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Kent D. Ketelsen, 71, of Clinton, died Monday, October 5, 2009 at Mercy Medical Center, North Campus, Clinton. Funeral Services will be 11:00am, Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home and Crematory with Chaplain Horst Hehr officiating. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be members of the Clinton Fire Department. Visitation will be Friday from 4:00-8:00pm at the funeral home. Private interment will be at a later date in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery. Kent Dennis Ketelsen was born to Leonard and Lucille (Oliver) Ketelsen on December 11, 1937 in Los Angeles, California. He was married to Linda Swanson from 1963 to 2000. He later married Sharon (Smith) McDonnell on September 7, 2008 at the Butterfly Gardens in the Bickelhaupt Arboretum. Kent was a 1956 graduate of Clinton High School and attended Cornell College. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving from 1957 until 1960. Kent was a career firefighter with the Clinton Fire Department from 1965 until retiring as a Captain in 1999. He was a member of the Clinton Firefighters Association and the International Association of Firefighters Local 609. Kent volunteered with Meals on Wheels, the adult literacy program, enjoyed biking and walking, and loved birds and his cats. Kent is survived by his wife, Sharon; two daughters: Kristina (Ken Moraes) Ketelsen of Oakland, California, Danielle (Peter) Mascagni of Clinton, Iowa, one son: Kyle (Rebecca) Ketelsen of Sun Prarie, Wisconsin; four grandchildren: Marcella and Francesca Mascagni and Melanie and Benjamin Ketelsen; his twin brother: Keith (Beverly) Ketelsen of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Kent was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, and his sister: Vicki Murphy. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Clinton Humane Society.



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AN

Amy Mcconohy-Nelson posted:

Kyle and family, sorry for the loss of you dad, we will keep your family our prayers.

October 5 at 7:00 PM



Kyle Ketelsen June 26 at 9:52 PM

Thanks, Amy.

RB

Roger Bentley posted:

Kyle and family, My wife Neena and I send you our condolences. Your family is in our prayers and we wish your family strength in these difficult times. While I did not know your father personally I did know that he worked in a noble profession in the service of the people of Clinton. I remember him in parades and I remember him from a few HS events that you and I were both a part of. I hope your children had opportunities to get to know him and I wish them (and you) many happy memories. May God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Roger and Neena Bentley

October 5 at 7:00 PM



Kyle Ketelsen June 26 at 9:51 PM

Roger & Neena. Thanks so much for your kind words. I'm just seeing this now. Very nice to go back and read the lovely comments. Best wishes, Kyle

JP

Jeff Peasley posted:

Kyle, My thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time in your lives. I have many fond memories of the time I spent at your house when we were growing up. In my later years I had the privilege of seeing your Dad on calls that the Fire Department and Police Department responded to. He always said hello when we saw each other. I also want to tell your family thank you for his service as a veteran to this nation and the City of Clinton. Jeff Peasley

October 5 at 7:00 PM



Kyle Ketelsen June 26 at 9:52 PM

Jeff, Thanks so much, bud. Just now going back and reading these comments. Best, Kyle



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DP

Dan Silver & Steve Punches posted:

We are very sorry to learn of your family's loss, and our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. We have great memories of times we've spent with your entire family. Please accept our condolences as we know your dad will be sorely missed. Dan & Steve

October 5 at 7:00 PM



Kyle Ketelsen June 26 at 9:54 PM

Dan, Thanks so much for your note. I'm only just going back and reading all these comments now. I too am sorry about Steve. I'd just seen him and his mom in London shortly before. Hope you're well, Kyle

LW

Laurie Winnette posted:

To Tina and family My deepest sympathy on the death of your dad. May you find comfort in each other and in remembering the good times. Love, Laurie

October 5 at 7:00 PM

JD

Jenny (Devlin) Duex posted:

Dear Kyle and Family, I am sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your dad was a wonderful, caring and happy person! I saw him a few years ago at the QC Car show and got a chance to talk with him. It was nice to see him and hear about the family and how it was growing! He will be missed greatly but will always be loved and never forgotten. God Bless you all. Jenny

October 5 at 7:00 PM



Kyle Ketelsen June 26 at 9:56 PM

Jenny, Thanks so much for your kind words! I'm only just now going back and reading these comments. Too painful at first, then it slipped my mind that there were notes left on this page. So great to hear from you. Hope you're well. I'm happy to know you saw each other at the car show! All best wishes. Sincerely, Kyle



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