



Levi M. Schnellenberger

October 7, 1942 - May 2, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Levi M. Schnellenberger, age 77, of Jasper, Indiana, died at 5:05 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2020 in the Franciscan Hospice House in Indianapolis, Indiana, surrounded by his loving family.

Levi was born October 7, 1942, and was raised in his beloved St. Meinrad, Indiana, the son of Edwin and Gertrude (Vaal) Schnellenberger. He graduated from St. Ferdinand High School, Ferdinand, Indiana in 1960. Levi served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964, which included 26 months in Hanau, Germany. Levi developed his love for travel while serving in Germany; he took many trips throughout Europe while on leave from duty. After serving his country, he attended Lockyear Business College in Evansville, Indiana, Brescia College in Owensboro, Kentucky, and Indiana State University, eventually earning his bachelor's degree in Accounting and master's degree in Business Administration.

On August 26, 1972, Levi married Thelma Waninger. They raised their three children in Jasper. Levi often commented that the best years of his life were when he was raising his family. He devoted countless hours to youth sports in Jasper as a coach and board member, including Jasper Youth Soccer Board, Little League Baseball Board, softball, basketball, and the Dubois County Track Club. Levi was always a favored coach due to his calm demeanor and respect for his players. He always had the "big picture" in mind in youth sports. Levi also enjoyed his years with the Jasper Band Parents, where he served as treasurer for many years. He was also a member of the Dubois County John Purdue Club as well as accounting organizations.

Levi worked as a CPA, eventually retiring from the Dubois REC. After his retirement, he was ordained a permanent deacon in 2005 for the Diocese of Evansville. He was a deacon for St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper for 15 years, where he also was a religious education teacher, lector, and member of Friday Memorial Hospital Communion Committee, Legion of Mary, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Levi's passion for service

continually helped the struggling in Jasper as he met with them to determine needs for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. As a deacon, he was known for his personal, practical sermons. Many times parishioners would call him at home after a Sunday sermon to compliment him. Always humble, he would move on to a different subject in the conversation, which focused on the individual who had called him. His influence in the Jasper community and his circle of acquaintances broadened throughout his life as he became a well-known, respected Jasper resident, known for his humbleness, authenticity, generosity, positivity, kindness, outgoingness, wisdom, and sense of humor.

Levi and his family enjoyed yearly vacations. He was an avid Purdue University sports fan and football season ticket holder. Levi also cherished the Indianapolis 500. He was a lifelong learner, enjoyed reading, and was proud of his family. His warm and easy-going personality brought comfort and joy to many as he was a man of great virtue and moral character.

Levi is survived by his wife of 47 years, Thelma Schnellenberger, Jasper, IN, three children, Sandra (Pat) Haney Shelbyville, IN, John (Julia) Schnellenberger, Stow, OH, and Karen (Keith) Gerhart, Plainfield, IN; 7 grandchildren, Brooke, Joshua, Bryce, Natalie, Andrew, Emilie, and Luke; two sisters, Doris (Charles) Seng, Jasper, IN, and Betty Millay, Evansville, IN, as well as beloved cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Gertrude Schnellenberger; sister, Marlene Pund; brother, Walter Schnellenberger; nephew, Rodger Schnellenberger; and grandson, Ryan Schnellenberger.

Private funeral services will be held at Becher-Kluesner Funeral Homes in Jasper, with burial to follow in St. Boniface Cemetery in Fulda, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish.

Online condolences may be made at <http://www.becherkluesner.com>

Cemetery

St. Boniface

Fulda, IN,

Comments



“ Rosalie Hartwick lit a candle in memory of Levi M. Schnellenberger



Rosalie Hartwick - May 20, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ I met Deacon Levi twice, both times after a 6am Mass at St. Joe's in the sacristy. He naturally walked over and started shooting the breeze with me, a kid he didn't know. Despite it being 6:45am, Deacon Levi was going to make sure that I got my laugh in for the morning as he started boasting about his legendary track feats. I got a kick outta him. He got a kick outta himself. I got a kick outta him getting a kick outta himself. The casual-ness with which he spoke to me almost had me convinced that I'd known him my entire life. Taking a note from Dr. Seuss, I smile because that happened. Godspeed, Deacon Levi.

Bradley Gehlhausen

Bradley Gehlhausen - May 15, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to Thelma, Sandra, Karen, John and family. We were privileged to have first known Levi through his work at Dubois REC. He was dedicated, dependable, respectful of his coworkers, and overall easy to work with. His sense of humor was legendary. His love for Purdue sports was constant in good years as well as the bad ones. We will miss his friendship. Your family is in our prayers.

Don and Paula Book

Don Book - May 07, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to Levi's family. I enjoyed getting to know Levi through our PU Club activities and also his sermons at St. Joe's. Prayers!

KurtMalana Hedinger - May 06, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Levi's family. He will be missed by his many friends who got to know Levi through his involvement and support of our Purdue Club of Dubois County Area!

Kurt Hedinger

Kurt Hedinger - May 06, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Levi was a very spiritual man and loved life! He will be sadly missed at Saint Joes... Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time
Melvyn and Virgie Evans

Virgie Evans - May 06, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Thelma, Sandra, Karen and Jon,
So sorry for your loss. Levi was always a good friend and neighbor. We enjoyed talking about the St. Louis Cardinals. Jasper lost a very nice man. We will miss him.

