



Raymond Andrew Kerley

December 28, 1932 - August 12, 2019

Raymond Andrew Kerley, age 86 years, a resident of rural Metropolis, Illinois, passed away Monday morning, August 12, 2019, at 4:56 AM at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Andrew was born December 28, 1932 in Cobden, Illinois. He was the son of Bass H. and Laura (Murrell) Kerley.

On August 13, 1955, Andrew was united in marriage to Virginia Lee Spurlock at Corinth, Mississippi. Together, Andrew and Jenny shared almost 60 years of marriage before her death on May 26, 2015.

Andrew is survived by: his children – William (Cathy) Kerley of Knoxville, Tennessee, Andrea (Kent) Sommer of Grand Chain, and Timothy Kerley of Metropolis; 3 grandchildren – Stephanie (Rocky) Robins-Machan of Metropolis, Matt Kerley of Metropolis and Christopher Kerley of Knoxville, Tennessee; 2 great grandchildren – Aria Evans and Lennon Kerley both of Metropolis; a sister – Laura (Richard) Clayton of Vienna; 3 half-sisters – Joyce (Pee Wee) Schell, Rosemary Harper and Beatrice (Randal) Ford; as well as nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Jerry (Sharon) Miller.

Andrew was preceded in death by: his father – Bass H. Kerley; mother – Laura Palmer, wife – Virginia Spurlock Kerley, his stepmother – Frances

Kerley; a sister – Helen Robinson; a brother – Bassie Ray “B.R.” Kerley and a half-sister – Doris Jean Kerley.

Andrew was a 1951 graduate of Vienna High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean War era from 1953 until his honorable discharge in 1955. Andrew was stationed in Germany during his military service.

Andrew was employed for over 33 years at Allied-Signal (later Honeywell) Inc. in Metropolis. He retired in 1994 as a shift superintendent.

Andrew was an avid hunter. He, along with his hunting buddies, enjoyed hunting in the evenings with their hounds. Additionally, Andrew was an expert on his family history and genealogy. He spent many hours on trips to track down information about his family from various regions of the country. Andrew was a member of the Johnson County Historical and Genealogical Society. He had archived his vast collection of research papers with the society. Andrew was a member of the Simpson Baptist Church.

A graveside service honoring the life of Raymond Andrew Kerley will be conducted Thursday morning, August 15, 2019, at 10:30 AM at Rock Springs Cemetery near Simpson. Pastor David Wright will officiate.

Military honors will be accorded.

Those attending the service are asked to gather at the cemetery at 10:15 AM Thursday.

There will be no public visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Illinois Chapter, 320 East Walnut Street, Suite A, Carbondale, Illinois 62901. www.alz.org

Cemetery Details

Rock Springs Cemetery

Simpson, IL 62985

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Rock Springs Cemetery
Simpson, IL 62985

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Andrew Kerley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Sending our sincere sympathy to the Kerley family. Our Dad speaks often of his friendship with Mr. Kerley. He will never be forgotten. God Bless*



The James Pratte, Sr., Family, Metropoli - August 17, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *Heather Yates lit a candle in memory of Raymond Andrew Kerley*



Heather Yates - August 15, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *Andrea, your father and mother were incredible! They were always such kind and gentle people! I remember many visits with them-- with Lorene! Your parents so graciously opened their home to us-- so welcoming! Our hearts go out to you!*

Cindy and Kenny Hefner - August 15, 2019 at 12:28 PM

GH

“ Gary & Janet Hacker lit a candle in memory of Raymond Andrew Kerley



Gary & Janet Hacker - August 15, 2019 at 06:33 AM

DN

“ My dear family, with so much love and deep sadness I give my condolences. My second cousin was a good man. Very respected and admired. The host of the Kerley reunions so many years of family ,many branches coming together. Wonderful memories. I now live in Oregon, but my heart is with you all as the great era of ,Andrew Kerley comes to rest. Love and hugs to you all. Deon Newton.

Deon Newton - August 14, 2019 at 03:12 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Andrew Kerley.



August 13, 2019 at 12:56 PM

SM

“ Tim and family, you all have my deepest sympathies and prayers for comfort during your time of grief. Your Mom and Dad were the sweetest and kindest people I knew and I had the pleasure of knowing them for over thirty five years. God bless you all.

Love,
Susan

Susan McCain - August 13, 2019 at 10:08 AM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol and Randy George - August 13, 2019 at 10:00 AM

RM

“ Ronald L McBride lit a candle in memory of
Raymond Andrew Kerley



Ronald L McBride - August 13, 2019 at 09:09 AM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory
of Raymond Andrew Kerley



Dennis and Pat Harner - August 13, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ *Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Raymond Andrew Kerley*



Carol Bryant - August 13, 2019 at 12:18 AM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Raymond Andrew Kerley*



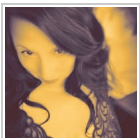
Dorothy Bacon - August 12, 2019 at 09:05 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Raymond Andrew Kerley*



Jeannie McCall - August 12, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*



Karen Youngs - August 12, 2019 at 08:44 PM

FB

“ *Faye Bowman lit a candle in memory of Raymond Andrew Kerley*



Faye Bowman - August 12, 2019 at 08:19 PM

SR

“ *Sheri And Wyatt Robinson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Andrew Kerley*



Sheri and Wyatt Robinson - August 12, 2019 at 08:00 PM