



Kevin Meiners

January 20, 1961 - April 19, 2015

Kevin Meiners, 54, of Carroll, died Sunday, April 19, 2015 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Lectors for the funeral mass will be Brenda Kasparbauer and Gena Daly. Gift Bearers will be: Ken Meiners, Joleen Kasparbauer, and Glenn Kerkhoff. Eucharistic Minister will be Leo Kasparbauer. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Jason Williams, Gena Daly, Brenda Kasparbauer, and Greg Kasparbauer. Casket Bearers will be: Roxanne Reinart, Gaylen Marsh, Peter Poland, David Redenius, Glenn Winker, and Kevin Hoffman. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dedham.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 5 p.m. on Wednesday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 9 a.m. on Thursday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Kevin's family at www.sharpfun

eral.com.

Born on January 20, 1961 at Carroll, Iowa, Kevin was the son of Theodore Jr. and Natheal (Bierl) Meiners. Kevin was raised on a farm northeast of Dedham, where he loved nature and all animals. His passion while growing up was to someday become a Conservation Officer or Naturalist working with wildlife and habitat, but due to health reasons made a different career choice. He attended Dedham-Willey Grade School and later graduated from Kuemper Catholic School in 1979. Following high school Kevin attended Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, graduating in 1981 from the Graphic Arts Department where he learned the many areas of the printing industry. Following his graduation, Kevin worked for Sklenar Publishing Company, Nishna Valley Tribune Newspaper in Audubon, Iowa. His duties included photography, darkroom, delivering the printed newspapers to surrounding towns as well as commercial printing in the shop. In 1985, Kevin moved to Carroll and started working for the former Carroll Copy Center in Carroll as a pressman. In 1987 he started employment with Stone Printing in Carroll with duties including darkroom, offset printing, letterpress, prepress, and supervision of the printing operation. As his health declined due to Cystic Fibrosis in December of 2013, Kevin decided it was time to retire and keep his health in order.

He enjoyed and thought very highly of his family, especially his nieces and nephews. He always enjoyed playing cards and spending quality time during the holidays with his family.

In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting, trapping and exploring the countryside. Fishing was another hobby Kevin enjoyed throughout his life; spending many hours on the Middle Raccoon River, farm ponds, creeks, Black Hawk Lake and Swan Lake.

When weather wasn't cooperating to be outdoors, he could be found working

on his Diecast Toy Oliver Collection. His father and uncle had Oliver tractors on the farm while Kevin was growing up which grew an interest for his collection of the tractors. He spent many days and weekends making custom scale tractors, grain trucks and wagons.

In his passing, Kevin gave the gift of sight through his donation of his eyes to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

Kevin is survived by his father, Theodore Meiners Jr. of Carroll; his siblings: Ken Meiners and friend Retta Williams of Carroll, Joleen (Leo) Kasparbauer of Carroll, and Glenn (Cindy) Kerkhoff of Glidden; his nephews and nieces: Jason Williams of Carroll, Gena (Jamie) Daly of Boone, Brenda Kasparbauer of Grimes, and Greg Kasparbauer of Carroll; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Kevin was preceded in death by his mother; his sisters: Linda, Karen, Annabelle, Donna, and Brenda Meiners and nephew Cameron Kerkhoff.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I will definitely miss Kevin's laugh and his great attitude, even when he wasn't feeling good. He could always make a person smile! He never complained even when things weren't going his way. He was a nice, kind, gentle man who will surely be missed. My sympathy to all the family! Pam Starman

pam starman - April 24, 2015 at 09:24 PM

CN

“ Kevin's family: We were sorry to learn of Kevin's passing. Please know that we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. We will remember Kevin's great smile and helpful attitude. We are happy that we knew him. Wes & CJ Niles

CJ Niles - April 24, 2015 at 04:21 PM

MP

“ I was saddened to hear of Kevin ' s passing. He made a good life from a hard rock. A valiant fight for survival. As a child growing up I remember the sad times with the funerals of his sisters. I'm glad he survived and shared his life with those that knew him. He's with his sisters and mom now. Michael Petersen.

Michael Petersen - April 22, 2015 at 02:38 PM

RK

“ Kevin was one of three boys in my first grade class at St. Joseph's in Dedham. Though I haven't seen him in years I've thought about him often.

Randy Klocke
China Grove, NC

Randy Klocke - April 22, 2015 at 12:38 PM

KE

“ Sending my sympathy to Kevin's Family. As a classmate of Kevin's, we have shared many childhood memories from the Deham-Willey era through Kuemper. Lots of fun times in Dedham! We were a small group, and a close one. And in our high school years, Kevin and I went to senior prom together. He always had a kind heart and a big smile. Though we didn't see each other a lot the past years- I will always remember his "giggle"- he was a man who could laugh readily at himself, and never complained about the hand he was dealt with his health. There is a special place waiting to welcome him with open arms! Thanks for the memories, Kevin.
Kathy (Danner) Ewoldt

Kathy Ewoldt - April 22, 2015 at 08:29 AM

CN

“ Meiners Family,
I was saddened to hear that my friend Kevin passed away. As a nurse, I had the opportunity to take care of him several times through the years, and we had some great conversations. I admired him so much for accepting his health challenges with such grace and dignity. He was always smiling and never complained. I hope you are comforted in knowing that he is in a much greater place in heaven.
With my deepest sympathy,
Cheryl Sporrer Nogel

Cheryl Nogel - April 21, 2015 at 08:08 PM

GT

“ Kevin was always in a good mood, and loved to make people smile and laugh. I will always remember him that way. A good hearted person who knew how to make people laugh. God Bless Kevin and his entire family. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Greg Tigges - April 21, 2015 at 07:54 PM

AT

“As a classmate of Kevin's at Dedham-Willey school, I have great memories of a very funny young boy who was talented at entertaining his classmates! My favorite memory was during a 6th grade class and Kevin sitting on the floor next to my desk, pretending he was in a car and asking me if I wanted to "drag race" with him. He brought smiles to me and many of his classmates daily (maybe not the nuns so much...) and shared the joy of Jesus. Kevin, rest in peace.

Amy Tunning - April 21, 2015 at 10:57 AM

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“Joleen and Kenny,

I am so sorry to hear about your brother Kevin. May he rest in peace and may God be watchful over his family.



Tracy Sturm (Meiners) - April 20, 2015 at 03:00 PM

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SK

My sympathy and prayers for your family, Joleen, I will remember your whole family on the day of Kevin's funeral. Sister Jean Kasparbauer

Sister Jean Kasparbauer - April 21, 2015 at 10:14 AM

CF

Kevin was a good friend of my brother's, Monte Balukoff. I remember Kevin with a smile on his face and an incredible positive attitude. He had the ability to make others smile and laugh. Heaven has certainly gained an angel. You will be dearly missed, Kevin. My thoughts and prayers go out to Kevin's family.

Carla Balukoff Foley - April 21, 2015 at 11:30 AM

LK

My thoughts and prayers to Kevin's family. He was a special guy, always livened things up at work at the newspaper office in Audubon. Never knew what he was going to come up with! Will always remember his giggle and his quick wit. Will miss stopping by Stone's to chat with him occasionally.

LINDA KOENIG - April 22, 2015 at 10:25 PM

DD

As many have already stated... you brought a smile to the faces of many, Kevin. You will be missed.

Deb Dieter - April 26, 2015 at 05:28 PM