



## Dennis Rea Kerschke

July 11, 1948 - February 7, 2019

Dennis “De” Rea Kerschke, 70 of Des Moines, Iowa, passed away February 7, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa. He was born July 11, 1948 in Kankakee, IL to Elroy and Dorothy Kerschke. Dennis married Joan Devereaux May 4, 1974. Dennis proudly served our country as a Sergeant in the Air Force in Vietnam from June 5, 1968 to June 2, 1972 as an MP. He was a truck driver for Lang’s Distributing for 30 years. Dennis was an avid sports fan, but above all he loved the White Sox and despised the Cubs more than anything. He always remembered everyone’s birthday and anniversary by calling or sending a text message.

Dennis is survived by 2 sons and a daughter-in-law; Jim (Nadia) Kerschke of Waukee, IA and Dale Kerschke of West Des Moines, IA and 2 grandchildren Matthew and Gabby. Also surviving are 2 sisters, Jolene Kreher of Bourbonnais, IL and Carol (Terry) Chinn of Bourbonnais, IL. 3 brothers-in-laws; Don Devereaux, Wally Gero, Michael (Robin) Devereaux , 2 sister-in-law; Debbie (Greg) Richey, Michelle (Doug) Owensby, many nieces and nephews and close cousins Randy (Marsha) Kerschke.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan, his parents, a brother-in-law, Casey Kreher, 2 sisters-in-law, Patti Devereaux and Ann Gero.

The visitation will be from 4-6pm Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Bourbonnais Chapel with a 6 pm Memorial service to follow. Rev. Emily Sauer will officiate the service. Burial will be at 11 am, Monday, February 18, 2019 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

Please visit [www.Schrefflerfujneralhomes.com](http://www.Schrefflerfujneralhomes.com) to sign his online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421  
(815) 423-9958  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-2421

## Memorial Service

FEB 17. 6:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-2421

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Rea Kerschke*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *DEB&Gordon Guttendorf lit a candle in memory of Dennis Rea Kerschke*



**DEB&Gordon Guttendorf** - February 19, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts, Dennis was a good guy He will be missed*

**DEB&Gordon Guttendorf** - February 19, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ *Comfort, Love & Peace to Jolene, Carol and the entire Kerschke family.*

*The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and  
be gracious unto thee:  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26*



**Gary Krumwiede** - February 18, 2019 at 12:01 PM

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“ Gary Krumwiede lit a candle in memory of  
Dennis Rea Kerschke



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**Gary Krumwiede** - February 18, 2019 at 11:56 AM

DD

“ Carol and Jolene and families, my thoughts and prayers are with  
you and yours at this time, Denise Dodds

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**Denise Dodds** - February 16, 2019 at 10:48 PM

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*Dennis was in my confirmation class and high school class. You are in  
my thoughts and prayers..*

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**Karen Jackson Riml** - March 08, 2019 at 05:02 PM