



## Edward Walker Keller

July 16, 1917 - May 9, 2011

Edward Walker Keller, 93, died at 4:00 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2011 at Eunice C. Smith Nursing Home in Alton. Born July 16, 1917 in Elsah, IL, he was the son of Lawrence and Emily (Walker) Keller. Mr. Keller served in the U.S. Army in America and Europe during WWII. He was a member of the Piasa Lodge and the Ainad chapter of Shriners. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Alton since 1961 and served as a Trustee and Deacon. He was the owner of J.K. Keller & Son grocery in Elsah and also served as Mayor of Elsah until 1970. He was also owner of J.K. Keller & Son electric Motors. Mr. Keller volunteered and served on the board at the Alton Museum of History & Art. He was active with the Alton/Godfrey and East Alton Rotary Clubs and was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He also volunteered at Friends of The Hayner Public Library, and the information desk at Alton Memorial Hospital for 25 years. On August 4, 1961 he married the former Eugenia Delano at the First Presbyterian Church in Alton. She survives. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Russell Keller and two sisters, Gennie Keller Murphy and Mary Margaret Keller. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Alton. Reverend David Crowley will officiate. Family will greet friends in the fireside room after the service. Burial will be private at the Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Edward and Genie Keller Scholarship Fund at Hayner Library. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Walker Keller*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Edward Walker Keller*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Genie,*

*Thinking of you in your time of loss. I will remember that twinkle in Eddie's eye!*

*Fondly,*

*Mary Helen*

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**Mary Helen Novak** - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Aunt Genie:

*My deepest condolences. Uncle Eddie will be missed. I consider myself lucky to have known him. May God bless and comfort you at this difficult time. Thinking of you...*

*Fred S.*

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**Fred Springman** - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dear Genie, please receive my most sincere condolences for the passing of your beloved Eddie. I will always remember our various joyful meetings in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and in particular Ed's amazement at meeting for the first time this distant cousin from France who shared a passion for Family history with him. Ed and yourself made me so welcome back then that this is a memory I'll cherish for the rest of my life. For various reasons I could not contact you for the last new year's eve and rest assured I deeply regret it now. I hope I'll able to come to the USA and see you again in the not too distant future. Your French cousin who misses you so much.*

*Daniel*

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**Daniel Keller** - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the family as you cope with the loss of a loved one. May the fond memories shared bring comfort during this time of grief and pain.*

*(Please read John 5:28,29)*

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**A. Jackson** - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Genie*

*Grace and i were so sad to hear of the passing of Ed. We just heard and it was to late to make it to the memorial. we always enjoyed our visits with him even though we should have visited more often. What a loss of a wonderful man. we will keep you in our prayers. John and Grace Daubman*

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**john and grace daubman** - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Edward Walker Keller*

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**Bill and Gaye Sanders** - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ *Beloved Genie, I am so sorry for your loss. Eddie, aka Mr. Keller was such a blessing to me all my life. I loved him like a father and in many ways during my formative years he was very much a Dad to me. You are in my prayers and I love you so much. Dean*

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**Dean & Margie Yoder** - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU DURING THIS TIME OF SADNESS. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED. ELIZABETH AND FAMILY

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**ELIZABETH M GENT** - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT EDDIE. HE WAS MOMS LANDLORD FOR YEARS AND GENIE TOOK ME TO HOSPITAL TO HAVE MELISSA WHO LIVES 3 BLOCKS FROM ME NOW. I HAVE A 19 YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER NOW. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU ALWAYS. DONNA AND MELISSA

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**DONNA K GENT** - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy. Elsie will always remember the Keller family with appreciation for their dedication.

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**David and Jane Pfeifer** - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Mrs. Keller,

*Thinking of you at this time. Both Mr. Keller and you were very sweet and thoughtful to both of my children when they were younger. Very nice memories for them. Will keep you both in my prayers.*

*Kimberly (Schelle) Hand*

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**Kimberly Hand** - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mrs. Keller-

*I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Keller's passing. Many thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*With sympathy-*

*Maura (Hand) McCabe*

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**Maura (Hand) McCabe** - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM