



## Arthur L. Kempf

November 10, 1929 - September 18, 2020

Dateline Celestine, Indiana

Arthur L. Kempf, age 90 of Celestine, Indiana, passed away at 12:50 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington, IN.

Arthur was born in Dubois, Indiana on November 10, 1929 to Bart and Mary (Heeke) Kempf. He married Ann M. Kluesner on April 24, 1954 in St. Celestine Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on August 7, 2011.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served in the Korean War, and was a member of the Jasper VFW Post #673 and the St. Anthony American Legion Post #493.

Arthur was an independent insurance agent for many years.

He was a member of St. Isidore Parish - St. Celestine Catholic Church, where he served on many committees and was a recipient of the Simon Brute' Award, and a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

He was also a member of the Celestine Community Club, the Schnellville Conservation Club, and the Jasper German Club. He was a recipient of the

Celestine Distinguished Citizens Award, and was a member of Dubois County Museum where he was instrumental in the establishment of the museum. He was very active in the Celestine Community where he served on numerous committees over the years.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, making wine, and spending time with friends and family.

Surviving are two daughters; Paula Wehr (Leon), St. Anthony, and Karen Eisenhut (Mark), Dubois, two sons; Tim Kempf (Diane), Jasper, and Rick Kempf (Karen), Dubois, 13 grandchildren, twenty four great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death beside his wife was a daughter; Janet Hoffman, and four brothers; Henry, Eddie, Larry, and Roman Kempf.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Arthur L. Kempf will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at St. Celestine Catholic Church, in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The VFW Post #673 will conduct military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. Mask and social distancing will be required for the visitation and Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Isidore Parish or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164  
Celestine, IN 47521

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church  
6864 East State Road 164  
Celestine, IN 47521

# Tribute Wall



“ Arthur L. Kempf

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Thinking of your Family. God bless all of you with comfort and cherished memories.

-Ruth Meyer- - September 23, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ Uncle Art was so kind and caring - he made me feel like family from the first day Steve brought me to a family event. His wine was made with loads of love - that's why it was so sweet year after year ♡ Will miss you Uncle Art! Hugs and prayers to all family members. I can see him giving Aunt Ann a huge hug from all of us ♡



Marg & Steve Buechler - September 21, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Karen Merkley lit a candle in memory of Arthur L. Kempf



Karen Merkley - September 21, 2020 at 08:32 PM

SK

“ We are truly indebted for all his help and companionship with Mom at Brookside. He made her transition to assisted living so much easier. Will forever be grateful to such a kind man.

Sharon Knies - September 21, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JS

“ Art shared some of his wine with us. Will miss his thoughtfulness and his smile.  
Art and Ann are together now, God bless them both.  
Maurice & Judy Schroering

Judy Schroering - September 21, 2020 at 07:13 PM

BH

“ Art was such a nice guy and so so friendly. He'll be truly missed. May God grant you all Peace and comfort during this difficult time. God bless. 🙏❤️

Bonnie Heeke - September 21, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ There was a friendlier man than Art was. He was a friend to everyone. Many prayers for the family.



Maryjane Flinn - September 21, 2020 at 06:07 PM

DC

“ *Diane Carie lit a candle in memory of Arthur L. Kempf*



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**Diane Carie** - September 21, 2020 at 01:23 PM

PM

“ *Sending our sympathy and prayers to the family. I have many fond memories of Art and Ann. They were such a sweet couple and I am sure are in a wonderful place together.*

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**Patrick & Nancy Mendel** - September 21, 2020 at 10:03 AM

SW

*Anne was a Wonderful CRHP Sister and so happy she and Art are together again.*

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**Sharon Wagner** - September 21, 2020 at 11:03 AM