Ron and Cheryl Goller

ron goller - May 06, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Sympathy to Thelma and Family! Levi was always such a kind man with a great sense of humor. He was a leader in the community and a faithful servant to God. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community.



Connie Stemle - May 06, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ John, Julia and family,
I did not know you father well, but the few times that I talked with him after Life Teen Mass, left an impression. He was so genuine and gentle in conversation. After reading his obituary, I feel that I know him a little more now. What a beautiful witness he was to family, faith, and community!! Levi will be so missed by all! May the Grace of God pour into your family's and fill the beautiful soul of your Dad.



patricia allerton - May 06, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Thelma, & family. May you feel God's comfort and peace at this time.

Connie Nigg - May 05, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Levi he did our taxes for years Jim and henny Toby

Henny toby - May 05, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Levi and I grew up in St. Meinrad. We were and remained, good friend. He was a NY Yankee fan and I a Milwaukee Brave. We had a lot of fun with that, especially if I remember correctly, 1957 & 1958 when they played in the World Series. Levi's sense of humor was legendary. The jokes he made up were indescribable. When he told one I began to laugh long before the punchline. His delivery was uncanny. If you knew Levi you liked him. He had a wonderful personality. He cared about people. He was an outstanding person, father, husband, friend, coach, role model, deacon, he truly made a positive difference in this life. He will be missed.

James Hubers - May 04, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Carol Mehringer lit a candle in memory of Levi M. Schnellenberger



Carol Mehringer - May 04, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ Levi was such a gentleman and a tease. He had a wonderful sense of humor. I enjoyed the time I spent with him while volunteering at St. Joe's parish center. We did many Adorations together for Religious Ed and VBS. I send my sympathy to his family. He is now "Glorifying the Lord with his light" Rest in peace, Levi.

Carol Mehringer - May 04, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Levi was my Little League baseball coach in St. Meinrad. He was around 20 years old and it was so nice of him to volunteer his time to help all the local kids. He made practice and games so much fun. I always enjoyed being around him and his positive attitude was so infectious. I'm sure he'll be sorely missed by his family. The world will not be a better place without him, unless all of us pick up the slack. What a wonderful guy!

Wayne Hobbs

Wayne Hobbs - May 04, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the passing of your dear husband, father, grandfather and brother. May your memories and the love you shared bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.
Your friends at the Vincennes University Alumni and Foundation Office

VU Alumni and Foundation Office - May 04, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We too enjoyed Levi' sermons while attending Mass at St. Joe's.. John got to know Levi while both employed at Dubois REC. Praying for God's blessings of strength and peace to family.

John and Betty Keusch - May 04, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Sandra, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Jennifer Streicher - May 04, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the peace that you seek. May his soul rest in peace.

Deacon Cy & Pat Will

Cyril Will - May 04, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ To the Family of Deacon Levi,

My sincere Prayers and Sympathy to you on the death of Deacon Levi. May God give you Peace and Comfort at this time of your loss.

Thanks,
Father Lowell Will, St. Boniface Parish, Evansville, IN

Father Lowell Will - May 04, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Levi was my first baseball coach back when I was growing up in St. Meinrad. His house was on the hill above us and we went by it when we went to play in the Archabbey Apple orchard. He help everyone he could and I have many fond memories of working with levy when I moved to Jasper. He was truly a great man..

Gary Aders - May 04, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ I met Levi 46 years ago during lunch at Beck's in downtown Jasper. We have been friends ever since then. We still got together three or four times a year for lunch to discuss life, religion, travel, current events and sports, especially baseball since Levi was a diehard Cardinal fan and i am a Cub fan. I always looked forward to our lunches. Levi was highly intelligent and very interesting. Levi was also wonderful person. a true gentleman and community leader. He will be missed by all who knew him, Rest in peace my long time friend.

Mark Trout - May 04, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Sandy Schitter lit a candle in memory of Levi M. Schnellenberger



Sandy Schitter - May 04, 2020 at 01:06 AM



“ My boys and husband so loved to listen to him speak his sermons at St. Joseph Church. You can be very proud of your husband and father! So sorry for your loss!

Sandy Schitter - May 04, 2020 at 01:08 AM



“ I so enjoyed all the years I worked with Levi at Buehler's main office. Everyday at our lunch break he was ready for a 30 minute round of Euchre! His personality and sense of humor will always be remembered! May you continue humoring all those in heaven!

Tracey Welp - May 03, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Levi’s death! His sermons were enjoyed immensely! Thelma I remember you living right next to the school in Fulda! Will visit his grave when I visit my parents and brother! My prayers for peace and blessings are with his family



Tim and Barb Dilger - May 03, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ When Levi learned many years ago that I had spent 8 years at St.Meinrad Seminary, he would always have little tidbits of info about his childhood days in St. Meinrad to tell me about; also Purdue Sports of course.
He was so delightful; never took himself too seriously. I always left him with a smile on my face.
Good for St. Joe's parish too. I will miss him. May he rest in peace!

Bob Vogler

Bob Vogler - May 05, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ My husband Deacon Michael Jones and I first met Levi when they were in deacon formation. He was such a nice man, so kind. In recent years he prepared out taxes. Rest in peace, Levi. Deacon Michael and Nancy Jones

Nancy Jones - May 08, 2020 at 12:41 PM