



## Mr. Richard P. Knuppel

July 4, 1936 - January 11, 2023

Richard P. Knuppel of The Villages, Florida passed away on January 11, 2023 at 86 years old.

Dick was born July 4, 1936 to Paul and Sarah Knuppel in Pekin, Illinois. He graduated from Easton High School in 1954 and served in the Illinois Air National Guard from 1956 until his honorable discharge in 1963. He married Mabel Simpson in Manito, Illinois on August 4, 1962.

Dick farmed and went on to build several successful agricultural businesses, such as trading in farm equipment and constructing grain bins, first in Mason County, Illinois and later in northeast Missouri. Dick and Mae returned to live in Manito in 2007. In his retirement, Dick enjoyed following the markets and engaging in trading. He enjoyed baseball, traveling and spending time in Florida. He particularly loved listening to country music and attending live music performances.

Surviving are four children: Kenneth Knuppel of Cairo, Missouri; Angela Shatz of Hillsborough, North Carolina; Steven Knuppel of Danville, California; and Elizabeth Knuppel

of Plano,  
Texas; 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; and three brothers, Bill, John and Tom Knuppel. He  
was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a sister, Jane and a brother, Lyle.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Maas-Hurley Funeral, Home, 301 S. Washington, in Manito. A graveside service will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Forest City, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home. Please visit [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com) to leave kind thoughts and condolences online.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

28798 East Co Road 1900 N  
Forest City, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito  
301 S. Washington St.  
P.O. Box #442  
Manito, IL 61546  
(309) 968-6157  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

JAN 21. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
28798 East Co Road 1900 N  
Forest City, IL

*The graveside funeral will follow the visitation going from the Funeral Home to the Cemetery*

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Dad in his natural habitat- on the farm where Mom and he spent 30 of their 52 years together.* ”



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**Steve Knuppel** - January 27, 2023 at 08:58 AM

JB

*Dick loved her so very much. We often shared stories of the spouses we lost. Rest in peace with Mae my dearest Dick. Some day I'll rest in peace with my Halsie in Arlington National Cemetery who I loved very much. Jan*

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**Jan Bruck** - January 27, 2023 at 08:20 PM

SK

“ *Dad in his natural habitat—on the farm where Mom and he spent 30 of their 52 years together.* ”



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**Steve Knuppel** - January 27, 2023 at 08:55 AM

JB

*Dick loved her very much. We often shared stories of spouses we lost. Rest in peace with Mae my dearest Dick. Someday I will rest in peace with my Halsie at Arlington National Cemetery.*

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**Jan Bruck** - January 28, 2023 at 03:28 PM

MK

“ *In memory of Dick Knuppel.?*



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**Marilyn A. Keller** - January 21, 2023 at 02:08 PM

MK

“ *The table we sat at and played so many triamino games .you're not alone today Dick you're in our thoughts and memories. May you rest in peace*



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**Marilyn A. Keller** - January 21, 2023 at 01:12 PM

EE

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of your father, grandpa and brother. I loved Dick. He was a good solid down to earth man. He will be missed. I apologize for being unable to be there for his visitation. I would have loved seeing you I bet all the little grandkids have really grown and not so little!  
I am truly sorry for your loss. I'd love to hear from any and all of you.  
God bless you and be your comfort.*

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**Erla Ebken** - January 21, 2023 at 11:13 AM

KK

“ To all of the Village People, and especially Jan, I'm grateful that Dad had you in his life. I appreciate all of the comments and pictures you have posted. It seems like you all had a great time together! He seemed really happy.  
Ken Knuppel

Ken Knuppel - January 20, 2023 at 10:16 PM

BM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara Mix - January 20, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard P. Knuppel.



