



Ellen Lee Kietzman

December 3, 1939 - June 29, 2020

Ellen Lee Kietzman, age 80, of Kankakee passed away Monday, June 29, 2020 at her home. She was born December 3, 1939 in Fort Dodge, IA, the daughter of Robert & Betty (Ellis) Schmidt. Ellen married Butch Kietzman on March 31, 1988 in Las Vegas, NV. He preceded her in death on November 4, 2000.

Ellen worked at the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative for over 20 years. She hosted and ran the Limestone Park District Senior Luncheon, volunteered for the BINGO- Boomers of Limestone, and coordinated with Meals on Wheels for Boomers of Limestone. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, birdwatching, and singing at Crazy Joe's in Kankakee.

Ellen was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ.

Surviving are one son, Mitch Ferrias of Aroma Park; one daughter and son-in-law, Amy & Bill Peters of Batavia; five grandchildren, Brianna Ferrias, Brooke Ferrias, Connor DeKeyser, Devin DeKeyser, and Mia Ferrias; one great-grandchild, Maclin Merrill; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judy & Roger Ham of Raleigh, NC and Betsy & Neil Talbert of Sun City West, AZ; one brother and sister-in-law, Randy & Bette Schmidt of Carter Lake, IA; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband, Butch Kietzman, Ellen is preceded in death by her parents.

Ellen's family would like to express special gratitude towards Ellen's two caretakers, Christine Muncy and Angel Muncy. Both treated Ellen as their own family member with much love and support. Their hard work and kindness will

always be appreciated.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are recommended.

Private inurnment will be held at a later date at Onarga Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Onarga Cemetery

Onarga, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 18. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ To the whole family...I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Ellen at the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative. We established an immediate rapport and we had some really great conversations and fun laughs! She will be missed.

Lara Evans - July 16, 2020 at 10:16 PM

DC

“ Ellen had such a special place in my heart.. always cheerful with that beautiful smile on her faceI shall remember her just that way.. So sorry I can't be with you and share in her memorial tribute. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Sending My Deepest Sympathies and Love to the whole Family.

Donna Ferrias Calvert

Donna Calvert - July 16, 2020 at 01:00 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Ellen's passing...she was a “rock” to so many...In particular, her service to the KASECooperative was admirable!



Debra Best - July 15, 2020 at 05:46 PM

MP

“ *Mitch and family,*

Please accept our sympathies for the loss of your mother.

Sincerely,

Jeff & Maureen Powell

Maureen Powell - July 15, 2020 at 03:56 PM

 Gloria
Giese

“ *Gloria Giese lit a candle in memory of Ellen
Lee Kietzman*



Gloria Giese - July 15, 2020 at 02:13 PM

 Gloria
Giese

Thank you Ellen for sharing every Wednesday Grandma Day with the girls! They will forever hold special memories of the time they spent with you. Miss you already! Say hi to my Dad!

Gloria Giese - July 15, 2020 at 02:15 PM

TC

“ *Tina Cox lit a candle in memory of Ellen Lee
Kietzman*



Tina Cox - July 15, 2020 at 10:28 AM

DW

Thoughts and Prayers to her family and friends, very sweet. caring lady, met her at Bingo didn't get enough time with her, but she was very special to a lot of people. She will be missed a lot from #30, Bless you Ellen, RIP. Dana Hoskins Warhurst.

Dana Hoskins Warhurst - July 19, 2020 at 04:25 PM

TC

“ I enjoy the time I sat with her. She love for me to take her walks around the block , listen to music,playing cards and watch her tv shows. Gonna miss these memeries . You will be miss by so many. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.

Tina Cox - July 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM

JE

“ Ellie and i shared many things and events with each other during the 1and 1/2 years i visited her. Loved her bright smile when i walked into the room. Wonderful lady!!!!!!

jackie eberle - July 14, 2020 at 09:58 AM

JF

“ Ellen was always enjoyable to be around. We took a few motorcycle trips with Butch and Ellen. Our prayers and thoughts are with her family. Leonard and Jan Flock

Jan Flock - July 06, 2020 at 04:34 PM