



Franklin D. Kiener

May 22, 1933 - January 9, 2018

Franklin D. Kiener passed away on January 08, 2018, at Copperleaf Village of Ripon where he had resided since June of 2016. Frank was born May 22, 1933, on the family farm in Beckham County Oklahoma, 8 miles south of Berlin Oklahoma, to Walter E. and Stella Mae Kiener (Spell), the fifth of six children. He married Kenlyn K. Passick in Camanche Iowa on March 30, 1962. They have four sons, Jeff and Tracy, children Ashley and Jordan. Brett and Suzanne, children Stacy, Anna, Eric, great grandkids Graham and Sebastian. Michael and Chloe, son Ace. James and Tracy, children Cassie and Christian. Frank was a lifelong educator working in school systems in Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, and finally in Green Lake Wisconsin (8 miles south of Berlin WI) where he taught Science and was school Principal from 1971 until his retirement in 1995. As a young man Frank left the family farm and worked wheat harvest crews from Texas to the Dakotas, and worked on several ranches and farms thru out the wheat belt as harvest foreman. His experience raising horses on the family farm with his sister Betty Jo, sparked his interest in Rodeo, where he was a bareback rider for 7 years at local events. Frank served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, and upon his return from military service, set out on a career in education earning his BA and MA from Southwestern State University, Weatherford Oklahoma. Frank is survived by his wife of 56 years, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Two sisters, Velma White of Oklahoma City and Sue (JJ) Burden of Edmond Oklahoma. Brother in law Peter (Sharon) Passick

Muskego WI, Sister in law Jayne (Johnnie) Walters El Reno Ok., and several nephews and nieces, and special friends that were made over the years. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers JB Kiener and Dewitt Kiener, and sister Betty Jo Colvin.

Per Frank's wishes no public service will be held, instead donations can be made to the WillisChapel Post 306 of the American Legion, Green Lake WI, or the Alzheimers research association. We would like to thank Copperleaf Village CBRF in Ripon WI for the care Frank received there during his stay. We would also like to thank Southern Care Hospice for their care of Frank during his last days.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Patti Russell lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Kiener*



Patti Russell - March 22, 2018 at 11:45 AM

PR

“ *I am so sorry to learn of Frank's passing. My deepest condolences to the entire family.*

Patti Russell - March 22, 2018 at 11:43 AM

TD

“ *Greetings,
I was sorry to hear about Frank passing away,
I can recall when you first had gotten married and you lived next door to us on 10th avenue and if memory serves me correctly Claire was the middle man.
The house belonged to the McAndrews family.
Just thinking of good old days.
Tim DeVine*

Tim DeVine - February 18, 2018 at 02:37 PM

KK

Thanks Tim. We also had so many good memories of your parents and my parents and all of us 'kids'. Frank was very fond of all the DeVines-- my best to you all. Kenlyn

Kenlyn Kiener - March 07, 2018 at 05:11 PM

JG

“ *Julie Grenon lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Kiener*



Julie Grenon - February 02, 2018 at 09:22 AM

JG

Frank was my first principal in my very first job. He made me feel comfortable and confident in my interview. I have fond memories of all the years that we worked together. His smile and laugh brightened the world. The picture chosen is exactly the man I remember. My condolences to the family.

Julie Grenon - February 02, 2018 at 09:26 AM

TH

“ *Tonya Holschbach-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Kiener*



Tonya Holschbach-Johnson - January 18, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ *I remember moving to Green Lake from Illinois in 1975. I was very nervous to be starting a new school in this small, tight knit community. Mr. Kiener was so kind and would smile and greet you by name whenever you passed him in the hallway. Mr. Kiener was not a principal that one would fear but one that you could go to if you had a problem. He will be missed by many. Hugs to the whole family but a special one to his son and my buddy, Jeff.*

Liz Froehlicher Bastasic - January 18, 2018 at 05:27 PM

BM

“ *Mr. (Frank) Kiener was a well respected man in the Green Lake School's system, by students and staff equally. He will be missed by many. My condolences to his wife and family.*
Beth Malzhan-Schultz

Beth Malzhan-Schultz - January 18, 2018 at 05:04 PM

GP

“ *Gary & Cheryl Putman lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Kiener*



Gary & Cheryl Putman - January 16, 2018 at 08:24 AM

GP

Mr. Kiener was a genuine and caring science instructor when I had him for both chemistry and physics at Camanche, Iowa High School in the early 1960s. He made these difficult courses very interesting and was always available to discuss concepts and clarify scientific principles. He was also Cheryl's Senior Class Advisor. We both remember what a pleasant and caring teacher he was. Our condolences to his family.

Gary Putman - January 21, 2018 at 07:08 PM

KK

Thank you so much. Part of my heart will always belong to Camanche.
Kenlyn

Kenlyn Passick Kiener - February 13, 2018 at 07:09 AM

DT

Kenlyn and family,
I am sorry for your loss. I, too, have many fond memories of him in chemistry and physics. Please also say hello to your brother Peter.
David Thomas, Camanche '66

David Thomas - February 17, 2018 at 11:56 AM

KK

Thank you David. He was a wonderful teacher and touched so many lives doing what he loved in science. Your thoughts mean so much.
Kenlyn

Kenlyn Kiener - March 07, 2018 at 05:15 PM