



## John M. "Mike" Kelsey

December 15, 1945 - December 29, 2016

John Michael "Mike" Kelsey, 71, of Bourbonnais passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He was born on December 15, 1945 in Urbana, the son of John and Ruth (Curtis) Kelsey. Mike married Rebecca Bane on December 28, 1968 in Greensfork, IN. Mike was a Counselor at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet for about 20 years. He also worked at Manteno State Hospital as a Counselor. He received his Bachelors of Psychology and Sociology Degree from Olivet Nazarene University and was a veteran of the United States Army. Mike enjoyed golfing, camping, travelling, southern gospel music and was a fan of the Chicago Cubs. He was a man of great faith, who loved his family dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Kelsey of Bourbonnais; one son Shawn (Jessica) Kelsey of Limestone; one daughter Erin (Jeff) Parham of Elgin; two sisters Joellyn (Steve) Wills of Mahomet and Peggy (Steve) Durst of Decatur; two brothers Patrick Kelsey of Urbana and Kevin (Loralee) Kelsey of Mahomet; and three grandchildren Emelia Kelsey, Alexis Parham and Brynnley Parham. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 from 5pm until the 7pm memorial service at Manteno Church of the Nazarene. Inurnment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to Manteno Church of the Nazarene or American Cancer Society.



# 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

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Manteno Church of the Nazarene  
698 N. Locust St.  
Manteno, IL 60950

## Memorial Service

JAN 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John M. "Mike" Kelsey*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I so appreciated getting to know Mike over these last nine years. He was so faithful to the Lord, his family, his church and the choir. He had a beautiful voice! We had some great conversations during the last year and a half and I cherish them. Mike was so tender-hearted. I will really miss him! Love you and praying for the Lord's peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

**Susan Armstrong** - January 03, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ *So sorry, Becky and family for your loss. Know that we are praying for you. Mike will certainly be missed. We will always remember his quiet sense of humor and his love of family and God.*

**Larry and Alice Ferren** - January 03, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family. I enjoyed carpooling and working with John all those years.*

**Christopher Cannon** - January 02, 2017 at 03:49 PM