



Duane R. Kaffenberger

November 27, 1938 - April 5, 2012

Duane R. Kaffenberger, 73, of Bloomfield entered into rest with his Heavenly Father Thursday April, 5. Born November 27, 1938 in Omaha, Nebraska, he was the son of John B. and Anna M. (Lohnes) Kaffenberger.

He worked as a mechanical engineer in Anaheim, California for Rockwell International (which later became Boeing). He retired in 1994 after 38 years. Even though he never wore a military uniform, he did his part by proudly supporting numerous military programs throughout his career, he was a member of the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) in Bloomfield.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who truly loved his family and cherished each moment he spent with them. He will be sorely missed not only by his family but by the many friends he had. He worshiped his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at the Bloomfield First Christian Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Kaffenberger, whom he married on February 4, 1989; five sons, Steve Kaffenberger (Lori) of Corona, CA, David Kaffenberger of Bakersfield, CA, Brad Myers of Bloomington, IN, Bryan Myers (Betsy) of Bloomfield, IN, and Brent Myers of Evansville, IN; five grandchildren, Cody and Chelsey Kaffenberger of Corona, CA, Savannah Myers of Bloomington, IN and Ruby and Lola Myers of Bloomfield, IN; sister-in-laws Brenda Pridemore and Kathleen Neill (Garry) and mother-in-law Donna Miller all of Bloomfield, In.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday April 12, at the Bloomfield First Christian Church officiated by Rev. Dave Wilde. Burial will follow in Grandview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Kathy & boys,
You have my family's deepest condolences on the passing of Duane. I will never forget all the sit-ins at the round table and the enjoyment he brought. He was a great friend and an even better person.

Mike Sherrard - April 12, 2012 at 01:32 PM

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“ ...Continued.... I know Grandpa was the man he was because of the people he loved and let love him in return. He loved his family and friends more than anything, even though at times, you probably thought differently. Cody and I are both sorry we could not make it to the service today, but we wanted to thank everyone in Indiana for loving Grandpa for him, giving him time and enjoying his presence as much as we have. And Thank you to Kathy for always loving Grandpa and keeping him alive and well as long as possible. We love you Grandpa always and forever and will miss you more than you know...Heaven gained an amazing man today, lucky them.
Love, Chels

Chelsey Kaffenberger (granddaughter) - April 12, 2012 at 12:17 AM

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“ Grandpa Kaff was a man of honor, wit, passion, love, intelligence, and pride. Every time we got together there was never a dull moment, there was never a laugh not heard, or a smile not seen. Did I mention, a tear not drawn either from Grandpa's ability to bring out humor in any situation that all you could do was laugh so hard you'd cry? He was one of my biggest fans, and I knew that no matter what I did or accomplished he would do anything to be there front row or call me over the phone to give a simple thanks that always went that extra mile. Having Grandpa at my college graduation along with Kathy in June 2010 was one of the best days of my life-to walk out on that stage and receive my diploma, only to look into the crowd and see him yelling and cheering the loudest he could, seeing his smile and knowing he'd only whisper "that's my girl". I'd like to think that I carry and will always carry a little Grandpa in me...his ability to stand strong in any situation that he may have faced, his ability to love unconditionally and mostly his attitude. I laugh most about the attitude part because all anyone ever had to say when they came into contact (willingly or not) with my attitude was "wow, you must be a Kaffenberger". And I would just smile and give that Kaffenberger smirk.

Chelsey Kaffenberger (granddaughter) - April 12, 2012 at 12:16 AM

GB

“ Kathy, my deepest condolences to you and your family on Duane's passing. I'm sorry we lost touch in recent years, but I will always have great memories of Duane's dedication, passion and joy. He was a great mentor to me in my early years at Rockwell and, most importantly, he was always fun to be around and work with!

Greg Brand - April 11, 2012 at 07:49 PM

MC

“ Duane and I worked very close at Rockwell on Navy programs, I relied on his advice and opinion to guide me. He was a good friend and we had many, many, good times together, both at work and after. I am deeply saddened at his passing.

Maurice Colwell - April 10, 2012 at 05:44 PM

RA

“ Kathy,
We go back a long way, to you sitting behind me in Mrs. Inman's class in the second grade in the old elementary where the Highrise is now.
I did not know Duane very well, but what I saw I liked. This has not been easy on you.
The BHS Class of 1972 is a family and we care about you.
Kathy and I are here for you and we are just a telephone call away.
God bless you.

Roger & Kathy Axe - April 09, 2012 at 08:58 PM

KP

“ Kathy,
You and your family are in my prayers.

Kathy Pennington - April 09, 2012 at 02:43 PM

SB

“ So sorry for you loss.

Sarah Cooksey Bilyeu - April 08, 2012 at 05:00 PM

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“ *I would like to say we were the lucky ones to have known Duane. He was the kindest and most considerate man I have ever met. Very polite and well spoken of others, I don't think he ever said a bad word about anyone. He was very much in love with Kathy and loved his family. He talked about his home and how much he enjoyed living there. He was a fine man and we will miss him and he was a good buddy to my husband.*

Gene & Wanda Goad - April 07, 2012 at 07:45 PM