



## Eugene "Gene" U. Merkel

November 28, 1949 - April 6, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Eugene U. Merkel, age 70, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 5:17 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020, at home surrounded by family.

Gene was born in Jasper on November 28, 1949 to Urban and Lillian (Lampert) Merkel. He married Beverly Schitter on November 18, 1989, at Salem United Church of Christ.

Gene retired from Kimball Electronics after 40 years of service where he worked as a test engineer.

Gene served six years in the Navy with two years of that time being spent in Spain and one year in Antarctica. The remaining three years he was on the Kitty Hawk Aircraft Carrier..

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

He enjoyed his grandkids and watching them play ball. He loved being outdoors and relaxing on the porch or in the shed. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly Merkel, Jasper, IN, two daughters, Michelle Merkel and companion Shaun Begle, Huntingburg, IN, Jennifer (Brandon) Sims, Newburgh, IN, four grandchildren, Jarrett Merkel, Amber (Daric) Huckelby, Cain and Cooper Sims, two great grandchildren, Leah and Ivan Huckelby, three step great grandchildren, Lacy, Vinny, and Patrick Huckelby, two sisters, Betty (Paul) Harter, Patty (Ambrose) Hoffman, one brother, Kenny (Joan) Merkel, one sister in law, Linda Merkel and one brother in law, Dale Barclay.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Urban and Lillian Merkel, two sisters, Margie Wolf, Ginger Barclay, and one brother, Larry Merkel.

Private services will be held at the Becher-Kluesner Funeral Home downtown chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment at Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church or to the endowment for Urban and Lillian Merkel family through the Dubois County Community Foundation.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Tribute Wall



“ Eugene "Gene" U. Merkel

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Beverly, we are so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Prayers to you & family during this difficult time.  
Hugs from Bill & Karen Sermersheim

Karen Sermersheim - April 15, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Bev, sending my sympathies to you and your family. So glad I have all the good memories  
God Bless.



Pam Bickerest - April 13, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Mrs Merkel, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Gene. You and Gene will forever be a part of our Wednesday family. Big hugs and lots of prayers for you and your family during this time.  
Angie RN  
MOB4 Infusion Center  
Manager

angie stroud - April 12, 2020 at 05:13 PM

RS

“ So very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Worked with Gene for many years at Kimball Electronics in the Engineering Department.

Rita Sherman - April 10, 2020 at 02:47 AM



“ Bev and family, our deepest sympathy goes out to you at this time. Gene was such a kind person. He wore a smile easily which made you want to smile and it was contagious among your family as you all carry a smile freely. We know his time was short on earth but it was full with family and that is a blessing you can all cherish. So know that we hold you close in our thoughts and pray for your loss until you are once again together in Gods glory. Love you guys Stan & Deb Kunkel

Deb Kunkel - April 09, 2020 at 01:52 PM

ML

“ Hey Bev! Maureen and Allen here...so sorry for your loss. I know he no longer suffers. I'm sure you have been the best aide he could ever have! You have showed him much love and concern over the years! He is forever grateful!! Watch for him to come back and let you know of his presence in small ways! He will be by your side! Hope you can find the faith it takes to get through this! Know that we love and wish you the best. I tried stopping in about a month ago before all of this Covid-19 stuff! Paula said that he was not taking visitors. Please call if I can help you with anything!

Maureen Luebbehusen - April 08, 2020 at 08:41 PM

SS

“ So Sorry for your loss, Bev and family. He was a very nice person to work with when I worked at KEG. Please remember all the good times.  
Much Love,  
Sue Striegel



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**Sue Striegel** - April 07, 2020 at 04:33 PM

SH

“ Gene always decorated his place for Christmas. When my children were young, they would talk about Santa waving at them from the front porch and wonder if Santa's workshop was in the back of his house. At work, I would tell Gene the stories and he would smile. He didn't say much, but you listened when he spoke.

*My condolences to Bev and the family. I know he will be missed.*

*Sue Habig & family*

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**Sue & Paul Habig** - April 07, 2020 at 04:15 PM

RL

*Remember him when we were kids at our grandmas house. Good times*

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**Ronald Lampert** - April 07, 2020 at 06:56 PM



*We are sorry for your loss Bev and extend our sympathies to you and your family. Good memories working with the two of you! God Bless.  
Kurt & Malana*

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**KurtMalana Hedinger** - April 12, 2020 at 11:43 AM