



Elmer H. Keller

November 17, 1931 - March 20, 2015

After a courageous battle with a relentless disease, Elmer Keller entered into eternal life on March 20, 2015 with his family by his side. He leaves behind his loving wife, Mary (nee Andis), and only son, Frank (Jennifer). He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Freida (nee Cieszynski). Born on November 17, 1931, he was the youngest brother of the late Joseph Keller, the late Lawrence (Charlotte) Keller, and the late Sylvia (the late Tony) DeRose. He was the loving uncle of Ralph (Maryann) DeRose, Diane (Jack) Grant, David (Sue) DeRose, Peter (Sharen) DeRose, Robert (Cathy) DeRose, Mark (Martina) DeRose, Kathy (Dan) Davis, Lynn (Andy) Stefik, the late Gail (Luis) Patinos, Linda Keller, and Maureen (Terry) Kmiec. As a young boy, he attended Byrne Elementary School. He and his best friends Louie Aidinovich and Paul & Angela Stekovich shared many adventures roaming the prairies of Garfield Ridge. He later continued his education at Washburn Trade School. Over the course of his early working career, he was employed by A&A Wire Products, Seeburg Jukebox, Club Aluminum, and the SKIL Company. For the final 26 years of his career, he worked as a custodian at Argo Community High School where he forged unforgettable relationships with countless people in the building. In 1975, he married the love of his life, Mary, and they enjoyed 39 wonderful years together. Elmer was a tremendous role model for his son, Frank, and taught him, by example, the true meaning and importance of fatherhood. Throughout his life, he was mentored by his beloved cousin, Harriet Bosky. Elmer will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, his

willingness to help those in need, and his genuine concern for the wellbeing of his family. He had a one-of-kind mixture of passions including antique cars, dogs, Bohemian food, professional wrestling, and country music. Gene Autry and Champion, his horse, were his boyhood heroes. He had a razor-sharp memory for historical subjects and milestone dates in his family's history. We are all better people for having known him. Elmer Henry Keller left a wonderful legacy for everyone he met throughout his cherished 83 years. In lieu of flowers or donations, please consider a contribution to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or St. Joseph's Parish in Summit, IL.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Keller Family; ' My heartfelt sympathy to you on the loss of your beloved Frank. He was an outstanding employee at ACHS and a most personable friend. He will be missed. We are all better for having had Frank in our lives. In deepest sympathy, John Santoro

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“ Elmer was one of the most kindest people I know. His sense of humor never faltered. His sensitivity was admirable. He will truly be missed and held forever in our hearts. The gates of heaven are opened wide for this wonderful man. Sleep with the Angels my friend. All our love barb & george

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“ Elmer was a dear friend to my dad and our family for decades. From early memories during childhood to seeing him last at my sister's wedding, Elmer was always fun, sweet, and thoughtful. Mary and Frankie, may your cherished memories help you through your grief. I am praying for you.

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“ A beloved uncle who will certainly be missed. Although unc has passed we will always have our memories of all the good times. May he rest in peace, our prayers are with him.

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