



## Richard Etzel

December 14, 1936 - June 20, 2009

Richard W. "Dick" Etzel, 72, of Bradley, died Saturday (June 20, 2009) at Metro South Hospital in Blue Island, following a short illness. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee, until the 10 a.m. memorial Mass. Father Charles Wheeler will officiate. Private inurnment will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Arrangements are by the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Mr. Etzel was retired from the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department. He was born Dec. 14, 1936, in Herscher, the son of Wynn and Ina Landrie Etzel. He married Barbara Blain on June 15 1,957 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Kankakee, IL. She survives in Bradley. He earned his bachelor's degree from Governors State University. He served in the U.S. Army in the 4th Infantry and was a member of the Aroma Park American Legion. He was also a former member of the Knights of Columbus, had his pilot's license and enjoyed flying, golfing, fishing, hunting and traveling. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Patricia Etzel of Spring Hill, Fla., Thomas and Kimberly Etzel of Ashkum; one daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Kelly McLaren of Bradley; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and one brother and sister-inlaw, Wynn and Dale Etzel of Kankakee. His parents are deceased.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jean A. Kennell lit a candle in memory of Richard Etzel



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**Jean A. Kennell** - November 03, 2011 at 09:42 AM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ Please accept our condolences on your loss. You are in our thoughts. <br><br>Joe and Sandy<br><br>##imported-begin##Joe and Sandra Hickory##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Ron Dionne##imported-end##

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“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Let your memories be a comfort to you.##imported-begin##Kim Hickory##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##kathy elliott##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Michele Bateman##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Jan & JohnFred Michela##imported-end##

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family for your loss.##imported-begin##Mike and Tracy Thompson##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry that I am unable to attend the service. I will remember Dick forever. He was truly a wonderful caring man.<br><br><br>Mostly I will remember the care and concern that he showed for me and my boys as they were growing up. One memory in particular was a trip that Dick and Tim made to Duluth to visit me and the boys. I remember us sitting in a restaurant overlooking Lake Superior. Dick got such a kick out of my son Alex marveling at the "big boats" below.<br><br><br><br>All of my best to Barb, Tim, Tammy, and Tom.##imported-begin##Bruce Myers##imported-end##

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“ I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Etzel Family on their loss.##imported-begin##Rick Rizo##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Eileen & Cecil Faris##imported-end##

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“ My Dear Sweet Dad, <br><br>There will never be enough words to express what you have meant to me, my children, my brothers and my mom. ĩ½I was lucky to have a father who loved me unconditionally, a dad that I could count on no matter what. ĩ½You had the gift to make the best out of the worst situation. ĩ½Thank you dad for your love, affection, understanding and words of wisdom. ĩ½I'm proud to be the daughter of the most giving, caring person I have ever known. ĩ½You were the most selfless person, even in your darkest hour you only had concerns for others and never for yourself. ĩ½I will never forget your smile, laugh and hugs. ĩ½Thank you dad for the wonderful life you gave us all. <br><br>Love always, Tammy###imported-begin###Tammy###imported-end##

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“ Learned through my experience with him that a policeman can also be human and caring too, Thanks###imported-begin###Arthur Nickens###imported-end##

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“ May the strength of our Father be with all of you at this time.###imported-begin###Micki McCabe###imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you and your family in the loss of your father.###imported-begin###Jim & Sarah Lauricella###imported-end##

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“ *A very noble man with a good spirit every time I saw  
him.##imported-begin##Adam Simon##imported-end##*

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