



## Bernard Charles Kessel

September 1, 1936 - February 15, 2015

Bernard C. "Bernie" Kessel, age 78, of Amboy, died February 15, 2015, in the same home he was born in surrounded by his loving family, after a brief illness. He was born September 1, 1936, in Amboy, the son of William T. and Mildred M. (Conderman) Kessel.

Bernie was a farmer from 1960-1982. He was also the Road Commissioner for Amboy Township, worked for Allied Locke for 20 years, and retired from Maplehurst Farms in 2012 at the age of 75.

Bernie was a very kind, humble, and loving man. While he was often known for his desire to selflessly help others, he will be remembered for his quick humor and occasional orneryness. Bernie's passions included mowing, being a handyman, and finding the smallest tasks and projects to work on. He enjoyed volunteering at Teen Turf and was very dedicated to his faith.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy; the Amboy American Legion; and was a very loyal Chicago Bears Fan.

Bernard was a Sergeant in the Army from 1955-1956.

He married Frances Haley at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy on March 26, 1960.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter Amanda Jo, and son-in-law Brian Cheshier.

Survivors include his wife; 5 children Angela (Jack) O'Callaghan of Bartlett, Amy (Jeff) Reed of Amboy, Michele Cheshier of Rock Falls, Michael (Patti) Kessel of Littleton, and Danette (David) Trupp of Elgin; 11 grandchildren

Ashley (Jeffrey) Bryant, Abigail Thomas, Katie and Jared Trupp, Alyssa, Josh, Levi, and Alexandra Kessel, Haley, Christine, and Catherine Cheshier; 1 step-grandchild Mike Reed; 1 great-granddaughter Everly Bryant; 1 brother William C. (Joan) Kessel of Amboy; 2 sisters Aleta (Fred) Faber of LaMoille, and Betty Payne of Walnut.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at 10:30 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with the Rev. Msgr. Thomas Bales, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy with Military Honors by the Amboy American Legion. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 20, from 4:00 until 8:00 PM with the Rosary recited at 7:30 PM in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, and also on Saturday, from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM in the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to Teen Turf in Amboy, Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, and the Amboy Fire Dept.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd  
Amboy, IL 61310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy  
303 East Main Street  
Amboy, IL 61310  
(815) 857-2611  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

FEB 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy  
32 N Jones  
Amboy, IL 61310

# Tribute Wall



“ Bernard Charles Kessel

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Bernard Charles Kessel

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

**Gary and Sylvia Schultz** - February 20, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ Jim And Marilyn Braidia lit a candle in memory of Bernard Charles Kessel



**jim and marilyn braida** - February 20, 2015 at 07:15 AM



*Our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to Fran and family, and our prayers for Bern's Eternal Rest. I was serving as Township Clerk when he was Road Commissioner and enjoyed getting to know him. He was a hard worker and an all-around great guy and will be greatly missed. God rest him. Jim and Marilyn Braidia*

**jim and marilyn braida** - February 20, 2015 at 07:17 AM

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“ Both my wife and I would like to express our sympathy to the Kessel family. We know how stressful the passing of one's parent is. Our connection is through Amy and her exemplary work at NICIL. Our prayers are with the Kessel family at this time.  
*Ed and Jan Mulvaney, Rock Falls*

Ed Mulvaney - February 18, 2015 at 08:57 AM

JR

“ The Kessel Family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
*Jane Reuter*

Jane Reuter - February 17, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Charles Kessel.



February 17, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Charles Kessel.



February 17, 2015 at 12:56 PM