



Kristen Jean Kessler

September 30, 1960 - March 16, 2024

Kristen Jean Kessler, 63, of Centralia, passed away Saturday, March 16, 2024, surrounded by her family.

She was born September 30, 1960 in Clayton, Missouri, daughter of Duane Keith Kessler and Mary Jo (Keen) Kessler.

In addition to her mother, Mary Jo Kessler of Centralia, Kristen is survived by her children, Travis (Carly) Holtkamp of Anna, Illinois, Jacob Holtkamp (Allie Zelinski) of O'Fallon, Illinois, and Abbey Jo Holtkamp of Centralia; one beloved grandson, Leonard Holtkamp; and she joyfully anticipated the arrival of two grandchildren this fall. She is also survived by two brothers, Keith (Cindy) Kessler of Centralia and Kendall (Valerie) Kessler of St. Louis, Missouri; nieces and nephews, Tripp Kessler (Sarah Pritchard) of St. Louis, Missouri, Clare Kessler of Centralia, Ali Kessler of Centralia, Harris Kessler of Fort Collins, Colorado, Molly Kessler of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Chloe Kessler of St. Louis, Missouri; aunts, Jean Brunson of Champaign, Illinois, and Marsha Kessler of Edwardsville, Illinois; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Duane 'Dewey' Kessler and her grandparents, Harry and Marie Keen and Oscar and Pauline Kessler.

Kristen was a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt, and

she was adoringly referred to as 'Kiki' by her family. She never missed any of her children's games or activities as her children were her world! Kristen had a passion for sports and was an avid fan of the Centralia Orphans and Annies, SIU Salukis, the Fighting Illini, and the St. Louis Cardinals. Kristen was a 1978 graduate of Centralia High School. She then earned her bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where she became a lifelong member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She took great pride in her role as a secretary at Centralia High School where she dedicated her most recent years of service. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia. She will be missed by all that knew her.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, March 22, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. Sidney Davis officiating. Visitation will be held Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Centralia High School Alumni Association Stained Glass Window Project or DaVita Dialysis of Centralia and 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 Kristen's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kristen Jean Kessler*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - March 22, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - March 22, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *Abigail B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.*

Abigail B. - March 21, 2024 at 08:02 PM

KG

“ Kevin and Julie Gold purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.



Kevin and Julie Gold - March 21, 2024 at 11:02 AM

KG

“ Kevin and Julie Gold planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.

Kevin and Julie Gold - March 21, 2024 at 11:02 AM

MB

“ Mike, Kelsie, Larissa, Kenzie, & Bethann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.



Mike, Kelsie, Larissa, Kenzie, & Bethann - March 21, 2024 at 09:31 AM

MB

“ Mike, Kelsie, Larissa, Kenzie, & Bethann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.

Mike, Kelsie, Larissa, Kenzie, & Bethann - March 21, 2024 at 09:31 AM

TF

“ The Lenschow Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.



The Lenschow Family - March 21, 2024 at 08:25 AM

TF

“ The Lenschow Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.

The Lenschow Family - March 21, 2024 at 08:25 AM

LG

“ Lisa Griffin purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.



Lisa Griffin - March 20, 2024 at 09:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.



March 20, 2024 at 02:43 PM

JB

“ So very saddened to hear of Kristen's passing. She was such a kind, caring soul and a lifelong friend. She will be deeply missed by family, friends and all who knew and loved her.
Our deepest sympathies,
John & Susan Bozett

John & Susan Bozett - March 20, 2024 at 09:01 AM

LP

“ Love, Grant and Gretchen Price purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.



Love, Grant and Gretchen Price - March 19, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.



March 19, 2024 at 03:32 PM

MW

“ Maddy and Clint Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.

Maddy and Clint Walker - March 19, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.*



March 19, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Kessler family.*

Brenda White - March 17, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *I remember when Kristen and I played the violin together. Good memories*



victoria migliore - March 17, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *The Kesslers have had a special place in my heart for many, many years. Kristen was loved by all that knew her and we are all heartbroken by your loss. We will hold you close in our thoughts and prayers.*

Shawn Hartmann - March 17, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.*




March 17, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ *The Heenan Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.*

The Heenan Children - March 17, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ *There are no words that can relieve the pain  you are feeling...may God give you strength as you journey through this difficult time*



Ruth Barczewski - March 17, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ *Riechia (Dillon) Ralston purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kristen Jean Kessler.*



Riechia (Dillon) Ralston - March 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

RR

“ Riechia (Dillon) Ralston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.

Riechia (Dillon) Ralston - March 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

JB

“ Joan B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristen Jean Kessler.

Joan B. - March 17, 2024 at 06:13 AM

TJ

“ Thomas Joy lit a candle in memory of Kristen Jean Kessler



Thomas Joy - March 17, 2024 at 05:34 AM