



Charles W. Kempf

July 28, 1935 - December 6, 2024

Charles W. Kempf, age 89, of St. Anthony, Indiana, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2024, at home surrounded by family.

Charlie was born in Schnellville, Indiana, on July 28, 1935, to William and Veronica (Stemle) Kempf. He married Sue Ackerman on August 9, 1959.

He was United States Army Veteran who served in Korea in the Engineers.

Charlie and Sue were founders of Kempf Excavating, Inc. It is a family business, and they are in their 47th year of operation. They were former owners of the Brown Derby in Schnellville, Indiana.

He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish – St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Anthony American Legion Post #493, VFW Post #673, Schnellville Conservation Club, YMI of Huntingburg, and the St. Anthony Conservation Club, where he had been a past president.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting matches, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Sue Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, six children, Scott (Jackie) Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, Michelle (Joe) VanWye, Ashley, IN,

Terry Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, Kris (Bret) Gutgsell, Schnellville, IN, Todd (Cynthia) Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, Kurt Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, three sisters, Stella Hart, Louisville, KY, Ellie (Bob) Hammond, Indianapolis, IN, Bernie Elslager, Greenwood, IN, one brother, Eugene Kempf, Jasper, IN, one sister-in-law, Verna Kempf, Greenfield, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are two sisters, Virginia McCoy and Martha Horton, and three brothers, Linus, Tony and Norbert Kempf.

A Memorial Mass for Charles W. Kempf will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #493 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. Mass time at the church on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Divine Mercy Parish or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony of Padua Church Cemetery

4444 Ohio Street
St. Anthony, IN 47575

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
4444 Ohio Street
St. Anthony, IN 47575

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am the granddaughter of Grandpa Charlie and I miss him very much and he will always be in my heart.

Addy Mann - May 01, 2025 at 02:50 PM

JH

“ First to all of Mr. Kempf's wife, children, and grandchildren we offer our deepest sympathies on the passing of Charles to his God, his creator. Our thoughts are with you all as you give him back today to our God, and the creator of all life on this planet earth. Mr. Kempf was truly a special person, who I was fortunate to know and to deal with in the business world. Charles was always kind, helpful, and consider as he work with you as an individual with your needs and his business excavating business. I thanked him many times for his help and thoughts, and now I wish him the best of life with his creator in heaven. May God bless you all, and may the memories that he gave you all be your lasting reward of a great dad, a great grandparent, and just a great person to know and to have share our lives with for many a year.

Jame and Judi Hagedorn - December 13, 2024 at 09:10 AM

CA

“ I send condolences and offer sympathy to all.
May special memories comfort you on your loss.

Camilla Allen



Camilla Allen - December 12, 2024 at 08:22 AM

JO

“ I have a great memory of fishing with Uncle Charlie, Dad (Gene), and Lisa a couple of years ago. Charlie sat on a bucket and slayed the fish. We would get a bite as soon as the bait touched the water. Charlie had a great time!

I also have fond memories of visiting Charlie and Susie at their house and swimming in their lake as a child. We would also see Charlie and Susie at shooting matches and other events at the Schnellville and Saint Anthony Conservation clubs.

Love, Jill

Jill Oeding - December 08, 2024 at 12:35 AM

JS

“ Todd and Cynthia,
We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Our sympathy goes out to you and your whole family. May your Dad rest in peace. Love, Julie and Danny



Julia E Schutz - December 07, 2024 at 10:49 PM