



William Curtis Kessel

June 28, 1932 - November 7, 2017

William C. "W.C." Kessel, age 85, of Amboy, died Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at Dixon Healthcare and Rehab. He was born June 28, 1932, in Amboy, the son of William T. and Mildred (Conderman) Kessel.

Bill was a lifelong farmer, and had also worked at the Dixon Correctional Center for 18 years retiring as a Lieutenant. He was also a Veteran of the Army during the Korean Conflict.

Bill was a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Dixon, the Amboy American Legion, the Lee County Farm Bureau, the Lee County 4-H Board, and the Prairie Repose Cemetery Board.

He married Joan Meyer in Sterling, October 17, 1954.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 1 brother Bernard Kessel.

Survivors include his Wife; 1 daughter Ann (Steve) Gronlund of Monroe Center; 2 sons Dean Kessel of Dixon and Craig (Christine) Kessel of Amboy; 6 grandchildren Eric (Maegan) Gronlund, Lisa (Mimmo) Moscato, Gregory Kessel, Jeremy Kessel, Cory (Danielle Jaso) Kessel, and Danniale (Deryke) Gallacher; 3 great-grandchildren Mackenzie Kessel, Makai King, and Madison Gronlund; 2 sisters Aleta (Fred) Faber of LaMoille and Betty Payne of Walnut; sister-in-law Fran Kessel of Amboy.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017, at 11:00 AM in Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2035 Illinois Route 26, in Dixon, with Pastor David Andermann, officiating. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon with Military Graveside Rites by the Amboy American

Legion. Visitation will be held on Thursday, from 2:00 until 4:00 and 6:00 until 8:00 PM in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, and also on Friday, from 10:00 AM until time of service in the church. A memorial has been established.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

1121 N. Galena Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

NOV 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
2035 IL Rt 26
Dixon, IL 61021

Tribute Wall



“ *William Curtis Kessel*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *William Curtis Kessel*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My prayers for the family during this time of sorrow.*



Linda Glessner Disney - November 14, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ *Joan, Ann, Dean, Craig and families...our prayers and condolences. We were so blessed to have worked with Lt. Bill at Dixon CC. He always had a supply of candy in his shirt pocket...and motivated staff and inmates to keep working and made his areas shine.*

Diane Stewart - November 12, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *Carol And Steve Tillberg lit a candle in memory of William Curtis Kessel*



Carol and Steve Tillberg - November 11, 2017 at 11:30 PM

CT

Dear Joan. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Carol & Steve Tillberg

Carol and Steve Tillberg - November 11, 2017 at 11:37 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of William Curtis Kessel*



Jim and Marilyn Braida - November 10, 2017 at 03:17 PM

JB

Joan : Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Jim and Marilyn Braida

Jim and Marilyn Braida - November 10, 2017 at 03:18 PM

JM

“ *To Joan and Family with deepest sympathies,*

Billy, as I knew him, growing up was more like a big brother than a cousin. I spent quite a lot of time at their house as a little kid. Billy, Bern, Aleta and Betty were all my playmates.

He was a big "tease", but of course I loved it. I can remember being quite jealous when Joan came into the picture!! But I soon learned to love her as much as I loved my Billy!!

I am so sorry for your loss. He will surely be missed. I hope all of your fond memories will be of comfort to you going forward. I am sorry we won't be there to celebrate WC's

life, but know I will be there in spirit. Love to all of you. Janet and Len Metheny

Jan Metheny - November 10, 2017 at 08:31 AM

EH

“ *Bill was such an enjoyable person to work with. Great heart, patience knowledge and good work ethics. He will be sadly missed by many.*

Elizabeth Handel - November 09, 2017 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ *prayers and thinking of all. bill was always positive and friendly...remember him well from working at the Dixon developmental center for years....roger also worked with him at the prison...*

roger and judy barnard

judith barnard - November 09, 2017 at 02:31 PM

SB

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Joan and family.
Sharon (Hicks) Brown*



Sharon Brown - November 09, 2017 at 01:07 PM

BL

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Betty Morgan Lovett - November 09, 2017 at 11:19 AM

RD

“ Rick Plachetka Machine Tool Diagnostics purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Curtis Kessel.



Rick Plachetka Machine Tool Diagnostics - November 09, 2017 at 10:21 AM

LK

“ My sympathy for your loss. Bill was a classmate in high school. God Bless you Joan and your family.

Lois Krieger - November 09, 2017 at 09:45 AM

SC

“ Shawn And Tracy Conley lit a candle in memory of William Curtis Kessel



Shawn and Tracy Conley - November 08, 2017 at 08:55 PM

KB

“ Karen Blaine lit a candle in memory of William Curtis Kessel



Karen Blaine - November 08, 2017 at 08:27 PM

PY

“ Remembering Bill with fondest memories. Always left a butterscotch on my desk. He enjoyed life. I see a butterscotch....Bill flashes through my mind. Prayers to family. Rest in peace Lt.
In sympathy,
Penny Yocum

Penny Yocum - November 08, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ What a sweetheart great guy worked with "sweet William" at prison.
Condolences to family.

Lucy Trujillo - November 08, 2017 at 03:19 PM

SE

“ Susan Englund lit a candle in memory of
William Curtis Kessel



susan englund - November 08, 2017 at 01:50 PM

KZ

“ KELLY ZITELMAN lit a candle in memory of
William Curtis Kessel



KELLY ZITELMAN - November 08, 2017 at 01:32 PM

DB

“ *Sorry for your loss he was a great man*



Doreen & Steve Busche - November 08, 2017 at 12:32 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie Carson lit a candle in memory of
William Curtis Kessel*



Bonnie Carson - November 08, 2017 at 12:25 PM