



Jack Keller

April 12, 1934 - February 24, 2014

Jack Keller, 79, of Port Barrington, IL, formerly of Beecher, IL, passed away February 24, 2014 at his home. He was born April 12, 1934 in Springfield, IL to Melvin and Alice Elizabeth (nee Weeks) Keller. Jack graduated from Edwardsville, IL high school and served in the U. S. Army from 1953-55, primarily in Germany. He graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1960 and became a teacher. He later earned a Master's degree in Education from Indiana University. Jack was a teacher, principal and Superintendent of Schools for the Beecher, IL school district from 1962 until his retirement in 1992. He and his family are proud of the legacy that he left by helping to prepare students in Beecher for their future, whether it be college or a vocation. Jack enjoyed fishing, bowling, golfing, playing cards and craps, having cocktails with friends, and he was a voracious reader.

Jack is survived by his wife Edrene Keller (nee Dudek), his children Kurt (Julie) Keller and Kathy Lawler, his grandchildren Lucas, Kaitlin and Remi Keller, Steven (Elizabeth) Kriske, Kurtis Lawler and Jon King, his great-grandchildren Keira and Mikaela Kriske and Brayden King, sisters Judith (Harry) Keller Hiza and Lucy O'Connor McManus, brother Kevin (Melanie) Meyers, and aunt Dorothy Weeks. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Patricia Keller Barinotti and Diana O'Connor, and brother Charles O'Connor.

The Visitation will be held at Hack's Funeral Home, 753 Hodges Street,

Beecher, IL 60401 on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. with the Memorial Service starting at 2:00 P.M. There will be a gathering immediately after the Memorial Service at the Beecher Amvets' Hall, 532 Gould Street, Beecher, IL 60401, and all are welcome. Interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, IL 60421 at 10:45 A.M. on Monday March 17, 2014. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jack Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Beecher Scholarship Association, P.O. Box 457, Beecher, IL 60401 or on line at www.beecherscholarships.org.

Tribute Wall



“ Hack Funeral Home Ltd. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Keller



Hack Funeral Home Ltd. - January 28, 2020 at 10:03 AM

PW

“ Edrene: I just saw the notice of Jack's death. Please accept my sincere condolences. Judging from the tributes posted, Jack was a fine man who contributed much to the life of his community--and, I am sure, to the life of his family as well. With fond memories and best wishes for your future. Phil

Phil Weiler - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM

BW

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your father and husband, such a very sad time in your life. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. Wanted to see all of you, but we are headed out shortly for vacation.

Bert and Julie Wehling - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM

JW

“ I would like to extend my Sympathy to you and your family. Your loved one was a truly great man. As one of my high school teachers he took a young student not much interested in English Lit. and turned him around into one that gained a love of it for the rest of his life. He was a friend to all who saught him out. We will miss him.

My you have God's comfort and peace

John Wunderlich - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM

CG

“ *TRADITION AND SPLENDOR* was sent by The Goodman Family. To Kurt, Julie, Luke, Kaitlin and "Little Miss Sunshine" Keller. Our love and deepest sympathy on the loss of your father and grandfather. May God wrap his loving arms around you at this time and always. Love, Carmen, Dan, Deona and Duncan "Walter David" Goodman

Carmen Goodman - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM

BW

“ *My prayers and condolences go to all of you.*

Mr. Keller gave himself to being the stable foundation of District 200-U for so long, it's still hard for me to imagine Beecher without him. He led by quiet example, stepped up to the difficult parts of the job humility, but not hesitation, and practiced the virtues he expected of us on a daily basis.

I don't know how many times he both encouraged and enabled me in my growing years. He would even substitute teach when no other was available, an occasion we learned to anticipate with interest, as he always had a little extra something to add to the lesson plan, even out of his field.

Thanks for loaning him to us for so long.

Bill Wickart - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM

CS

“ *Dear Edrene Kathy and Kurt. please accept my deepest sympathy, on Jack`S passing, He was a great man, good father, and a good friend to many. He can*

bowl with Rolly in heaven. Praying for you and yours.

carol schuetz

suwanee georgie (living with son

Lyle)

carol j. schuetz - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM

LB

“ *sorry for your loss*

lorie baker - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM

RJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Keller family during this difficult time.* ”

RaeAnn Hartke James - October 02, 2019 at 06:59 PM