, Cannon, Case, Lily, & Dahlia; brothers, Ronnie, Paul (Fern), Daniel (Jeannie), and Larry; and sisters-in-law, Wilma, and Wanda Ziller.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vivian (Kosek) Ziller; brothers,

Roger, Bert, Allen, and Tom; his sister, Judy Kaiser; and grandsons, Lucas, and Heston Ziller.

A Memorial Visitation will be celebrated from 12 Noon – 3 PM on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St. in Huntley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Keith's name may be directed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org or Faustman Lab to cure Type 1 Diabetes at www.faustmanlab.org/donate

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 4. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
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Huntley, IL 60142
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Tribute Wall



“ Larry and I both so very sad to hear of Keith’s passing. Have missed him calling or coming to visit us in Fl. The last couple of years. When he would stay overnight with us, I could always count on home going to bed with the chickens and getting up around 4-4:30 am to be fully dressed , boots,hat and pacing around and around and around the pool til we finally got up. Larry and he worked together for years with Ryan.so many great memories of Keith. We will miss him.Larry and Dianne Hughes



Larry Hughes - March 04, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Keith L. Ziller.



June 03, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Keith L. Ziller.



June 02, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Keith L. Ziller.

June 02, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith L. Ziller.



June 01, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ Sending my condolences to Keith and Vivians family they are together now. I miss him everyday he would walk down our street and always visit! If someone came over to my house he would come over and make sure I was safe. He surprised me with his grand children and great grand children because I would come home and they would be out by my fence petting the horses! I'm glad they could enjoy my horses! Keith enjoyed the horses alot! And he loved my neighbors race horse Comanche he's in heaven with him now! So sorry for your families loss. What agr8 life! Sincerely Jackie Grano

Jackie Grano - May 31, 2023 at 09:08 PM

JF

“ Dear Paul and Fren and Dan and Jeannie I'm so sorry about your loss of your brother and your brother in law my prayers are you and your family may God bless you loveya your friend Jon Ferguson from freeport ill 🙏🙏🙏
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Jon Ferguson - May 30, 2023 at 12:53 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Keith L. Ziller.



May 25, 2023 at 12:59 PM

TS

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of your family.

Terry Spencer - May 23, 2023 at 08:28 PM

KR

“ There seemed to be some omissions when the kids were listed as Keith had four step children as well, that he shared with his wife Vivian. They are Randall (deceased), Tommy(Robin),Brian (Laura), and Kris (Bill). His grandkids Autumn, Tommy, Justin, Hannah, Dakota, Kaitlyn. He raised Dakota as his own since he was 4 days old. He also leaves behind a very special friend Evie.

kris - May 23, 2023 at 11:16 AM

BK

Thanks Kris!

brian kosek - May 23, 2023 at 11:38 AM

CA



Cathy - May 23, 2023 at 04:07 PM

MC

So sorry to learn of his passing. Condolences to all of his family and friends.

Mary Koppie Cauwels - May 23, 2023 at 07:43 PM