January 20, 2023 at 03:05 PM

JS

“ Dick's Village People. ❤️



Joyce Schnurr - January 19, 2023 at 04:43 PM

MK

*We always had so much fun. We have a Cruise planned for March. Won't be the same without you .*

**Marilyn A. Keller** - January 20, 2023 at 01:01 PM

JS

*“ We always considered you part of our family. We had the privilege to share many trips & cruises and Village events together. We are especially happy we got to spend this Christmas together especially since you were so sad. You were with your family. You always brought a smile to our face We will miss you Rest in peace. Love Fred and Joyce*



**Joyce Schnurr** - January 19, 2023 at 07:33 AM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard P. Knuppel.*



January 18, 2023 at 04:38 PM

YJ

“ *Your loving Jan. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Richard P. Knuppel.*



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**Your loving Jan.** - January 18, 2023 at 04:18 PM

MK

“ *New Year's Eve Dec31,2022*



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**Marilyn A. Keller** - January 18, 2023 at 04:17 PM

MK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Marilyn A. Keller** - January 18, 2023 at 03:56 PM

MK

*One of our cruises, favorite place to eat in Mexico*

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**Marilyn A. Keller** - January 18, 2023 at 05:27 PM

MK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marilyn A. Keller - January 18, 2023 at 03:31 PM

MK

*New years Eve Dec.31, 2022 At Legion in The Villages*

Marilyn A. Keller - January 18, 2023 at 03:59 PM

MK

*New years*

Marilyn A. Keller - January 18, 2023 at 04:18 PM

MK

*New Year's Eve*

Marilyn A. Keller - January 18, 2023 at 04:25 PM

TK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tom Knuppel - January 18, 2023 at 02:16 PM

BM

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all who knew Dick. He was a very dear friend. We had so many happy times here in the Villages with Dick and his loving companion, Jan - a great couple. We will miss him terribly.

*With deepest condolences, Bob and Barbara Mix*

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**Barbara Mix** - January 18, 2023 at 12:33 PM

LS

“ Condolences to the family - my oldest sister, Louise, who we lost in 2013 was in Dick's class and I graduated with Bill LaVerne Rock Shanahan

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**LaVerne Shanahan** - January 18, 2023 at 11:33 AM

LR

“ On January 11, 2023 we lost a wonderful friend, Dick Knuppel. We met Dick through his loving companion, Jan Bruck. Over the years Dick and Jan shared many things together such as the love of music, the love for dancing and the love of traveling. Dick will be truly missed by the people in The Villages whose lives he touched. May the Lord hold him in his arms and surround him with his love. Rest in peace my friend.

*St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Activities Committee  
John Boesch  
Joan Baskott  
Joe Brown  
Jan Bruck  
Pat Connolly  
John McClory  
Lee Rizzo*

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**Lee Rizzo** - January 18, 2023 at 11:25 AM

AM

“ *Arlene Meyer lit a candle in memory of Richard Knuppel*



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**Arlene Meyer** - January 18, 2023 at 09:38 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard P. Knuppel*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - January 18, 2023 at 08:40 AM

MK

“ *On Wednesday Jan11, 2023, we lost. Dear friend of ours, Richard Knuppel Who loved to play trionomos, go on cruises, dancing, watch football, games, and listen to country music. Along with his loving companion, Jan Bruck, since moving to the villages and having a good time.  
You will be truly missed  
Sincerely, Allan Fusco, & Marilyn Keller*

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**Marilyn A. Keller** - January 17, 2023 at 04:17 PM

JB

“ Dick you will always be in my heart. We shared so much, we loved to dance, loved county music, attending musical performances and the wonderful trips we took. You were always there for me when I went through my radiation treatments and I was there for you when you went into the hands of God. Rest In Peace my love and we'll meet again with Gods blessing. Your loving significant other Jan.

Janet Bruck - January 17, 2023 at 04:11 PM

MK

Very nice. Han

Marilyn A. Keller - January 17, 2023 at 04:18 PM

MK

Very nice Jan

Marilyn A. Keller - January 17, 2023 at 04:20 PM

AM

I met Dick shortly after his wife passed away over 8 years ago. His brother, Bill is my fiancée now. Dick was so sad and depressed. He moved to Florida. When we visited him several times he was a different person. He finally had a sparkle in his eyes again and a quick smile. Thank you Janet Bruck for giving his last few years such a happy time and enjoyment. It made Bill and myself so pleased.

Arlene Meyer - January 18, 2023 at 09:49 AM

LK

So sorry, Jan, for your loss of Dick. Tom and I enjoyed the times we were able to join you in FL and eat out. Thank you so much for the love and care you showed to Dick these last few years and especially during his final hospital stay. ❤️

Linda Knuppel - January 18, 2023 at 10:50 AM

DA

*Dick and Mae were part of my family for over twenty-six years and both were wonderful, strong people. I am fortunate to have had them both in my life.*

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**Dale** - January 22, 2023 at 07:44 AM