



## Karl F. "Fritz" Kielsmeier

March 16, 1948 - July 29, 2024

Karl F. "Fritz" Kielsmeier, age 76, of Kankakee passed away Monday, July 29, 2024 at his home. He was born March 16, 1948 in Watseka, the son of Karl & Evelyne (Lemenager) Kielsmeier.

Karl was a retired business owner of the Chocolate Factory. He had a passion for the blues, fishing, and his dog, Lucky. Karl loved to travel. He made picture frames out of old musical instruments as a hobby. Karl was a good friend, and he will be greatly missed.

Surviving are friends and caregivers, Chris Spence and Shirley Sebastiani; his girlfriend of 35 years, Zarada Gowenlock; and his dog, Lucky. Karl is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to your favorite pet charity in his name.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Homes in Kankakee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I've known Fritz as a Good Family and personal friend since my USN discharge in 1972. His father, my grandfather and my father were all in food product business together. I joined him when he picked out his Porsche 911 in '72 or '73, the one Buddy Miles wrecked. For a period of 6 or 7 years when visiting my folks in Hinsdale, IL we would meet at my parents home, or Northside apartment in Chicago. We stayed in touch 1 or 2 times a year since then. This Obituary is a shock to me, didn't realize he was ailing. Also, his Facebook page is hacked. That possibility led me to investigate his Obituary. RIP my old friend and Condolences to your loved ones!  
Daniel Christians, Hinsdale, IL, Park City, UT for 30 years and Sandpoint, ID for last 22 years

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**Daniel Christians** - October 16, 2024 at 10:00 PM

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I am just seeing this. I worked for Fritz from 1975 til Jan of 1984. Hate to he he was having to deal with bad health

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**Byron Lee Scherer** - August 30, 2025 at 11:10 AM