



## Kevin Joseph Essner

September 15, 1965 - August 16, 2018

Kevin Joseph Essner, 52, of Kelso, Missouri died Thursday, August 16, 2018 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born September 15, 1965 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Vincent Stephen and Lorena Mary Diebold Essner.

He and Laurie Holshouser were married September 26, 1987 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso, Missouri.

Kevin was a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame High School and received an Ag-Business degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

He was a Senior Vice President for Capaha Bank and then became Market President for MRV Banks of Sikeston.

He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso and the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 6420.

Survivors include his wife, Laurie Essner of Kelso; two daughters, Brittany Essner of Cape Girardeau and Madeline Essner of Kelso; one son, John Essner of Kelso; three sisters, Anna Rose (Francis) Bles, Marilyn (Randal)

Friend, Shirley (Greg) Eftink, all of Kelso; and three brothers, Norman (Dorothy) Essner, Robert (Karla) Essner and Jerome (Beverly) Essner all of Kelso.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, August 17, 2018 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso. A Knights of Columbus prayer service will be held at 7:00 pm at the church.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 am Saturday, August 18, 2018 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso with the Rev. Michael Casteel officiating.

Burial will be at St. Augustine Catholic Church Cemetery in Kelso.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Augustine School Building Fund or a charity of choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
201 S. Messmer  
Kelso, MO 63758

## Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

AUG 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Kelso, MO 63758

## Funeral Mass

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To Anna Rose, Marilyn, and all of Kevin's family, my deepest sympathy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Barbara Hess*

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**Barbara Hess** - August 17, 2018 at 05:52 PM

JA

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. As I think about Kevin, I so much appreciate the 20+ year relationship that I enjoyed with him, both as a business colleague and as a friend. From the day Kevin started work at the bank, he and I were like-minded on almost every issue that came up, and this made our working relationship a very pleasant one. Kevin was always resourceful and willing to step into any situation regardless how difficult. I came to rely on him heavily as the bank grew, and I credit much of our success to his tireless efforts and loyalty. He was a good man, and I so much admire his courage and strength these past few years as he battled his illness. I am proud to call him a friend, and I feel blessed to have had those great years working with him.*

*John Abercrombie*

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**John Abercrombie** - August 17, 2018 at 04:17 PM

JS

“ *So sorry to read today of Kevin's passing this life. I am praying God brings comfort to your souls and your lives. We will not be able to attend the service; but at thinking about you at this time. Jeannette and Jim Stone*

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**Jeannette Stone** - August 17, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kevin Joseph Essner.*



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August 17, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *The Kevin Essner Family,*

*We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of Kevin. He was a very personable man. Please accept our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Larry and Bonnie Gosche*

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**Bonnie Gosche** - August 17, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Pam Abercrombie Capps purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Kevin Joseph Essner.*



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**Pam Abercrombie Capps** - August 17, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ *Love and God's Blessings to all. Donna Essner purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Kevin Joseph Essner.*



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**Love and God's Blessings to all. Donna Essner** - August 17, 2018 at 10:09 AM

CC

“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to family and friends. May all of your good memories be greater than your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)*

chris c - August 17, 2018 at 07:01 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kevin Joseph Essner.*



August 16, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Joseph Essner.*



August 16, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Joseph Essner.*



August 16, 2018 at 06:09 PM

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“ Laurie and family,

*Our hearts are hurting with you. What a guy! We were truly blessed with his friendship. He never failed to wave from across the room, or gym and flash that big smile. We will miss him so very much. He loved God, family and friends. This world needs more just like him. Our love and prayers are with you.*

*John, Paula, Sam and Kam Dohogne*

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**Paula Dohogne** - August 16, 2018 at 04:16 PM

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*Our prayers are with the Essner Family, friends and co-workers of Kevin Essner. Simply put he is one of the finest men I've ever known. Thank you Kevin for the fine example you have been to so many in so many ways!*

*Steve and Patti McPheeters*

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**Steve McPheeters** - August 16, 2018 at 05:33 PM