



Michael Lee Kracht

June 26, 1960 - April 7, 2023

Michael Lee Kracht, 62, of Centralia, passed away peacefully Friday, April 7, 2023, with his loving family and faithful pal, Bella, by his side. Mike fought a long and brave fight with cancer.

Michael was born June 26, 1960, to Willard Kracht and Betty (Kramer) Kracht. Michael was a loving husband, brother, son, father, grandfather, uncle, brother-in-law, neighbor, and friend to so many. Mike never met a stranger and was always the first to offer assistance in any way possible.

Mike was a 1978 graduate of Centralia High School. Mike was a proud member of the fire service for over 30 years. He retired as Fire Chief with the City of Centralia in 2012. Mike was a carpenter and recently retired from Shores Builders in 2022.

Mike was a member of Fouts Christian Church and a previous member of Trinity Lutheran Church for many years.

Mike leaves behind his wife, Susan, of 31 years, two daughters: Tiffany Kracht and Jessica Miller and husband Collin all of Centralia, and son: Stephen Marlow. Mike had 5 grandchildren that he was very proud of: Kylie Kracht, Jacob and Aiden Heern, Ryker Miller and Elijah Marlow; his brother: Gene Kracht and wife Lisa; sister-in-law: Anita Offenberger and husband Kevin; sister-in-law: Kristen Thomas; brother-in-law: Aaron Thomas; Aunt: Shirley Hall; and several nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents: Willard and Betty Kracht, his mother and father-in-law: Brady and Joann Thomas, and brother-in-law: Alan

Thomas.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Jerry Wilson officiating. Visitation will be held Monday, April 10, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home and Tuesday from 1:00 pm until the time of service. Memorial donations may be made to Six Lemons, Fouts Christian Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church 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 the Kracht Family. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services
235 N Sycamore St
Centralia, IL 62801
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Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Lee Kracht*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - April 10, 2023 at 01:59 PM

MP

*Susan & family,
So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Keeping you all in thought & prayers! Love, Marla*

Marla Parks - April 10, 2023 at 04:44 PM

MJ

Dear Susan & all, please accept our most sincere sympathy in the passing of your beloved Mike & our friend. I wish we could be there with you. Just know, we are there in thought & prayer! The video is so touching ! Our hearts go out to you!! Much love, Mike & Julie

Mike & Julie Jones - April 11, 2023 at 10:26 AM

MS

“ *Susan we were so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We are equally sorry that we were not able to attend the visitation or funeral. We wanted to let you know that you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

melissa Scheetz - April 11, 2023 at 06:37 PM

CB

“ Susan, we are so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. We will miss seeing him at the games. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kenny and Carolyn Bierman

Carolyn Bierman - April 11, 2023 at 11:42 AM

JB

“ Susan and family. We were sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God provide you comfort and peace at this very difficult time.

DH and Julie Bryant

Julie Bryant - April 11, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.



April 11, 2023 at 06:57 AM

KF

“ Kent &Debbie Kessler Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Kracht



Kent &Debbie Kessler Family - April 10, 2023 at 05:57 PM

KF

Susan and family...So very sorry for your loss! Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Kent &Debbie Kessler Family - April 10, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.*



April 10, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.*



April 10, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.*



April 09, 2023 at 09:02 AM

SA

“ So so sorry for your loss. I know it is so hard. Mike was such a extremely good person. Only known him a short time but was a blessing in my life. My prayers are with you all. Sandy

sandy - April 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.



April 08, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.



April 08, 2023 at 09:11 AM

AS

“ We are so sorry for the your loss! Mike was such a nice guy! Prayers to the entire family as they navigate through the sadness and loss!!!

Allen and Barb Simmons - April 07, 2023 at 05:38 PM

DW

“ Sending condolences to Susan & all the family. A good, nice guy. Thinking of you all in thoughts & prayers.
Sincerely Allen & Donna Wooters



Donna Wooters - April 07, 2023 at 04:55 PM

BT

“ Mike was a good man, brother firefighter. I enjoyed working with Mike and remember many calls we made over the years. You will be missed. Rest in peace brother. Bill Thouvenin.

Bill Thouvenin. - April 07, 2023 at 02:53 PM

MS

“ Thinking of all the family, Larry thought a lot of Mike, 🙏🙏

Mary Ellen Smith - April 07, 2023 at 12:54 PM

SS

“ I went to school with Mike he was always nice always said hello to me but after you leave high school sometime you never see them again but if you out somewhere it's like your still in High School memories is all we have of him now so Rest In peace Mike sending prays to all his family



Sandra K Shipley - April 07, 2023 at 11:54 AM

NC

I was also a classmate but only kept current by friends still in Centralia. I'm sad for the family but know that Mike is now being comforted by Jesus as he was a believer in Christ.

Niermann Craig - April 07, 2023 at 04:26 PM

MJ

Dear Susan and Family, Please accept our most sincere sympathy in the passing your beloved Mike !! He was such a good man & did so much for his family & community! He will definitely be missed, by so many of us !!! Take good care of yourself!! In our thoughts & prayers, Much Love, Mike & Julie

Mike & Julie Jones - April 07, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.*



April 07, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Kracht.*



April 07, 2023 at 10:51 AM

SM

“ *I am so so sorry for your loss. All my prayers will be with you. May our Lord give you all the strength and comfort that you need.*

sandy maddox - April 07, 2023 at 10:44 AM