



## Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel

April 14, 1928 - April 30, 2018

Emil H. "Andy" Kessel, age 90, of Amboy died Monday April 30, 2018, peacefully surrounded by his family at Maple Crossing in Amboy. He was born in May Twp. Lee County the son of Art and Ella Kessel.

He was a veteran of the Army during the Korean War serving as a Landing Craft Mechanism Instructor.

Andy worked for Northern Illinois Gas Co. for 35 years prior to retirement. He had also worked with his son Brad for 20 years and was a life long farmer, and raised animals of all kinds. He loved horses, goats, cattle and all of his animals.

Andy was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy where he was a member of and past president of the church council. He was also a life time member of the Green River Saddle Club, a member and past president of the Rock River Trail and Horsemen Assoc., a 4H leader and had also served on the 4H Center Board.

Andy was a devoted husband and father, his family was his life. He enjoyed attending his children's and grandchildren's activities and events. Andy was a life long horseman who shared his knowledge and passion for horses with his family. He loved buying and selling most anything, especially farm equipment, horses and antiques.

He also loved old Ford autos.

Andy married Kathy Schabacker June 19, 1959 in Rochelle, IL.

He is survived by his wife, children Lorrie (Frank) Conry of Oregon, Brad

(Pam) Kessel of Amboy, Kurt (Sara Eustis) Kessel of Phillips, Maine, Kelly (Dave) Meurer of Ashton; 9 grandchildren, Lane, Mark, Brianna, Stephanie, Kory, Kristy, Lexi, Levi, and Laci, 3 step grandchildren, Amy, Brian and Kelly, 3 great grandchildren, Sadie, Gage and Cole, and 6 step great grandchildren, Meredith, Ellie, Brooke, Jack, Nicholas and Clara. He is also survived by a sister Dolly Smith of Arkansas and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 grandson Chad Johnson, 1 sister Henrietta Friel and 1 brother Don Kessel.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday at 10:00 AM at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy with the Rev. Barbara Otten officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Church and on Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the church. Burial of cremains will be at a later date in Binghampton Cemetery in Amboy. Memorials have been established to the Immanuel Lutheran Church and Unity Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Binghampton Cemetery

Amboy, IL 61310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
960 US Rte 52  
Amboy, IL 61310

## Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
960 US Rte 52  
Amboy, IL 61310

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Kathy and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about Andy's passing. We'll always  
remember Andy and you at the Saddle Club with your horses. He  
was such a warm and kind man,. You are in our thoughts and  
prayers.*

*Anna Mae Willavize*

*Butch and Judy Griswold*

**Judy K. Griswold** - May 03, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Andy always made us feel welcome when we  
would go camping on your property. A lot of great times and great  
memories. He will be dearly missed. Your family are in my prayers.*

*Beth Stern Conrady*

**Beth Stern Conrady** - May 03, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel.*



May 02, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel.*



May 02, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel.*



May 02, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *To all of you. Uncle Andy was always a favorite of mine. He was always smiling and had a nice word for everyone. My condolences to all of you.*

**Renee Kessel** - May 02, 2018 at 08:45 AM

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“ Dr. Larry Hageman purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel.



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**Dr. Larry Hageman** - May 01, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel.



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May 01, 2018 at 09:08 PM

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“ Andy sold me my first horse and likely my last horse. I will always remember his smile and wearing a western shirt and cowboy boots. May the Kessel family have strength to get past their grief and remember the life and joy of a real cowboy!



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**Sue Devers** - May 01, 2018 at 06:40 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Andy and the whole Kessel family were such a big part of my growing up years. Much love to you all.



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**Annette Miller** - May 01, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ Vickie Skowronski lit a candle in memory of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel



Vickie Skowronski - May 01, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel.



May 01, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Emil "Andy" Henry Kessel.



May 01, 2018 at 04:59 PM