



## Lester "Les" Heberer

February 1, 1944 - December 28, 2020

### Lester "Les" Heberer

Age 76, of Braidwood, IL passed away suddenly, Tuesday, December 28, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born February 1, 1944 in Belleville, IL to the late Walter and Gertrude (nee Range) Heberer. He was a graduate of Freeburg High School in 1962. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood, where he was proud to teach eight grade religious education for numerous years. He was also a fourth degree knight with the Knights of Columbus. Les came to Braidwood as an expansion to the Peabody Coal Company and stayed on to become a dragline operator, later becoming an agent for Country Companies. At the age of forty, he went back to college and received an associate's degree in computer systems management and began working for AT&T Bell Labs, Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Hospital, and then eventually retired from Riverside Medical Center in 2006. Les was in the second class of the State of Illinois paramedic training program and was the Braidwood Fire Departments first group of paramedics. He served the community for over fifty years as a member of the Braidwood Fire Department, lastly becoming the President of the Board of Trustees. For years, he was known in many communities for his faithful role of Santa, eventually hanging up his Santa hat in 2017. Les maintained a life of faith, work and volunteering, but one thing he enjoyed most, was sitting down and reading a good book.

Surviving are his beloved wife of fifty-five years, Kathleen “Kay” (nee Nahas) Heberer, whom he married August 7, 1965 at the Immaculate Conception Church; two sons, Matthew (Melanie) Heberer of Morton, IL and Phillip (Pamela) Heberer of St. Augustine, FL; seven grandchildren, Luke, Brett, Jake, Hutch, James, Jeremy, and Lindy Heberer; two brothers, Edward (the late Gina) Heberer of New Port Richey, FL and Kenneth (Leone) Heberer of Braidwood; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families; sister-in-law, Anita (the late William) Scheer of Braidwood; and brother-in-law, Fred (Betty) Nahas of Plainfield, IL.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and sister-in-law, Betty Jo (Robert) Weigt.

Visitation for Les will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory, Braidwood, Friday, January 1, 2021 from 3-7 p.m.

All attendees are required to wear face coverings, follow social distancing guidelines, and due to the capacity requirements, please be brief with your condolences to allow other guests to pay their final respects.

Private Mass of Christian Burial will be held for the immediate family at the Immaculate Conception in Braidwood.

Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to the Immaculate Conception Church or the Braidwood Fire Department would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery-Braidwood

Cemetery Road  
Braidwood, IL 60408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
[info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Thoughts & Prayers to Kay and the entire Heberer family!

*Dean Shepherd*

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**Dean Shepherd** - December 31, 2020 at 07:31 AM

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“ Jennifer Gullede lit a candle in memory of Lester "Les" Heberer



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**Jennifer Gullede** - December 30, 2020 at 11:44 PM

JG

“ Very sorry for your loss, the entire family will be in my thoughts and prayers. 🕊️ 🕯️ -Jennifer Cox-Gullede and family

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**Jennifer Gullede** - December 30, 2020 at 11:43 PM

BV

“ Sorry for your loss, my deepest sympathy to the family.



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**Barbara Viano** - December 30, 2020 at 12:45 PM

TL

“ *Dave and I are so sorry to hear about Les will keep you in our thoughts and Prayers. The Lauers*

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**Tami Lauer** - December 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SE

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**Sharon Elder** - December 30, 2020 at 07:13 AM