

George Kestel

December 22, 1958 - December 27, 2018

George Kestel, age 60, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 31, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Sunday, December 30, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 6:00 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Memorials can be made to St. Mary's School Foundation, 312 Seneca St. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588; or to Genesis Development, 1607 North Lake Ave. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

George Kestel, the son of Robert and Henrietta (Janning) Kestel, was born on December 22, 1958 in Storm Lake, Iowa.

George was a member St. Joseph Catholic Church in Schaller until 1982 when he moved to Storm Lake with his parents, Robert and Henrietta. At this time, he joined St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake.

He grew up on the family farm and loved being outside feeding and chasing the chickens and taking care of Midnight, his black cat.

George attended the special education program at Storm Lake Community Schools. Following completion, he enjoyed his work at the Red Barn, later Genesis Development and then attended the Discovery Program at Genesis Development. He was a gentle, fun-loving person and had many friends in the community. George loved teasing and being teased by his friends, dances—especially wedding dances, outings with the Discovery Program participants and staff, holiday family gatherings, and spending time with his former housemates at the Maywood group home to name a few.

George taught us many life lessons. He showed us his love for Jesus and attended Mass with Mom and Dad, how to love and accept each person as unique and special, the importance of family and friends, and how to laugh with others and at ourselves. George will be missed by his family and all those who knew and loved him.

George is survived by his brother, Jeff (Jane) Kestel; his sister, Sr. Annette Kestel, PBVM; nieces, Jill Kestel; Megan (Justin) Van Beek; and nephew, Alec (Sierra) Kestel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henrietta and Robert Kestel.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
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Vigil Service

DEC **30**. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Kestel*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 28, 2018 at 04:02 PM

SH

What a beautiful tribute to George. So sorry for your loss.

Sandy Sullivan Hughes - December 28, 2018 at 06:34 PM

JT

Very nice memories, Thank you

Janning Tom - December 28, 2018 at 06:56 PM

JW

Such special memories were captured in this video. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Jane Toay Weakley - December 29, 2018 at 07:47 PM

SP

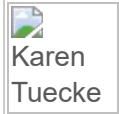
Thank you for sharing George's life!

Sandy Pingel - December 29, 2018 at 08:48 PM

SK

Thinking and praying for you. A beautiful tribute to George. I know he was very special to you Sr. Annette.

Sara Kane - January 01, 2019 at 02:58 PM



Karen
Tuecke

Beautiful tribute. Praying for each of you.

Karen Tuecke - January 07, 2019 at 11:48 AM

MB

“ *Peace and comfort to you all.
May he rest in peace and dance with joy.
~Matthew Burrier
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church*

Matthew Burrier - January 03, 2019 at 03:55 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear of George's passing. It was one of m joys working
at Genesis working with him, Jeff and Annette.*

Brad Williams

Brad Williams - December 30, 2018 at 01:52 AM

JW

“ *Jane Toay Weakley lit a candle in memory of
George Kestel*



Jane Toay Weakley - December 29, 2018 at 07:45 PM

JB

“ Jeff and I had the honor of bringing communion to George when he lived on Maywood. What a sweet, kind soul. I'm sorry we won't be there to celebrate his life as we are out of town. Jeff and Jane, we'll be with you in prayer. May he rest in the love of Jesus.



julia Behm - December 29, 2018 at 06:39 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Julie McKinney lit a candle in memory of George Kestel



Kevin & Julie McKinney - December 28, 2018 at 11:31 PM



“ I remember the days of the Red Barn & the ARC with the original 5 that started the Red Barn. George was very special & I love the memories I have of him & my sister Diane Wogahn. Your family is in my thoughts & prayers
Kim Wogahn Wood

Kim Wogahn Wood - December 28, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of George Kestel



Lynn Snyder - December 28, 2018 at 07:21 PM

NL

“ *Sister Annette, I'm so sorry to hear that your brother George died. I will keep you in my prayers. Thank you for the many blessings you brought Arlene and me during our difficult time 4 years ago!*

*Neale LeMense
Cedar Rapids*

Neale LeMense - December 28, 2018 at 07:11 PM

JT

“ *Take George home God*

Janning Tom - December 28, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sonia Haahr lit a candle in memory of George Kestel*



Sonia Haahr - December 28, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ *Graham says he was a nice buddy to joke around with at Maywood.
“My Buddy”*

Sonia Haahr - December 28, 2018 at 05:32 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF GEORGE KESTEL. OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY & RELATIVES OF GEORGE. MAY HE RIP.

LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

STORM LAKE, IOWA

Patty Gunville - December 28, 2018 at 03:24 PM



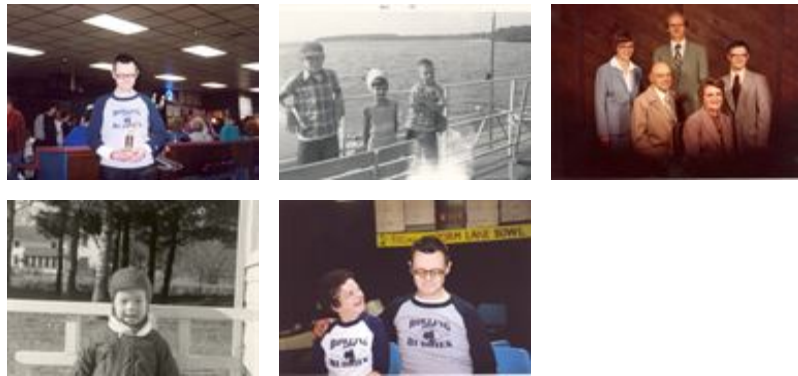
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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 28, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 28, 2018 at 03:00 PM

LS

“ Leigh Schultz lit a candle in memory of George Kestel



Leigh Schultz - December 28, 2018 at 01:49 PM

PG

“ Peg Grundmeier lit a candle in memory of George Kestel



Peg Grundmeier - December 28, 2018 at 01:39 PM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of George Kestel



John/Connie Demers - December 28, 2018 at 11:43 AM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of George Kestel



Pam Henderson - December 28, 2018 at 11:39 AM

MH

“ *Michelle Henderson lit a candle in memory of George Kestel*



Michelle Henderson - December 28, 2018 at 11:28 AM

Terra Sheehan-Sievers

“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers sent a virtual gift in memory of George Kestel*



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - December 28, 2018 at 10:57 AM

Terra Sheehan-Sievers

“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of George Kestel*



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - December 28, 2018 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh & Family lit a candle in memory of George Kestel*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh & family - December 28, 2018 at 08:17 AM

BO

“ *Kestel family, please accept my sincere condolences. May the God of tender mercies grant you peace and comfort you now and in the days ahead. 2 Co 1:3, 4.*

BO - December 28, 2018 at 05:44 AM

MT

“ *Maggie Tewes lit a candle in memory of George Kestel*



Maggie Tewes - December 27, 2018 at 07:55 PM