



Kent Gerald Klinge

August 5, 1939 - October 12, 2021

RICHMOND, Ind. – Kent Gerald Klinge, age 82, of Richmond, Indiana, died Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at EverHeart Hospice Care Center in Greenville, Ohio.

Born August 5, 1939, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Herman Carol and Eleanor Graham Klinge, Kent had lived in Richmond for the past 50 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Kent graduated from Hanover College in 1963 with an A.B. degree and earned his J.D. degree from IU School of Law in 1967. Klinge was one of the top trial lawyers in Richmond for more than 25 years in the 70s, 80s, and 90s. One of his greatest accomplishments was defending the city in the massive gas explosions that killed 41 people and destroyed most of the downtown area. Only seven months out of law school, Klinge's involvement in the case lasted more than two years, and the jury trial lasted more than seven weeks. During this time, he gained an instant reputation as a solid trial lawyer.

When not at work, Kent was a proud supporter of the Republican Party. He was also a member of First English Lutheran Church and a past president of Forest Hills Country Club. Kent greatly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, as well as fishing and golfing.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Francie Ellen Shimek Klinge; son, John (Chris) Klinge of West Lafayette, Indiana; grandchildren, John Morland Jr., Matthew Bridger, and Madison Grace; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private memorial service for Kent Gerald Klinge will be held in West Lafayette, Indiana, at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Help The Animals, Inc., P.O. 117, Richmond, IN 47375 or Cope Environmental Center, 1730 Airport Road, Centerville, IN 47330.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ I’m so sorry to learn this, Francie. I hope you are doing well . Sandy Lingle Burner

sandy burner - October 28, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ I have just recently learned of Kent's passing and want to express my condolences to you and your family. On behalf of the Hanover College Alumni Association, I want to express my deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your loved one.

The passing of your loved one diminishes our college family and we feel the loss of him. If I can be of assistance, in any way, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Again, please accept my sincere condolences.

Christy Hughes
Director of Alumni Relations
hughes@hanover.edu

Christy Hughes - October 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ Lorri Junod-Parker purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Kent Gerald Klinge.



Lorri Junod-Parker - October 18, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ Francie, so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Condolences to you and your family.



Anne Wettig - October 18, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Kristen Grayson lit a candle in memory of Kent Gerald Klinge



Kristen Grayson - October 17, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ Francie, I am so very sorry & sad this morning after reading of Kent's passing. He was a very special man & attorney. My thoughts & prayers with you & loved ones.
Mary Jane Miller

Mary Jane Miller - October 17, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ Francie, John and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss.
Penny Stutz

Penny Stutz - October 14, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you Francie and your family.
Ken and Pat Jordan

pat jordan - October 13, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ Francie, John, and family, we send our sincere condolences. We are saddened and so very sorry for your loss. Lou Ann & Jerold Moore and family

Lou Ann & Jerold Moore - October 19, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ So very sorry , Kent was a kind person, very proud Dad and husband .
You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.
God Bless,
Rhonda

Rhonda Duning - October 13, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ Sarah Erbse Hellrung lit a candle in memory of Kent Gerald Klinge



Sarah Erbse Hellrung - October 13, 2021 at 07:40 AM



“ This is Tom Seal. When I first started practicing law in Richmond, Kent was the first (and only) one who offered me some kindly advice after a hearing he and I were involved. Unfortunately I was cocky and effectively brushed him off. I sincerely regretted that. He was a very good man and attorney. My sincere condolences.

Tom Seal - October 12, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man. I had the privilege of calling him my friend. I worked with him at Klinge and Snow and he was terrific. Could be serious in one moment and hilarious in the next. He was kind and helpful and will be missed alot. Will keep him and his family in prayers.

Gwendolyn Schroeder - October 12, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Gary Brown and the Staff of Doan & Mills - October 12, 2021 at 03:07 PM