



Kevin Kenneth O'Connell

December 4, 2022

Kevin Kenneth O'Connell, 63, of Peoria, passed away Sunday, December 4, 2022.

He was born August 31, 1959, in Peoria, the son of Kenneth Raymond and Georgette Christine (Klein) O'Connell. He married Carol Brooks on June 25, 2011, and she survives.

Also surviving are his sisters, Raymonde (Patrick) Cannon, and Estella (Dave) Etnier; niece, Kimberly Moore; nephews, David Etnier, Rick Cannon, and Todd Etnier; 8 great-nieces; 5 great-nephews; 7 great-great-nieces; 4 great-great-nephews; special "adopted" niece, Alexandra Moses; father-in-law, Larry Brooks; and his beloved fur baby, Tucker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Penny Jo O'Connell; and great-nephew, Michael Stratton.

Kevin was employed by HGS for 32 years. He enjoyed the outdoors, fires, four-wheeling, drag racing, tinkering in the garage, and music. He was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Chicago Bears. Kevin loved his family, friends, and his work family.

A funeral service will be held at 11a on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at St

Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 904 E Lake Ave., Peoria Heights, IL 61616. A Celebration of Life will follow from 12p to 5p at the VFW Hall, 1505 E Lake Ave, Peoria Heights. The gathering will be casual attire and children are welcome. Memorials may be made to St. Jude, TAPS, or Illinois CancerCare.

Cremation has been accorded. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
904 E Lake Ave
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Celebration of Life

MAR 25. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Veterans of Foreign Wars #2602
1505 E Lake Ave
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences from the WHS Class of 1956. Another Warrior has earned his wings. RIP Kevin!*

Carol Kohl Eberle - December 11, 2022 at 04:16 PM

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“ *Went to Woodruff with Kevin and knew him from hanging out with the Ruhaak kids. Kevin would lend a helping hand to anybody. Lost track of him a few years after high school. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Thanks for the ride Kevin. Rest in Peace.*



Mike McConnell - December 10, 2022 at 06:48 PM

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“ *I was blessed to have Kevin as my son-in-law. His time with Carol was far too short. Carol and Tucker are mightily missing him. He is now loosed from the bonds of mortality to walk with the Angels and join his mother Georgette, father Kenny and sister Penny. He called me dad and I called him son, one of the brightest stars in my life. Let us rejoice in his life until our families are once again united. Amen.*

Larry D Brooks - December 08, 2022 at 10:32 PM