



## Willard D. Kiestler

April 3, 1951 - March 12, 2019

Willard Kiestler “Trip”, 67, of Topeka, formerly of Selmer, TN, passed away at Unity Point - Pekin on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. He was surrounded by his family. He was born April 3, 1951, in Selmer, TN, to Howard and Nellie Earline (Sweat) Kiestler. He married Linda Short on April 10, 1979. She survives.

Mr. Kiestler is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda, of Topeka, IL; sons: Bryan Kiestler of Topeka, IL, Daniel (Sara) Dixon of Mississippi, David (Tracy) Dixon of Tennessee, Michael Phillips of Florida and daughter, Angel Kiestler of Havana, as well as five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ferris Ray Kiestler.

Mr. Kiestler loved restoring classic cars. He had also been active with CB conversations, where he took the handle of “Trip.”

Cremation rites have been accorded and no public services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to his family. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willard D. Kiestler*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM

 Linda Kiestler

“ *1 file added to the album My memories.*



Linda Kiestler - March 20, 2019 at 08:55 PM

 Linda Kiestler

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Linda Kiestler - March 20, 2019 at 08:51 PM

 Linda Kiestler

“ *Bryan got to drive his dad home yesterday. Willard would be so proud of that young man, as I am too. Willard I love you darling and always will. You were my soul mate. Rest easy.*



Linda Kiestler - March 20, 2019 at 06:55 PM

BK

“ I love you Dad and I'm going to miss everything we did together.

Bryan Kiestler - March 16, 2019 at 12:08 AM

DE

“ Praying for your family. I'm so sorry.



Debbie Ellis - March 15, 2019 at 12:39 PM

JL

“ So Sorry for your Loss Angel, My Condolences to you and your family. I know he will be greatly missed, but your Dad is in Heaven and is watching over you and the family now from Heaven . May God Bless you all in your time of need. He will always be in Spirit with you all.



Jeanne Lynn - March 14, 2019 at 11:46 PM

DO

“ Dave Oxley lit a candle in memory of Willard D. Kiestler



Dave Oxley - March 14, 2019 at 11:24 PM

LB

“ *Linda Brumley lit a candle in memory of Willard D. Kiestler*



Linda Brumley - March 14, 2019 at 06:19 PM

AK

“ *My dad was a wonderful man...I love him so much and this is so hard for us right now..*

Angel Kiestler - March 14, 2019 at 01:21 PM

LT

“ *Sorry for your loss! Roger & Lisa*



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - March 14, 2019 at 09:16 AM

AK

*Thank you so much Lisa*

Angel Kiestler - March 14, 2019 at 01:19 PM

KW

“ *Kim Wheat lit a candle in memory of Willard D. Kiestler*



kim Wheat - March 13, 2019 at 08:50 PM