



Keith Lee Zuengler

February 17, 1944 - August 4, 2012

To put it simply, the world lost a “good guy” August 4, 2012. After a long struggle with congestive heart failure, Keith Zuengler left this world at home in Waucousta, surrounded by family and friends. Keith was born to Martin and Florence Zuengler in Adell, Wisconsin, on February 17th, 1944. He graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a teaching degree in Biology. On December 11th, 1987, he married Sara Krueger. They have three great kids: Robert, William and Lillian. Keith taught biology for over thirty years at Goodrich High School. He also coached, was a ticket manager, and taught driver’s education. He was proud to be a public school teacher. Keith had the “gift of gab”. Whether one met him at a grocery store or visited him at home, he was always friendly and upbeat. He loved talking about cooking, the Cubs, hunting and his garden. Anyone who stopped at his house in the late spring, summer or fall, was certain to go home with a grocery bag or two of fresh produce. He was notoriously generous with the bounty of his enormous gardens – asparagus to zucchini. Keith also was a moral man. He worked hard to provide for his family, and he lived his life modeling tolerance for others. He saw the best in people and never stopped believing in the possibility of a new day. Even as he grew more ill, he remained optimistic. Beyond his wife and children, Keith is survived by his mother-in-law, Nina Krueger, and by siblings: Richard (Milda) Zuengler, his twin, Kaye Zuengler, his brother, Scott Zuengler, and sister, Dawn Zuengler. Keith’s family of the heart also includes Don and Audrey Nevala, Tim and Julie Damgaard, Mike and Candy Sweney, and Charmaine LaShay.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Cheryl, his father-in-law, Bob Krueger, his beloved Aunt Molly Zuengler and his buddy, Danny LaShay. His family will greet friends and relatives on Tuesday, August 7, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 E. Division St. A private memorial and life celebration led by Reverend Joel Krueger will take place at a later date. In memory of Keith, plant a tree, grow a garden, or make a contribution to Doctors Without Borders or Partners In Health. Mostly, just pass on some kindness-- to a stranger or a neighbor--as Keith was inclined to do.

Tribute Wall

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Brian Christoffel - August 13, 2012 at 12:34 PM

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Caryl Rautenberg - August 05, 2012 at 10:45 PM

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Tina Sheridan - August 05, 2012 at 10:36 PM

BK

“ "Mr. Zuengler" was a wonderful teacher and mentor, and I appreciated all the encouragement and support he gave me in my decision to go to Nursing school and again as a Driver's Ed instructor. I had the privilege of seeing him within the past year as his nurse. He was a wonderful teacher and human being. Peace to his family left behind.

Barb Kraft - August 05, 2012 at 09:13 PM

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