



## Keith Knasiak

June 7, 1964 - September 29, 2024

Keith Frederick Knasiak

Age 60, of Wilmington, IL, formerly of Chicago and Romeoville, passed away September 29, 2024 at his home. Born June 7, 1964 in Evergreen Park, IL to Edmund Knasiak and Joellyn (Tryon) Byers. Veteran of the United States Navy, serving between 1984-1989. Keith was an Aerospace Engineer for Spraying Systems for 15 years traveling all over the world for work. He enjoyed photography, traveling, Triumph Motorcycles. He was an avid reader, loved music, and used to brew beer. His nieces and nephews meant a lot to him.

Surviving are his mother and step-father, Joellyn and Joe Byers of Braidwood, IL; three brothers, Kurt (Judy) Knasiak of Evergreen Park, IL, Ken (Lisa) Knasiak of Brookfield, IL, and Karl Knasiak of Lemont, IL; one sister, Kristin (Chris) Campasano of Oak Forest, IL; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Preceding him in death were his father, Edmund Knasiak; and grandparents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be at the First United Methodist Church in Wilmington on Monday, October 7, 2024 from 4 – 7 p.m. Memorial service will also be at the church on Tuesday, October 8, at 9:00 a.m. Inurnment with military honors will follow in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the National Veterans Foundation.



# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Wilmington  
401 East Kahler Road  
Wilmington, IL 60481

## Memorial Service

OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Wilmington  
401 East Kahler Road  
Wilmington, IL 60481

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ It is very sad that Cousin Keith has passed. His jovial spirit and quick wit will be remembered by us all. He will be deeply missed.

Anthony Stanevicius - October 07, 2024 at 07:46 AM

CC

“ Kieth was an amazing person. I remember meeting him and Ken with Lisa, and for so long not even knowing which was which. They would answer each other's questions and generally acted as one person.

Keith was easy to get along with, and I never had a difficult time finding something to talk with him about Photography was something we both became passionate about, and it was interesting to hear about some of his techniques.

It's difficult to not think of "what if's", but they do not change the outcome. Kieth was a light. He lived his life the best he could.

Remember the good times. His laughter. His smile. His charm.

He will be remembered

Christine Cline

Christine Cline - October 05, 2024 at 04:01 PM

MP

“ Megan Pfeifer lit a candle in memory of Keith Knasiak



Megan Pfeifer - October 05, 2024 at 07:23 AM

TS

“ *Therese Szeniewski lit a candle in memory of Keith Knasiak*



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**Therese Szeniewski** - October 03, 2024 at 04:41 PM

TS

“ *I grew up with his family we all when to pasture school together I can't believe he is gone he was great person talk too . I'm in shock to hear this my condolences to the family and friends. RIP KEITH KNASIAK you always be remembered in our hearts!!*

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**Therese Szeniewski** - October 03, 2024 at 04:39 PM

KP

“ I met Kieth at Spraying Systems Co. research laboratory. It is with deep sadness that I will miss our esteemed colleague and friend, Keith. For seven years, that we worked together Kieth was an integral part of mentoring me and bringing unparalleled expertise, dedication, and a spirit of innovation that inspired me. Keith’s academic brilliance was matched by his practical skills, honed during the service in the Navy. This unique combination of theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience made Keith known for his meticulous attention to detail, his relentless pursuit of excellence, and unwavering commitment to research. The experience and knowledge he contributed have left an indelible mark on the projects we worked together and have significantly advanced my understanding in the field. Beyond the professional achievements, Keith was a cherished friend and mentor. His kindness, generosity, and willingness to share the knowledge made me who I am today. Keith had a remarkable ability to bring out the best in everyone around him, fostering a collaborative and supportive brotherhood. We will miss Keith's infectious enthusiasm, insightful perspectives, and his warm presence. My thoughts and prayers are with Kieth’s family during this difficult time. Keith's legacy will live on in the work we continue to do, inspired by his passion and dedication.

*You will be deeply missed.*

*Krunal Patel*

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**Krunal Patel** - October 03, 2024 at 02:51 PM

HK

“ I met Keith through my husband mike kobs he was the nicest person and he's gonna be missed and may he rest in peace

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**Helen kobs** - October 03, 2024 at 12:31 PM

RS

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Keith's passing. I worked with him many years ago at Spraying Systems Co. on the Research team. Keith was incredibly smart, resourceful, and full of great ideas. We also shared a passion for motorcycles and flight, which always led to some fascinating conversations.

*His enthusiasm for these things, along with his innovative spirit, is something I will always remember.*

*My heartfelt condolences to his family during this difficult time.*

*Rudi Schick*

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**Rudi Schick** - October 02, 2024 at 04:29 AM

RZ

“ Keith was great with Jonathan and I.  
(The Knasiak Boys are our Brothers.)  
In all ways looked forward with playing with Keith and hearing his genuine laugh.  
Kinda sucked when he went into the Navy because that was pretty much when Keith grew up and moved away from us.  
That was during our formative years and we never seemed to get 'em back.  
He did visit during and after the Navy.  
He was super fit. Strong, tall, proud, so very smart, and an inspiration to us all.  
I hung on his every word as he discussed important topics with the other adults.  
Even now Keith is inspiring me to keep up and to keep going.  
We're on a mission.  
And we're all gonna succeed.  
(With Keith in our hearts.)  
Thank You for Being in my life, Keith.



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Richard Zupkus - October 01, 2024 at 06:42 PM