



## Robert J Kendrick

April 30, 1936 - January 7, 2023

Robert j. Kendrick, age 86 of Anna, passed away on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 12:15 AM at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

Bob was born to William and Naomi (Bunnage) Kendrick on April 30, 1936 in Albion, Illinois.

Bob was a 1954 graduate of Chester High School where he was a member of the Chester Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a feared adversary when he stepped on the football field and the basketball court. Bob took great pride in being a Marine Corps Veteran. He looked forward to spending time with the Morning Coffee Crew as well as game nights with friends. He also loved keeping in touch with extended family members. Bob enjoyed lighthearted debates (which he always won), watching sports, playing games, helping with dinner, and spending time with his family.

Bob is survived by his only child, Robby (Lynne) Kendrick of Jonesboro, two granddaughters Ashley (Dillon) Lascelles of Vienna and Courtney Kendrick of "Where are you now?"-Bob, two great-grandchildren Addilynne Jo and Grayson Robert Lascelles of Vienna, as well as several other family members and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Nancy Jo (Keller) Kendrick, his parents William and Naomi Kendrick, sisters Ruth Bendof, Gerry Hamilton, Eldonna Harlan, and Elanor Brunhofer, and one brother, Richard Kendrick.

Mr. Kendrick. Robert. Bob. Papa. Coach. Dad. Husband. Brother. Son. Friend.

Uncle. Roberto. B3. Big Bad Bob.

Semper Fi

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday Feb 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home at Anna. Friends may call at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Military rites will be accorded by Carroll P Foster Post #3455 at the Funeral Home at 1:00 PM.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's or The Carroll P Foster Post #3455.

Envelopes available at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J Kendrick*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *This is from Joan and John Birchler Joan went to school with Bob from grade school on and John through high school John played sports with Bob including the winning foot ball team. We were devested to hear of Bobs death. This has been a terrible year for the class of 1954 as we have lost many valued classmates*

**Joan Birchler** - January 25, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *I will always think of Uncle Bob as the mischievous life of the party. When I was a kid, it was such a special treat when he and Aunt Nancy and Robby would make the trip up from Anna to Chester for a holiday dinner. In later years, my funniest memory of him was having lunch and him biting me on the hand when I tried to pay the check, forever earning him the name "Uncle Bites-A-Lot". He was a special man and I am grateful to have had in in my life for 58 years. I hope he is now playing 18 holes of golf on heaven's best course. Thinking of you Robby, Lynne, Ashley, Courtney, and the rest of the family.*

**Karen Brunhofer Bean** - January 09, 2023 at 09:51 PM



*Certainly a legend around Chester. I've known of Mr. Kendrick all of my life. I knew 3 of his sisters and they too were wonderful people. I'm sorry to read this as it makes me sad. To his family, I'm sorry you've lost him but grateful you had him.*  
*Gwendy Dungey Garner*

**Gwendy Dungey Garner** - January 10, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JL

*So sad to hear of Bob's passing, he was a dear friend of ours, he and my late husband Jim spent many hours visiting taking about anything and everything out under the shade of our trees. My prayers to out to Robby and all his family. He was a sweet gental man and a dear friend.*

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**Joyce Linson** - January 16, 2023 at 09:45 PM

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*I was a good friend of Bob at the old downtown Chester Grade School. I remember one class where we shared a desk, and got in a little trouble for misbehaving. For awhile we were neighbors in the Riverview neighborhood. I remember that Bob would come to my house. Bob had a great time when my father brought a horse to help with his gardening in the large vacant lot between our two houses. I was also a friend of Bob at Chester High School, where we were both in the CHS Class of 1954. Of course I admired his skill in football, basketball, and baseball. The last time i talked with Bob was during the 2014 CHS Homecoming. I was fortunate to be able to sit on the Class of 1954 Homecoming Float next to Bob and John Uffelman.*

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**Jamesfranklin Sharp** - January 28, 2023 at 12:06 PM