

Arthur Allan Heetel

July 8, 1943 - May 12, 2022

Arthur “Art” Allan Heetel, 78, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away suddenly at his home on Thursday, May 12, 2022. He was born on July 8, 1943, the son of Arthur and Geraldine “Helen” (Rizzo) Heetel.

When Art was a tyke, he gained “Butch” as a nickname, which followed him throughout his life. Art graduated from Morton West High School in Berwyn, Illinois in 1961. He joined the Navy and was in the reserves during high school through 1962 and continued into active duty until honorably discharged in 1964. Art married Patricia Estelle Volenec on June 12, 1965. They were married 56 years and would have celebrated 57 years in June of 2022. Art worked for UOP in McCook, Illinois, for 32 years. He was invested in his faith with dedication to his parish in Petersburg, Illinois, at St. Peter Catholic Church participating in committees, pancake breakfasts, fish fry dinners and Kiwanis. He also served as a Lecter, greeter and in hospitality at the church. Art was a Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

One of Art’s favorite hobbies was fishing where he could be found out on his boat many days and early evenings or just casting off the pier on the lake at his home. He loved the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and was able to see all four Chicago teams achieve championships in his life, the Bulls, Sox, Bears, Blackhawks and finally the Cubs. He loved to golf and bowl for many years and participated in clubs, leagues, and other fun times.

Art will be very missed by his family, was always thought of as a “good guy” who cared so much for his family and friends.

Art is survived by his wife, Patricia; four children, Suzanne (Michael) Kluge of Wheaton, Illinois, James (Katherine) Heetel of LaGrange, Illinois, Joseph (Sherri Marcum) Heetel of Homer Glen, Illinois, and John (Iris Alvarado Santiago) Heetel of Bolingbrook, Illinois; eleven grandchildren, David Kluge, Eric Kluge, Joe Kluge, Sophie Carlson, Jake Heetel, Cole Heetel, Ruthie Marcum, Nora Marcum-Heetel, Anthony Marcum-Heetel, Irian Heetel Alvarado and Arturo Heetel Alvarado; and one sister, Geraldine Raz.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Richard (Carla) Heetel; and one sister, Laura (Francis) McNicholas.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Peter Catholic Church in Petersburg, IL. A mass will follow beginning at 11:30 am with Fr. Maurice Yonta officiating. A luncheon will follow mass at the church parish center.

A chapel service will be held at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Rd., Hillside, Illinois 60160, at 12 pm on Saturday, May 21, 2022, with Pastor David Kluge officiating. The family would like to invite anyone attending the graveside service to Mattone at 31st and LaGrange Rd, LaGrange Park, IL for a luncheon and continued fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church towards mass intentions, 711 S. 6th St., Petersburg, Illinois 62675; or the Knights of Columbus Sangamon Valley Council #5754, P.O. Box 41, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois, is assisting Art's family with final arrangements. Please visit Art's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to leave condolences and share memories for his family.

Cemetery Details

Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery

1400 S. Wolf Rd.
Hillside, IL 60162

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church
711 S. 6th
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-7118

Funeral Mass

MAY 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church
711 S. 6th
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-7118

Chapel Service

MAY 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mary Queen of Heaven Cemetery
1400 S. Wolf Rd.
Hillside, IL 60162

Tribute Wall



“ *Arthur Allan Heetel*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *To Art's family and friends;
I am very sorry for your loss. I recall fondly the warm welcome by Art and his dear wife when I was new at UOP. A young engineer finding his way. Thanks you Patricia and Art.
Sincerely, Angelo Furfaro - Class of 1976*

Angelo Furfaro - May 27, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. He was a very special man. My deepest sympathy*

Louise Dabkey - May 20, 2022 at 08:41 PM



“ *I am sharing in your sadness as I remember the wonderful man Art was. I was saddened to hear the news and I know this must be very difficult. It was truly a pleasure getting to know Art and witnessing first hand what a wonderful husband, father, and friend he was. I am glad I was able spend some time with him especially him letting a girl golf with "the guys." Hopefully one day he'll walk beside me on the course and give me a hole in one. We will miss him.
Carrie Nelson*

