



Karl Joel Klaus

September 22, 1949 - February 23, 2021

Karl Joel Klaus, 71, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2021 in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born September 22, 1949 in Ironton, Missouri to Harold and Martha (Guelzow) Klaus.

He and Diane Rhodes were married January 31, 1969 in San Diego, CA. She survives in Perryville.

He served in the United States Marine Corps and was a graduate of the University of Missouri.

Karl was dedicated to serving the Perry County community throughout his life. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville and was the owner of Klaus Construction. He was on the board of directors of both The Bank of Missouri and also Citizens Electric Corporation. Karl served as a past president of the Perryville Development Corporation and also of the Immanuel Lutheran School Board. Karl was one of the founders of the Perryville Optimist Soccer League. He was Presiding Commissioner of Perry County from 1986 to 1998 and was a member of the American Legion Post #133.

Survivors include children, Katherine Klaus, Kristopher (Kristen) Klaus and Laura (Tom) Klaus Reed; four brothers, Harold (Betty) Klaus Jr., Gene (Mary Elizabeth) Klaus, Paul (Pam) Klaus and Kurt (Gina) Klaus; one sister, Kristina Robin (Tom) McManus; and seven grandchildren, Aiden Johnson, Annie Johnson, Henry F. Klaus, Lily Klaus, August Klaus, Harper Reed and Hudson Reed.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

At the family's request there will be no public viewing or receiving line.

Funeral Service will be open to the public at 11:00 am Friday, February 26, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville with the Rev. Joseph Schlie officiating. The family has asked to please wear a mask.

Graveside Service will be private for the family.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery with the American Legion #133 and U.S. Marine Corp. Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to Immanuel Lutheran School, Immanuel Lutheran Tuition Fund or Messiah Lutheran School in Weldon Springs, Missouri.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford and Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Perryville

Perryville, MO, 63775

Events

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Perryville
Perryville, MO, US

Comments



“ Diane, I am so saddened to learn of Karl's passing. My heart aches for you and family, but we know he has an even better life beyond this one and we can look forward to that heavenly reunion. My most sincere heartfelt prayers are with you & family.
God bless and keep you.

Shearry Kridelbaugh

Shearry Kridelbaugh - March 25 at 05:50 PM



“ We would like to express our deepest sympathies and prayers to you and your family!

Pat and Ron May

Ronald E May - March 13 at 12:45 PM



“ Diane, please accept our sincere condolences regarding the loss of Karl. His earthly suffering is over. May he rest in peace.

Susan and Randal Winkler - March 05 at 05:43 PM



“ Diane and family,
May your faith comfort you during this sad time. Karl's legacy lives on through not only you, his family, but also through his community work.
God's peace,
Rita and Brad Weber

Rita Weber - February 28 at 05:54 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you and your family. Remembering so many years spent with your family at Immanuel school. Wonderful person!
Keith and Susan Davis

Susan Davis - February 26 at 05:16 PM



“ Our sympathy to the family at this time. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Michael and Ginger Welker

Mike F Welker - February 26 at 05:13 PM



“ Diane So sorry to hear about Karl. Just heard about it today when we went to the Legion to eat fish. Again sending you and family our greatest sympathy. May God comfort you. Linda and Roger Hagan

linda Hagan - February 26 at 01:44 PM



“ Dear Diane,
Sending you and your family my deepest sympathy, love, and prayers. Karl loved his family and community and was an inspiration to many. God bless.

Margaret Battefeld

Margaret - February 26 at 11:31 AM



“ Sad day in the life of the entire community. Karl spent his life in service to Perry County and garnered respect around the state. We had a lot of fun times together. Our deepest condolences to Diane, Katie, Kris, Laura and the entire family.
Kim and June Moore

Kim R. Moore - February 26 at 10:25 AM



“ Dear Diane,
Know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Treasure the wonderful memories and know that you are only temporarily apart. Someday we will all be "home." Wish I could be there to wrap you in a gentle hug to help make the hurt a little better. Sending my prayers and love ...
Jeanette Klobe

Jeanette Klobe - February 25 at 10:47 PM



“ Diane, Katie, Chris, and Laura, please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of Karl. He set a wonderful example for his children to follow and he left a wonderful legacy to this world, his children. May God give you His peace, comfort, and strength. Rhoda Cornehlisen

Rhoda Cornehlisen - February 25 at 09:53 PM



“ Dear Diane and family, please accept my sympathy on Karl' passing. He was an inspiration to a lot of people. He was a good civic person and he and Lou shared a special bond. my prayers are with you and your family during this trying time.

shirley Meyer - February 25 at 09:11 PM



“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. May God bless your entire family with comfort.

Bob and Kathy Dillahay - February 25 at 04:36 PM



“ Garden Accent - Those we love don't go away... was purchased for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



February 25 at 11:07 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



February 25 at 11:03 AM



“ -L.A. and Dawn Dauer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



-L.A. and Dawn Dauer - February 25 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



February 25 at 09:03 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



February 25 at 12:49 AM



“ Diane, Katy, Chris and Laura I am so sorry for your loss. Remember all the good times. Karl was a very respected person. He did a wonderful job as county commissioner and the people of Perryville was always first on his mind. He is now resting in the arms of our dear savior. Rest in piece.

Donna Guemmer - February 25 at 12:21 AM



“ Elisa Sandvoss lit a candle in memory of Karl Joel Klaus



Elisa Sandvoss - February 24 at 11:00 PM



“ I had the pleasure of caring for Karl at Jefferson Barracks. We had so much in common. Karl was so sweet and I loved having him here. Karl will definitely be missed by so many. Many condolences to his family. Karl spoke often of his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was so proud of all of you and he absolutely adored and loved his beautiful wife. May God bless you all and help heal your hearts from this tragedy.

Elisa Sandvoss - February 24 at 10:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



February 24 at 09:48 PM



“ I am going to try to put all my thoughts about Karl to paper this week. He was my friends dad, a community leader, someone I could look up to, and most of all my coach. He made us all feel safe in every way. This quite possibly is the biggest compliment could give another person. You could fail with your dad, cry, or be silly. I treasure knowing him.

Amy Rowland - February 24 at 09:34 PM



“ Diane, please know that you and your family are in our prayers. May all your memories comfort you during this time and may they sustain you in the future. Karl was a stand up guy in all that he accomplished in life.

Phillip and Roberta Kelley

Roberta Kelley - February 24 at 09:27 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



February 24 at 07:34 PM



“ Such a tragic lost of a really good friend and classmate.
Karl was larger than life and have some great memories of us together in our high school years.
He always had 'that' grin.
Our paths would cross several times later in life and it was always good to see Karl and get caught.
Condolences to Diane and the rest of the family, he'll be missed.

Tom Nolen

Tom Nolen - February 24 at 06:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karl Joel Klaus.



February 24 at 06:21 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. May your faith sustain you as you await a blessed reunion in heaven.

Rich and Sid Hemmann

Sidney Hemmann - February 24 at 06:18 PM



“ So many memories of Karl - and Diane. High School, working together at IGA, just hanging out with friends, road trips to Sereno, and weekend visits at New River, North Carolina. Fun times!

I know that Diane and the rest of the family have many fond memories. I pray that these memories will always give you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Dennis Ochs

Dennis Ochs - February 24 at 04:33 PM