



## Warren T. Key

July 29, 1951 - November 11, 2018

Warren Key, 67 of Pekin, passed away at 5:00 PM, Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Apostolic Christian Restmor in Morton.

He was born July 29, 1951 in Peoria to Earl T. and Mary P. (Ekstrum) Key who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his high school sweet heart, Cathy McCoy who he married on April 7, 1973 in Pekin; his two precious daughters, Chantelle (Brent) Walker and Shawna Key; three grandchildren, Larson, Lockton and Lincoln, who filled his days with happiness. He was so proud to be their "Grandpa Snappy." Also surviving are three sisters, Phyllis (Dan) Toel, Barbara (Kenny) Arnett both of Pekin, and Robin (Craig) Thomas of Bainbridge Island, WA; mother-in-law, Carmen McCoy; Scott and Julie McCoy (brother-in-law & sister-in-law) and several nieces and nephews.

Warren graduated from Pekin High in 1969, and then earned a bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering from Iowa State University. He retired from Caterpillar in 2011 with 40 years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pekin.

He had many hobbies but his true loves were woodworking, and fishing. His dream was to take his grandsons to the boundary waters one day so they could experience the beauty of the outdoors with him. Warren had a dry sense of humor that was second to none. He didn't do practical jokes often, but when he did they were priceless.

The family would like to thank OSF Hospice and AC Restmor for their kind and compassionate ways.

An open house celebration of Warren's life will be held from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Sunday November 18, 2018 at Henderson Funeral Home & Crematory, 2131 Velde Dr, Pekin, casual attire welcome. A private family service will be held.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to Central Illinois Riding Therapy, 305 Neuman Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611 or ALS Association Greater Chicago Chapter, Research Only, 220 West Huron St., Suite 4003, Chicago, IL 60654 or MDA of Central Illinois, Research Only, 102 E. Main St, Suite 201, Urbana, IL 61801.

# Events

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**NOV** **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Henderson Funeral Home and Crematory  
2131 Velde Dr., Pekin, IL, US, 61554

# Comments

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“ Cathy we are very saddened to hear of Warren passing. We moved to Florida and didn't know until I read it on a reunion note. Warren was a great guy. Always a kind man and father , husband and friend. Condolences to you and you family. Mike and Jan Buzick

**Mike and Jan Buzick** - February 25 at 11:18 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. So very sorry for your loss. Fondlest memories of your family. Jill and Pat Bingham

**Jill and Pat Bingham** - November 25, 2018 at 08:49 AM

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“ Cathy & Family,  
We were saddened to hear of Warren's death. I have so many memories of playing baseball with Warren and the gang. We had so much fun at those games and Warren was such an outstanding athlete. I also remember the many times we went fishing at Berger's cabin on Spring Lake. We always had fun! Warren will be greatly missed.  
Mike Bennett

**Mike Bennett** - November 23, 2018 at 08:51 AM

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“ Warren was one of the kindest, gentlest people I ever knew...and modest to a fault. When he and Kathy moved into the apartment above the garage of the house Debbie and I rented, I introduced myself to him and asked if he ever played baseball. He said he' played some. I told him that maybe we could throw the ball around a bit, and I might ask him to play on my "B League" slow pitch team. He replied that that would be nice. Well he passed the audition, and later I found out he was the most valuable player at the state baseball tournament as a senior in high school. Another time Warren asked me if I could teach him how to play tennis, because he'd never played. I took him out to teach him and he cleaned my clock! He was a natural athlete, but never bragged about any of it. The last time I saw Warren, he and Kathy stayed at our house in Alton, on their way to Barnes to get a diagnosis of his condition. It was like no time had passed, and we laughed the evening away just like old times. He'll be sorely missed.

**Chris Schuneman** - November 20, 2018 at 08:46 AM

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“ Cathy and family

We are so sorry to hear about Warren. He will be missed, not only by his family, but so many other people. He was an exceptional person. It seems like not so long ago you two were the perfect couple in high school. I know your girls and your grandchildren were the center of your life.

Our prayers and love are with you.

Chris (Parish) and Bob Burch

**Chris Burch** - November 17, 2018 at 02:48 PM

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“ The family of Warren Key:

I was sorry to hear about the death of Warren. I was the Plant Manager at the Mapleton Plant during the time that Warren worked for Caterpillar. As you probably know Warren was an excellent employee and made many contributions to the success of the Mapleton Plant. He was well liked and was easy to work with. We had heard last year when we were still in Pekin that Warren was having some health problems but you always have hope with modern technologies that health problems can be solved.

We are sorry that we won't be able to attend the celebration for life since we are currently spending the winter in Florida. Our sympathies are with all of you during this difficult time.

We will be going forward with a contribution in the name of Warren to one of the organizations mentioned.

Ron & Pat Claussen

**Ron Claussen** - November 17, 2018 at 12:10 PM

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“ Warren was one of the nicest men you could ever meet. He was a wonderful father, husband, and friend. He had the warmest smile and was always friendly. I have fond memories of Cathy and Warren as a couple and his death will be a loss to many. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Cathy, Shawna, and Chantelle and her family. I am always available dear friend if you need anything. Love Jan and Gary Staker

**Janice Staker** - November 17, 2018 at 07:07 AM

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“ I met Warren thru a mutual friend, JOE, who knew we both shared the tragedy of ALS in our families. My deepest sympathy for all of you.

Rich Stear

**Richard Stear** - November 16, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ Warren was a great neighbor and Rhonda and I send condolences to Kathy and the entire family - Mack Cakora

**Mack Cakora** - November 16, 2018 at 04:25 PM

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“ Phyllis, Barb, and all the family, we are sad to read about your brothers passing. We extend our sorrow and sympathy to you both and all your family. May the Lord give you peace and comfort at this time.  
Judy & Clint Mead

**Judy Mead** - November 16, 2018 at 03:35 PM

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“ Cathy & family,

You have my sympathy for your loss. I had the privilege of working with Warren for several years at Caterpillar. I enjoyed working with him and appreciated his great work ethic. May God give you peace, comfort and strength in this time of grief.

Vern Tranel

**Vernon Tranel** - November 16, 2018 at 03:32 PM

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“ Kathy and family.....  
So sorry for your lost. Many great memories of you and Warren  
David Duez

**David Duez** - November 16, 2018 at 02:24 PM