Carrie Nelson - May 20, 2022 at 01:57 PM

RS

“ Ron And Sue Sanert lit a candle in memory of Arthur Allan Heetel



Ron and Sue Sanert - May 20, 2022 at 12:25 PM

BJ

“ I met Art when I was a UOP Shift Engineer at Riverside, as he patiently schooled me on pilot plant operations. Through the years, his knowledge and skills were key to pilot plant demonstrations of many new UOP technologies. More recently, Art and I worked together in Hawaii at a large UOP demonstration plant for biomass conversion. Art’s training of local operators, his good humor when things went wrong, and his exceptional problem-solving abilities were essential to the project. I was very saddened to learn of Art’s passing, and I wish his family love, prayers, and God’s light during this time.

Bob Jensen

Bob Jensen - May 20, 2022 at 11:23 AM

GE

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Art will be greatly missed. I worked with him for many years at UOP. He was a mentor to me at first and then a collaborator as we worked together in managing the pilot plant staff. Art was diligent, made the staff play by the rules, but also cared greatly about each of them. It was a pleasure to work with Art, and then to have the opportunity to work with both John and Joe as they began their careers at UOP. Blessing on you all!

Glenn Ekwall

Glenn Ekwall - May 20, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.*



May 20, 2022 at 07:20 AM



“ *Dear Pat and Family,
We send our deepest sympathy to you at the loss of Art. We have many fond memories of the times our families spent together in Stickney as our children grew up. May the Lord give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*



John and Roberta Birmingham Family

Roberta & John Birmingham - May 19, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Uncle Art, I have so many fond memories of you growing up. I remember the many days of my visits to the Stickney home and all the good times had. I miss your visits to Riverside for “club”. I am glad you were able to visit us in TX. I am lucky to have had you in my life .*

Jim “Jimmy” Hoffman - May 19, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.*



May 19, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Everyone who ever met you is going to miss you, Uncle Art. Especially hard on the family, whom you and Aunt Pat have been rocks for since before I was born! Hope you, my Dad & Uncle Tom are looping and laughing up there! Rest In Peace, Love Davey (Davey Crockett...)*

Dave Hoffman - May 18, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Art's passing. He will be missed in so many ways, as he always was so friendly and helpful to everyone. We enjoyed so many good times together, traveling, parties, golf, church activities too. He enjoyed life and sharing it with family and friends. Sad not to be there with you now, but remembering your great love story, today and always. Condolences to all of the family, Mike & Pat Vig*

Patricia Vig - May 18, 2022 at 07:58 PM

SG

“ I got to know Art through my visits to Riverside over the years. He was always a Warm Hearted Soul with a Great Sense of Humor. I always looked forward to seeing him, and his family at the picnic in the bingo tent. You can see his good nature in his sons Joe, and John everyday. The apples don't fall far from the tree. God Bless all of the Heetel family. May he rest in peace.
Steve Greene

Steve Greene - May 18, 2022 at 04:11 PM

PB

“ Very sorry to hear of Art's passing. I enjoyed getting to work with him on a pilot plant construction project team at UOP Des Plaines (Building 5). My deepest sympathy to Joe, John and family.

Paula Bogdan - May 18, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.



May 18, 2022 at 02:37 PM

VI

“ Could not have met a nicer man through my dear friend Pat. Art was always a super friendly and happy go lucky guy. Always made you feel welcome whenever you were with him. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and the family. He will be missed.

Virg - May 18, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the entire Heetel family. Thank you for always greeting me with a smile and a hug. Kathy Barcal



Kathy Barcal - May 18, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Pat and I were saddened to hear about Art's passing. Art was a special work friend, fishing buddy and a dear friend. He will be greatly missed.

