



Richard E. "Dick" Kelch

October 3, 1936 - October 29, 2017

Richard E. "Dick" Kelch, age 81, of Bourbonnais, formerly of Clifton, passed away Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Riverside Senior Living in Bourbonnais. He was born October 3, 1936 in Pontiac, the son of Harold W. & Elsie Greenwood Kelch. He married Mary Margaret O'Connor on April 30, 1960 at St. Teresa Church in Kankakee.

Dick was a graduate of Clifton Central High School. He was a retired Clifton area Dairy Farmer. He was a 3rd & 4th degree knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau. Dick was a parishioner of St. George Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Kelch of Bourbonnais; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael & Lynda Kelch of Downers Grove and Joseph & Krista Kelch of Aurora; three daughters and sons-in-law, Julie & Rudy Splear of Herscher, Mary Beth & Dr. Michael Krisko of Manteno, and Cindy & Eric Simon of Oswego; fifteen grandchildren, Chris Kelch, Conor Kelch, Ryan Kelch, Michael Kelch, Megan Splear, Ashley Splear, Joe Krisko, Lauren Krisko, Jake Krisko, Kayla Kelch, Riley Kelch, Kinsey Kelch, Alyson Simon, Jackson Simon, and Jaycie Simon; two brothers, William & Betty Kelch of Clifton and Francis & Sherri Kelch of Barrington; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Thomas & Maureen O'Connor of Bourbonnais and Jim & Carol Sprimont of St. Anne; several nieces and nephews; and his dog Cooper. He is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Amanda "Mandy" Kelch; two grandchildren, Rudy Splear and Lara Lee Kelch; one sister, Shirley Carney;

and one brother, Allen Kelch.

Visitation will be held from 4 -8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 2, 2017 at St. George Catholic Church. Rev. Daniel Belanger will officiate. Burial will be at St. Peter Cemetery in Clifton. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

Clifton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 939-1851
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

Tribute Wall

DM

“ So saddened to hear of Dick’s passing. Heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you Mary, family and friends. I have such fond memories of Dick and am blessed to have known him and to share his friendship. He was a loving, gentle yet courageous spirit who was tenacious in pursuing the best for those he loved and causes that were dear to his heart. We at GROW have many happy memories of Dick and Mary spending time with us. Staff and residents alike were inspired and encouraged by their untiring support and generosity of spirit. What a tremendous legacy he has left for all of his family and friends, a life well lived. God bless you all. Love and hugs. Dianne Maxwell



Dianne Maxwell - November 01, 2017 at 05:44 PM

DM

“ 6 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dianne Maxwell - November 01, 2017 at 05:30 PM

JW

“ *It is with sadness I read of Dicks passing He was a true gentleman To Mary and all the family my deepest condolences Rest In Peace Dick From your friend in Ireland June Woods*

June Woods - November 01, 2017 at 08:31 AM

TC

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



TOM CARNEY - October 31, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 31, 2017 at 11:06 AM

MH

“ *MR MRS S HOCHFELDER lit a candle in memory of Richard E. "Dick" Kelch*



MR MRS S HOCHFELDER - October 31, 2017 at 10:44 AM

TO

You have my deepest sympathy. He was such a wonderful person. Sending prayers for you and your family.

Theresa OConnor - November 02, 2017 at 09:58 PM

DP

“ *So very sorry for your loss! Visiting Mr. Kelch was often the best part of my day!*

Debra Peters - October 31, 2017 at 07:06 AM

BM

“ *Dick's Mom, Elsie, was my 4-H leader and Dick was my boys' 4-H leader in the 70's. The family believed in and practiced the tenants of leadership and mentor ship for young farm children and made a huge difference in their lives. Our family sends our prayers and sympathy to your family. Barbara Akers Miller*

Barbara Miller - October 30, 2017 at 08:47 PM