



Gary L. Kehl

May 25, 2021

Gary Lee Kehl, 76, of Cicero, NY passed away on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. He was born on March 8, 1945, in Marietta, OH, to the late Harry Henry and Julia Edith (Perry) Kehl.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was a linguistics specialist, fluent in Arabic and Russian. While serving he was stationed in Nuremberg, Germany; Athens, Greece; San Angelo, TX; and Fort Meade, MD. Much of his time in the Air Force was spent conducting reconnaissance missions over the Mediterranean.

After retiring in 1986, with over 20 years of service, Gary and his family moved to Cicero, NY where he was the store manager at Hechinger's for 16 years. In his later years he was a member of the Mattydale VFW Post 3146 and a member of several bowling teams at Strike 'N Spare Lanes. He enjoyed spending quiet time in Old Forge, NY at the cabin that he helped his late in-laws build. An enthusiastic sports fan he was passionate about the Cleveland Indians, Ohio State Buckeyes, and the Syracuse Orangemen. He was an avid reader and could often complete several books a week.

Predeceased by his wife of 46 years, the former Linda Joyce Clayton, he is survived by his children, Charles R. (Rachel) Kehl, Richard M. (Elisha) Kehl and Judith A. Joyal and grandchildren, Stephen, Charles, Savanna, Caitlin, and Julia.

Calling hours will be Friday, June 11, 2021, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Burial with Military

Honors will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Warners, NY.

After the burial service please join the family for a Celebration of Life gathering at the Mattydale VFW Post 3146 located at 2000 Lemoyne Ave from 2 to 6 p.m.

Flowers are welcome. In addition, donations may be made, in Gary's honor, to the American Cancer Society; <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate> or the Wounded Warrior Project; <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

2932 Warners Rd
Warners, NY 13164

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUN 11. 9:00 AM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Gary L. Kehl

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

LH

“ Flew with Gary on many missions out of Athens, Greece.
Fly high, old friend.

I SAW AN EAGLE FLY

*I saw an eagle fly...
...lookin' west
toward the Finger Lakes area
'bout six in the evening*

*Warm day in May
Clear, no clouds*

*I saw an eagle fly...
...effortlessly
riding the currents
Soaring above all
Majestic
Supreme*

*I saw an eagle fly...
...and that eagle
looked a lot like*

G A R Y K E H L

FLY LONG, FLY HIGH, SILENT WARRIOR

*FOREVER ON WATCH,
FOREVER ON ORBIT*

The Prop Wash Gang

May 29th, 2021
Composed by
Lonnie Henderson

Lonnie Henderson - June 10, 2021 at 08:14 AM

LB

Gary and I were colleagues and good friends. We were together in Athens and San Angelo. He was most often even tempered and quite conservative. I miss him.

Les Baney

Les Baney - January 22, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Kehl.*



June 10, 2021 at 07:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary L. Kehl.*



June 07, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gary L. Kehl.* ”



June 07, 2021 at 08:50 AM



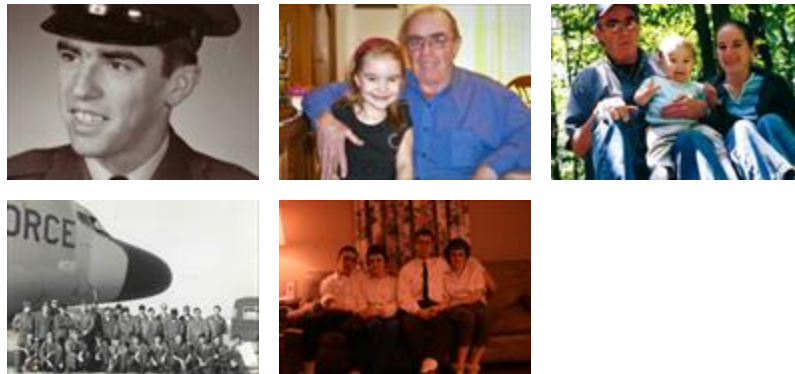
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Elisha Kehl - June 06, 2021 at 11:18 AM



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Elisha Kehl - June 06, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Gary was a great leader and mentor to me during our years in Athens.* ”

George Wilson - June 01, 2021 at 12:29 PM

LB

“ *I considered Gary one of my best friends and professional colleagues in both Athens, Greece and San Angelo, Texas. He was always a consummate professional who put his family first.*

Les Baney

Lester Baney - May 30, 2021 at 06:58 PM