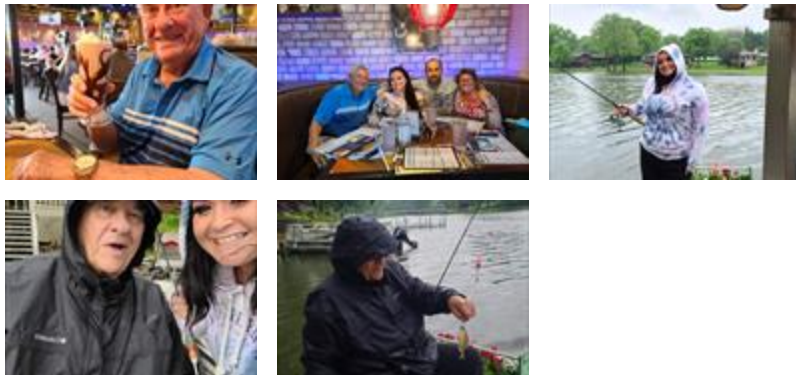
Love,
Steve and Pat Baltunis

Patricia Baltunis - May 18, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ Art was such a great guy and we always bonded on fishing! Last year on my birthday we fished on the lake in the rain...I'll remember that special time.

Praying for the entire family for God to carry everyone.



Jeanine Colavecchi - May 18, 2022 at 12:45 PM

PB

“ Pat and I were saddened to hear of Art's passing. He was a very special work friend, a great fishing buddy and a dear friend. He will be greatly missed.

Love,
Steve and Pat Baltunis

Patricia Baltunis - May 18, 2022 at 12:40 PM

PM

“ Art brought me into UOP as my shift supervisor at Riverside (January, 1995). I worked at Riverside as a Development Engineer for 2 1/2 years, before "going on the road".

Art an instructor for the training classes on "the hill" for the new engineers and operators.

The memory of Art, and my time at Riverside tugs, at my heart.

God Speed; Jesus has welcomed him home.

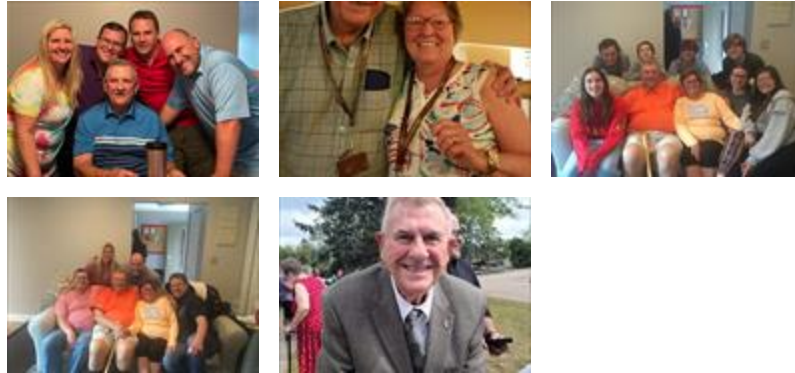
Sincerely,

Patrick F. McGuire

Patrick McGuire - May 18, 2022 at 12:14 PM

SK

“ 22 files added to the tribute wall



Suzanne Kluge - May 18, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.



May 18, 2022 at 11:59 AM

VJ

“ *My condolences and sympathy to the family. Art was my first supervisor when I started with UOP in 1987. I enjoyed having him as a supervisor. I later worked with his sons, John and Joe. ----*
Victor Jones

Victor Jones - May 18, 2022 at 11:16 AM

MT

“ My deepest sympathies go out to all of Art’s family. I worked at Riverside 42 years ago and while I don’t remember all of the people I worked with, I remember Art with great respect and fondness; for his good cheer, for his consideration of others, for his knowledge. A great soul.

Mark Turowicz - May 18, 2022 at 10:05 AM

MT

“ Known and work with art for 40 years, always friendly and good to talk with. Know the whole family and you don't raise those good people by accident, Pat and Art are wonderful and Art will be missed. Good bless the Heetel family.

Michael Towner - May 18, 2022 at 08:59 AM

JJ

“ Art and I started at UOP on the same day in February of 1970. We both went through the "Seelig" at UOP school to become proficient pilot plant operators. Our friendship continued through the years at UOP, and I had the highest admiration for his work ethic, sense of humor, mentoring a continuous stream of new employees, and care for those around him. He was consistently a great example to those around him, including me.

Jim Johnson - May 18, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.



May 17, 2022 at 11:54 PM

LF

“ Love, Ruth Marcum and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.



Love, Ruth Marcum and family - May 17, 2022 at 09:42 PM

YM

“ Your Option Care Health team members purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.



Your Option Care Health team members - May 17, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arthur Allan Heetel.



May 17, 2022 at 09:44 AM