



## L. Keith Peck

April 27, 1917 - January 28, 2015

L. Keith Peck, 97, of Bourbonnais, IL, passed away in his sleep on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Presence Heritage Village, Kankakee. A worship service honoring his life and his Lord will be held at 12:00 pm, Tuesday, February 3 at the College Church of the Nazarene, University Avenue in Bourbonnais. Dr. Mark Quanstrom will be officiating. Interment will be on Wednesday, February 4 at 11:30 am in Mount Hope Cemetery, Tremont, IL, with Rev. David Wine officiating. Friends may call from 4:00 until 8:00 pm, Monday, February 2 at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Center of Hope, 200 University Avenue, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Keith helped with the establishment of the Center of Hope, a food pantry and compassionate ministries center that serves 850 Kankakee-area families each week. L. Keith Peck was born April 27, 1917 in Nebo, IL to Harry and Inez (Weaver) Peck. He graduated from Nebo High School in 1934 and from the Caterpillar Machinist Apprentice Course in 1939. On August 13, 1938, he married Laura (Parkhurst) Peck near Tremont, IL. She died on February 27, 1992. Later that year Keith married Monica (Boudreau) Peck who survives. Keith worked for Caterpillar Tractor Company in East Peoria and York, PA for 44 years in positions from Tool Designer to Factory Manager. After a successful career, he retired in 1979, but his desire was to be remembered as an avid follower of Jesus Christ and a faithful member of His church. Over Keith's lifetime he served in many official capacities in the Church of the Nazarene including district advisory

board member for both the Northwest Illinois and Washington districts, delegate to four Nazarene General assemblies, Sunday School superintendent and in many other local church roles. Keith enjoyed serving as a volunteer handyman for single mothers, the elderly and invalids during his many years of retirement. He unselfishly chose to invest his life in all the people around him beginning with his family for whom he prayed by name every day. Keith is survived by his wife Monica; four children: Janet (James) Reed of St. Joseph, Sandra Reedy of Bourbonnais, Donna (David) Wine of Bourbonnais and David of Cape Coral, FL; three step-children: Andrea (David) Taylor of St. Anne, Laura (Dan) Sanor of Chebanse and Rebecca Kyrouac of Miami, FL; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; his sister Ella Jean Fenton of Hamburg, IL and many loving nieces and nephews. His parents, Harry and Inez, his first wife Laura, brothers Tracy and Lowell Peck and a granddaughter Jill Schmisek preceded him in death.

# Tribute Wall



“ *L. Keith Peck*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Dear Monica, So sorry for your loss. Keith interviewed us before buying into Winter Haven Christian Center (aka Doves Rest). He was instrumental in creating a lovely park for seniors of like faith. Also enjoyed being your neighbor for several years. I remember Keith barbecuing one of the best steaks I have eaten. God bless you and the family.*

**JoAnne and Jim Bear** - February 02, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ *I have many many memories of the Peck Family and growing up in Allentown. Through the years I have wondered about the family and how all of you were doing. Keith and Laura were some of God' s finest and created a beautiful family. My love to Janet and Sandy, hoping all is well. To the family, you had a wonderful man to show you the way. Blessings to all.*

**Judy Frank** - February 02, 2015 at 01:38 PM

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“ From: Keith & Joan Bottles, Boise, ID. The Peck family have been our dear friends since the early 50's. Keith was such a successful businessman for Caterpillar, but a real Champion for his Lord and Church. We worked on several district and Manville camp projects with Keith. We were visiting with Keith and Laura soon after they retired to Bourbonnais. Several times in conversation they would ask, "What projects do you have on the Chicago Central district that we can help with?" We gave them a project to remodel and paint the Aroma Park parsonage and church. Keith and Laura put their love, heart, and hands into this project that lasted for several weeks. Our district assembly was just two weeks away and I mentioned to Keith, that I had chosen the theme for my annual report to the Assembly; "The Little Engine that Could". Creative Peck's mind went into gear and he said, "Keith, let me get a grocery cart and a barrel and make a little engine." I said, let's go for it. Time came for District Assembly and as I was giving my annual report..you guessed it..here came the "Peck's Steam Express" down the aisle of College Church with David and Donnas's children guiding the engine. The steam whistle blowing and (dry Ice) smoke out of the smoke stack, brought the house down. I think our General, Dr. Eugene Stowe, was shocked. Well about the only thing the assembly remembered about my report was the Keith Peck Steam Express. Our last visit to Bourbonnais, we had such a nice visit with Keith and Monica. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Peck family today. Heaven is so much richer today with our dear friend Keith Peck there.

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**Keith & Joan Bottles** - February 01, 2015 at 09:31 PM

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“ He was a good friend and person to be around.

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**Merle G. McElwain** - January 31, 2015 at 01:32 PM

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“ Keith had many friends at York, PA and will be remembered for his many kindnesses. Condolences to Monica & family.

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**Thelma Enterline Driscoll** - January 31, 2015 at 02:53 AM

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“ I remember in the late 1950's in the Pekin split level getting locked into the bedroom upstairs. Uncle Keith came and opened the door for me. I thought I'd be in big trouble, but no one even seemed upset. What a blessing Keith is to all of us.

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**Ed Parkhurst** - January 30, 2015 at 06:10 PM

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“ We are saddened to hear of Uncle Keith's passing. He will be missed. He was a fabulous, faith-filled example for all of our family. We look forward to seeing Keith and Laura in Heaven. God bless you all.

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**Ed & Sareva Parkhurst** - January 30, 2015 at 06:08 PM