



## Steve Kerley

April 1, 1933 - June 19, 2022

Owen Stephen “Steve” Kerley, age 89 years, a resident of rural Simpson, Illinois, passed away Sunday morning, June 19, 2022, at 10:50 AM at the Metropolis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Steve was born April 1, 1933 near Simpson, Illinois. He was the son of Owen and Tillie Marie (Steinkamp) Kerley.

On December 21, 1952, Steve was united in marriage to Patsy Jane Jones in the Bloomfield community of Johnson County Illinois. She preceded him in death on December 21, 2019.

Steve is survived by: his son – Monty (Jill) Kerley of Simpson; 2 grandchildren – Zacchary (Emily) Kerley of Vienna and Lainyn (Paul) Shanks of Belle, Missouri; 3 great granddaughters – Janie Ann, Olive and Olivia; his fiancé – Rajeane Watson of Simpson; and a brother-in-law – Norman (Carolyn) Jones of Vienna.

In addition to his parents and wife, Steve was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law – Kelli Kerley.

Steve was a 1951 graduate of Vienna High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on June 10, 1952 and was honorably discharged on June 9, 1956.

Steve served during the Korean War and was stationed for part of his service time in Japan. Following his discharge from military service, Steve attended barber college in Decatur, Illinois. He returned to Johnson County and operated a barbershop in Vienna for a time. Later, Steve served as the barber at the Clyde Choate Mental Health Center in Anna until his retirement. Steve came out of retirement to operate a barbershop in Vienna until declining health prevented him from continuing to work.

Steve was a member of Modern Woodmen of America. He also served on the Gilead Cemetery board and was a member of the Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Steve enjoyed gardening and woodworking. He is remembered for making many clocks in the shape of states and would sometimes intentionally put the gear mechanism in the clocks in such a way as to make the clock run backwards.

In the Spring of 2019, Steve enjoyed participating in an Honor Flight to our nation's capital along with other veterans.

A service honoring the life of Steve Kerley will be conducted Saturday afternoon, June 25, 2022, at 2:30 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Doug Hughes will officiate.

Burial will be in the Gilead Cemetery near Simpson.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Gilead Cemetery Fund c/o Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, IL 62995.



# Cemetery Details

## Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road  
Simpson, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 25.** 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Bailey Funeral Home** - August 23, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Steve Kerley*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Bobby Rentfro** - June 28, 2022 at 01:05 AM



“ *Condolences to Family & friends! So sorry for your loss.!*



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**Jeff Aly** - June 26, 2022 at 08:42 AM

LL

“ Love Chris and Lynell purchased the Peaceful Reflections Cross "Memories" for the family of Steve Kerley.



Love Chris and Lynell - June 24, 2022 at 07:46 PM

BA

“ Buchheit Ag purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steve Kerley.



Buchheit Ag - June 24, 2022 at 11:23 AM



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



June 21, 2022 at 05:54 PM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Ernie Henshaw - June 21, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ Valerie Lynne sent a virtual gift in memory of Steve Kerley



Valerie Lynne - June 20, 2022 at 10:00 PM



Mr. Kerley was a ray of sunshine in my life, will miss this sweetheart.

Valerie Lynne - June 20, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Valerie Lynne - June 20, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Pat Blankenship - June 20, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was a good man and good friend.

Jim hodges - June 20, 2022 at 05:53 PM

NB

“ Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Nancy Breeden - June 20, 2022 at 05:45 PM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



David and Ellen Hill - June 20, 2022 at 05:23 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Karen Brumley - June 20, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Jeannie McCall - June 20, 2022 at 12:18 PM

JF

“ *Richard and I are so sorry for your loss. We both thought a lot of Steve. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*



*Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen*

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**Joan Faulkner-Owen** - June 20, 2022 at 10:04 AM

PB

“ *Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Pat Blankenship** - June 20, 2022 at 09:23 AM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**John Slack** - June 20, 2022 at 08:51 AM

MH

“ *Martha Henshaw-Crane lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Martha Henshaw-Crane** - June 20, 2022 at 07:27 AM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Becky Turley** - June 19, 2022 at 10:49 PM

MR

“ *Mark Racey lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Mark Racey** - June 19, 2022 at 10:30 PM

MR

*So sorry to hear about Steve. I got to know Steve when he opened his shop in Vienna. Always enjoyed talking with him.*

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**Mark Racey** - June 19, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Mike Crews** - June 19, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Vicki Eastwood** - June 19, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Carmen Wells lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Carmen Wells** - June 19, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley*



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**Sheri Robinson** - June 19, 2022 at 08:14 PM

RK

“ Roy And Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Roy and Elizabeth Kerley - June 19, 2022 at 07:55 PM

RK

Sorry for your loss Monty and Family

Roy and Elizabeth Kerley - June 19, 2022 at 07:56 PM

BC

“ Barb Travelstead Clymore lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Barb Travelstead Clymore - June 19, 2022 at 07:39 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



Barbara Jeffress - June 19, 2022 at 06:36 PM

EC

“ So sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. He was a very nice man. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Craig and Ellen Carlton*

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**Ellen Carlton** - June 19, 2022 at 05:33 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



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**Dorothy Bacon** - June 19, 2022 at 05:17 PM

CT

“ Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



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**Carla Tapley** - June 19, 2022 at 05:03 PM

DR

“ Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Steve Kerley



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**Diane Rainbolt** - June 19, 2022 at 04:24 PM