



## Kent Niermann

June 4, 1934 - December 4, 2020

Kent William Reuben Niermann, 86, of Centralia, passed away Friday, December 4, 2020 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia. He was born June 4, 1934 in Hoyleton, the son of Henry Niermann and Amanda (Westerfeld) Niermann. He married Barbara Brand on July 11, 1954 and she preceded him in death on July 1, 2017. Kent is survived by his three sons: Stephen Niermann and wife Rebekah of Carrollton, Texas, Kam Niermann and wife Cheri of Centralia and Craig Niermann and wife Cynthia of Johnson City, Tennessee; eleven grandchildren: Jared Niermann and wife Morgan of Austin, Texas, Amanda Rodriguez and husband Nicholas of Westminster, Colorado, David Niermann and wife Alejandra of Melissa, Texas, Scott Niermann and wife Laura of Lenoir City, Tennessee, Tim Niermann and wife Lauren of Centralia, Tyler Niermann and wife Chelsie of Maryville, Illinois, Matthew Niermann and wife Sarah of High Ridge, Missouri, J.T. (Trey) Niermann of Centralia, Samuel (Treven) Niermann of Centralia, and Candace Smith and husband Noah of Johnson City, Tennessee; ten great-grandchildren: Emma Niermann, Amelia Niermann, Joshua Niermann, Olivia Niermann, Isaac Niermann, Hannah Niermann, Emmett Niermann, and Easton Niermann, Noak Rodriguez; two sisters: Jean Harder of Wentzville, Missouri and Marilyn Owens of Alpharetta, Georgia; a sister-in-law: Connie Lacquement and husband Hubert of Greenville, South Carolina; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Henry and Amanda Niermann, wife:

Barbara Niermann, a great-granddaughter: Grace Ann Niermann, twin sisters Dorris and Florris that passed after birth, two sisters: Lucille Stevenson and Elsie Pries, and two brothers: LeRoy Niermann and Bob Niermann. Kent served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a salesman in his younger years, was the previous owner of a feed and farm supply business, and later formed the Feed Bin and Garden Center in Centralia where he worked for 26 years. He was a member of the St. Peter UCC in Centralia. Kent enjoyed landscaping and gardening, and tending to his cats. He enjoyed retail sales and interacting with people. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends. A Private Family Graveside will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia at a later date. In honor of Kent, memorial donations may be made to the children's ministry of Greenview Christian Church of Centralia, Illinois will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Niermann Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ I have many wonderful memories of Uncle Kent. Many include my father Robert “Bob” Niermann. Uncle Kent came to my parents farm regularly delivering cattle feed and dog food and Uncle Kent always took time to tell me a joke or tease me about something. Him and dad would sit at the “breakfast table” and talk business like the price of milk, soybeans, and corn. They were both “businessmen,” strongly expressed their opinions, and had solid Christian family values. The Niermann family Christmas’s were annual events with Piano, guitar, coronet; and flute playing, singing, games, and tons of food and good cheer! We probably averaged 60+ family members at each event. Though many of our elders have passed the Niermann Christian values continue. Uncle Kent, thank you for all the joy you have brought to my life. I feel so blessed to have had you and Aunt Barbara In my life and I know you both are with our savior. God bless my dear cousins, Steve; Kam, and Craig and their families during this loss. Crystal Niermann Labrecque.

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**Crystal Labrecque** - December 14, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Niermann, Kent HCMP



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - December 11, 2020 at 12:47 PM

SN

*Thank you so much for the good video and the nice service provided by Greenview Church and the American Legion representatives. For those of us who would have preferred to be there, this was much, much appreciated! - Scott Niermann & Family*

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**Scott Niermann** - December 13, 2020 at 10:58 AM

NM

“ *Sending our love and prayers to the entire family. Know he will be greatly missed.*

*Mark and Nancy (Heinzmann) Myers*

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**Nancy Myers** - December 11, 2020 at 11:25 AM

JB

“ *Craig, Kam & Steve,  
Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your Dad. I know the last several years had been tough for him, and you all as well. When I first started coming over as a kid, he flat out scared me! But I was soon to find out what a "teddy-bear" he was, a guy who would do anything for you. Praying for peace, comfort, and memories of happier times for all of you and your families at this sad time.*  
*John & Susan Bozett*

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**John & Susan Bozett** - December 09, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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*Thanks, John. I smiled at the thought of you being scared of him. He wanted the best for people and cared for us.*

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**Stephen Niermann** - December 09, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kent Niermann.*



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December 09, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Praying for you and your family Craig. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Crystal Pauley** - December 08, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Craig, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers!*

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**Wanda Adams** - December 08, 2020 at 08:53 AM

DL

“ Kent was such a great uncle to me when I would come to visit Centralia in the summers as a boy. I loved going to the farm with him and being his #1 fly swatter, being able to get a coke out of the vending machine at his store and cracking open peanuts from the barrel of peanuts and throwing the shells on the floor! For a kid growing up on army bases and in suburbs around the states, Kent was my connection to a whole new world, the world of corn, and cattle and hogs. I will never forget the kindness he showed me in taking me along with him to work, or to deliver grain or even to the cattle auction in St. Louis. As a college student he took me to help him pick up a load of pumpkins in his pickup, but I had recently injured my shoulder, so I watched as he filled the whole bed of his truck with pumpkins by himself...and didn't give me a hard time about it. I've very thankful for these memories and the chance he gave me to see a part of our country, and a way of life, that I wouldn't have known otherwise, And for him just making room for me in his life when we'd come to visit.

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**Don Lacquement** - December 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM

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Thanks for sharing that memory, Don. Your visits were a high point of the summers. It was always the closest thing to home for your family. Similar to your memory, I remember going to pick up Christmas trees in the big truck to sell in Centralia. His store was one of those community gathering spots where neighbors ran into each other and caught up, or may got some gardening advice. I asked my parents what they missed most when the store closed and they said talking to the people.

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**Stephen Niermann** - December 09, 2020 at 04:11 PM

KB

“ Kent was a great help at the Feed Bin for me and my gardening. Then in 2001 when I had my cancer surgery, Ken walked with me in the Relay for Life one month after my surgery as he was a cancer survivor too. I was grateful that he would walk with me.

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**Ken Bauer** - December 07, 2020 at 12:38 PM

PJ

*Sincere sympathy to the Niermann families mourning Kent's passing. It was our great privilege to know many of you through our experiences in the Hoyleton area. Phil and Judy Jones*

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**Phil B Jones** - December 12, 2020 at 09:42 PM