



## Kenneth B. Kohlenberger

May 11, 1931 - January 19, 2015

Kenneth B. Kohlenberger, 83, of Murphysboro, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday, January 19, 2015, at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

Kenneth was born on May 11, 1931, in Baldwin, Illinois, to Adolph E. Kohlenberger and Eula V. (Leming) Kohlenberger.

From the age 8 through high school, he delivered the Ava Citizen on his unicycle.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Kenneth retired in 1993 after working thirty three years as a mechanic in the Refrigeration Department at the Physical Plant at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local # 160 in Murphysboro.

Mr. Kohlenberger was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, a member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the American Legion Post # 127, and the V.F.W. Post # 7190.

Kenneth married Mary Ann Fromme on October 4, 1958, in Raddle, and she preceded him in death on May 22, 2008.

He is survived by two children Deborah Abell and her husband Ray Abell of Carbondale, and Gary Kohlenberger of Murphysboro;

two grandsons Aren Abell and Alek Abell of Carbondale;

three sister in laws and their husbands Betty and Delbert McCoy of Murphysboro, Carolyn and Joe Dreeste of Damiansville, IL and Margaret and Urban Butler of Gorham;

and very close friends Jess and Joy Will of Vergennes and Debbie and Jeff Wright of Murphysboro.

He was preceded in death by three brothers Joe, Bob, and Don Kohlenberger, and his parents.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 23, 2015, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro and burial will be at St. Andrew Cemetery with military services conducted by the American Legion Paul Stout Post # 127. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday until 9:45 a.m. at Pettett Funeral Home, where a rosary will be recited at 5:15 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew School or St. Andrew Church in Murphysboro or the Anna Veteran's Home in Anna. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

The family of Kenneth Kohlenberger would especially like to thank the staff of the Anna Veteran's Home for the care that they gave Kenneth during his stay at the home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crain Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth B. Kohlenberger*



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**Crain Funeral Home** - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kenneth B. Kohlenberger*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Tiny was my best childhood friend. The Kohlenberger brothers were the best athletic family in Ava. Tiny always made certain that I was included in his activities. I rode a pony to school and all about. Tiny liked to recall how he hitched rides behind my saddle and the times he fell off. We enjoyed the best of times together.*

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**Glenn L. and Doris Brown** - January 27, 2015 at 02:41 PM

KD

“ *Debbie and Gary,*

*So sorry for your loss. Hope all of your good memories will help you through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Doan** - January 22, 2015 at 02:13 PM

CE

“ *Sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories and give thanks he was a part of your life.*

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**Chester Everly** - January 21, 2015 at 11:42 AM

JC

“ *So very sorry to hear of Kenneth ' s passing. May Peace and memories be yours.*

*(Daughter of Elizabeth)*

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**Jo Ann Chadd** - January 21, 2015 at 08:52 AM

LK

“ *So sorry for your loss. He sure enjoyed watching his grandsons play baseball. You are in our thought and prayers.*

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**Larry/Deb Klump** - January 21, 2015 at 08:35 AM

CW

“ *Debbie, Gary, & Family.*

*I was so sorry to read of Kenny's passing. There are so many good memories of having you all as neighbors for so many years. Kenny always had a smile on his face and a willingness to help whenever needed.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Carol Wehmeyer** - January 20, 2015 at 07:02 PM