



Ernie Kelm

August 25, 1942 - December 24, 2022

Kelm, Ernest George “Chip”, December 24, 2022 age 80 of Canton.

Beloved husband of the late Jane for 49 years. Loving father of Robert (Lauren) Kelm and Patrick (Michelle) Kelm. Proud grandfather of Geoffrey, Morgan, Julia and Kristina.

Ernie was a brother to Michele Paul and Lisa (Michael) Rostron. Brother in law of Margaret Wilson and Ely (Joyce) Dory. Special friend of Linda Pascuzzo. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Dear friend to so many countless people.

Ernie was a sports fan and enjoyed coaching youth hockey for several years, including coaching his sons.

He was extremely proud of his service as a Lieutenant in the Vietnam War. He retired from the Army reserve as a Major.

Ernest was an accountant at heart, often helping friends and family with their yearly taxes.

In later life, he continued enjoying hockey, golf and travelling to Florida, visiting the “beach gang” he had grown so fond of.

Ernie was a great father, grandfather and friend. He will never be forgotten.

Visitation Friday December 30th, 2:00PM until 9:00 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Funeral Service at the Funeral Home, Saturday, December 31st , 11:00 AM. Inurnment, Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Memorial contributions can be made to Gary Sinise Foundation, Post Office

Box 40726, Nashville, Tennessee 37204.

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Cemetery Details

Glen Eden Memorial Park

35667 Eight Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Funeral Service

DEC 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ernie Kelm*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.*



December 29, 2022 at 08:52 PM

TS

“ Ernie was a charter member of the Sigma Pi Fraternity, Gamma Beta Chapter on Eastern Michigan’s Campus. He was significant in forming the fraternity and building a successful organization. He was a leader in every sense of the word.

After graduation, earning his Bachelors Degree and his Commission as an Army Second Lieutenant, he was sent to Vietnam. His dedication, determination, strong sense of duty, courage, work ethic, intelligence, honesty and integrity were elements of his personality that made him a success in the military and in civilian life as well. We all respected Ernie for what he did and what he stood for, his beliefs and his strength of character. He was someone you could trust. Ernie’s word was as “good as gold”.

Ernie was a friend who could enjoy a party, he could joke, have fun and unwind. He loved sports and he was a tough competitor.

Sometimes playing aggressively in inter-fraternity sports competitions. He was in the game to win. Of course, during those fraternity years he always enjoyed a celebration after the game, win or lose.

We will always remember Sigma Pi Brother Ernie Kelm – we will miss him!

Tom Svitkovich

Tom Svitkovich - December 29, 2022 at 05:21 PM

PE

“ 1 file added to the album Ernie Kelm Album



Paul Eiswerth - December 29, 2022 at 04:51 PM

LK

Exactly!! Lol

Lauren Kelm - December 30, 2022 at 08:07 AM

PE

“ Both Ernie and Jane were such dear neighbors, not only to me and Kim but also to our three boys over the years. We've always enjoyed spending time with them and their family. We are so saddened to hear this news, and like Jane, Ernie will be sorely missed. -Kim and Paul Eiswerth

Paul Eiswerth - December 29, 2022 at 01:05 PM

JB

“ I attended high school and Eastern Michigan with Ernie. We were in the same fraternity, Sigma Pi and shared many laughs. He was a proud veteran and served honorably. Jim Blaharski

Jim Blaharski - December 29, 2022 at 12:00 PM

MP

“ Michele Poul purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ernie Kelm.



Michele Poul - December 28, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.



December 27, 2022 at 09:01 PM

WF

“ *With All Our Love, Your IDM Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ernie Kelm.*



With All Our Love, Your IDM Family - December 27, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.*



December 27, 2022 at 04:37 PM

TR

“ *The Rostrons purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Ernie Kelm.*



The Rostrons - December 27, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.*



December 27, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.



December 27, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.



December 27, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.



December 26, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Ernie Kelm.



December 26, 2022 at 07:54 PM