



## Kevin S. Witheft

April 13, 1956 - July 16, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Kevin S. Witheft, a cherished husband and brother, a loving dad, and a devoted papa. He was 69 years old and lived a life filled with love, laughter, and kindness.

Kevin was born on April 13, 1956, in Kankakee to Merlyn and Donna (Tobenski) Witheft. He grew up on the farm, developed a love for drums, cars and art, and met his now wife, Joyce (Groesbeck) in 1976. They married on July 7, 1979, and built a life together with their two daughters, Krista and Kendra, in Kankakee, IL.

As a husband, Kevin devoted himself to small, yet meaningful acts to show his love. As only one example, he filled the gas tank for Joyce for years, which created a learning curve when she needed to fill up once on her own in one of their cars. As a dad, he was a strong supporter who worked hard for his family. He thrived as a papa and always saved the last hug for his daughters. As a papa, he was always present and willing to fill sketchbooks, ride the lawn tractor a few extra loops, build leaf piles for jumping, and hit the keys on the piano with his grandkids. The cars would never drive away without a smiley face smudged on the window for the grandkids to see. Throughout his time with us, he was the forever photographer of family memories with videos and pictures to cherish first steps, birthday parties, and family gatherings. He was the man behind the camera who was loved by all.

He worked many of his years at T&E Enterprise in Herscher, Illinois, retiring recently in 2022. Prior to that, he worked at Chicago Bridge & Iron in

Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Surviving are Kevin's wife, Joyce Witheft of Kankakee; two daughters, Krista (Jeremey) Davis and Kendra Witheft; one granddaughter, Natalie; three grandsons, Hunter, Garret, and Levi; two brothers, Keith (Lisa) Witheft, Brian (Robin Foster) Witheft; one sister, Gloria (Bill) Graham; one brother-in-law, Roy (Andy) Groesbeck; several nieces and nephews; and a large extended family.

Kevin is preceded in death by his parents, Merlyn and Donna (Tobenski) Witheft.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Additional visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 10 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee. Rev. Karl Koeppen will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Danforth Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Danforth Cemetery

861 E 2200 North Rd.  
Danforth, IL 60930

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
348 E. Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Funeral Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
348 E. Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901



# Tribute Wall

BI

“ I only knew Kevin via Online on Challenger forumZ. Always a kind Individual and sharing his Travel Photos of him on Route 66 and his Beautiful Challenger Lil' Twister. There is many on the ForumZ who are deeply touched by Kevin and saddened to of just learned of his Passing. To his Family, Friends and Loved ones my deepest Condolences, and Prayers.

Bill - October 25, 2025 at 12:44 PM

KL

“ KATHY Witheft Lott lit a candle in memory of Kevin S. Witheft



KATHY Witheft Lott - July 21, 2025 at 10:10 PM

RL

“ Rose ELLEN Lavallie lit a candle in memory of Kevin S. Witheft



Rose ELLEN Lavallie - July 20, 2025 at 07:26 PM

JR

“ My Sympathies to Kevin's family, I worked with Kevin and always enjoyed our conversations. He loved his family deeply and was a very good artist.

Jerry Robbins - July 20, 2025 at 12:01 PM

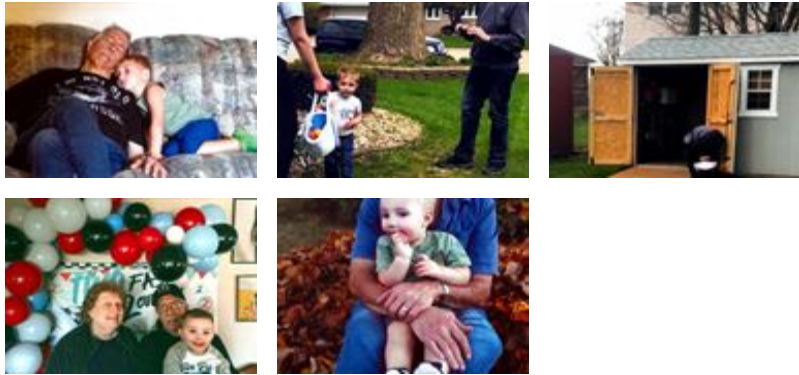
BM

“Joyce , my dear church family, my deepest sympathy to you and all the family on the loss of your beloved. I wish I could say something that would ease your pain but I don't know if those words exist. If they do, we learned them in Sunday school at our ALC Southside family church. I hope in your Bible that you will find words of comfort. Meanwhile I will pray for all of you and ask him in His infinite mercy to ease your pain and give your soul peace. Big big hugs.

Billy Maass - July 20, 2025 at 03:36 AM



“84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schreffler Funeral Home - July 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM

PD

“Pete & Connie Dato lit a candle in memory of Kevin S. Witheft



Pete & Connie Dato - July 18, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MM

“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Kevin S. Witheft



MR MRS - July 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Kevin S. Witheft



MR MRS - July 18, 2025 at 10:14 AM

MT

“ Prayers and hugs are with Joyce and family at this sad time. May God's loving arms hold you close and may your fond memories bring smiles through the tears. Mary Thomson



Mary Thomson - July 17, 2025 at 09:54 PM

TC

“ Joyce and family,  
Sending our condolences and prayers for the loss of Kevin. May God be along side of you and guide you throughout this journey. 💜🙏  
🙏 Rick & Marla Coy



The Coy's - July 17, 2025 at 09:40 PM

GG

“ Kevin u will be missed and loved forever your little sister. Prayers to you Joyce Krista Kendra and all the grandkids remember the happy times the fun times that is what Kevin would have wanted. Keeping in prayers.



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**Gloria Graham** - July 17, 2025 at 04:36 PM