



## Donald M. Kruse

June 11, 1942 - May 4, 2024

Donald M. Kruse, 81, of Wadesville, IN passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital.

Don was born on June 11, 1942 in Evansville to the late Albert and Lucille (Hettenbach) Kruse. He worked as a driver for Emge Packing Company and for PPG and before retiring. Don enjoyed gardening and taking care of his home and lawn. Don also had a love of cars; enjoyed working on them and, in his younger years, drove drag cars at Chandler Motor Speedway.

Surviving Don are his daughters, Renea Kruse and Kimberly (Shawn) Wangler; stepdaughter, Mary Seiler; stepson, Dan Seiler; sister, Sharon Young; grandchildren, Samantha (Clay) Prindle, William Wangler, Nicklaus Wangler, Katherine (Jayce) Day, Elizabeth Briggeler, Joshua Briggeler and Dylan Seiler and great grandchildren, Rosella Prindle, Rhyland and Grayson O'Neil. Also surviving Don are his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Richard Robertson, Karen and Eddie Hale, Darrel Will, Steve Will, Dave Will, Elaine Thompson, Alisa Adler, Brenda Will and Julia Schapker.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Diana (Will) Kruse in 2014; by a sister, Judy Robertson and brother-in-law, Dave Young.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Wendel Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Wednesday at St. Wendel Catholic Church, 10542 W. Boonville New Harmony Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, 3701 Bellemeade Ave, Evansville, IN 47714.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Wendel Church Cemetery

10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

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St. Wendel Catholic Church  
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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald M. Kruse*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - May 06, 2024 at 06:58 PM



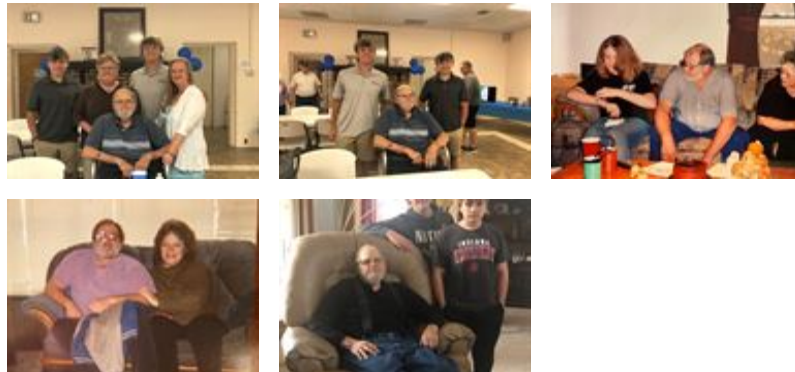
“ *So sorry for your loss, Don and my Dad Ron worked at Emge together.*

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**Keith Moesner** - June 06, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ *23 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - May 06, 2024 at 08:07 PM



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - May 06, 2024 at 06:49 PM

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“ *I remember Don as our friendly neighbor across the driveway. We would always exchange waves when he was out on his lawn mower and I was coming or going from my house.*

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**Courtney Raben** - May 06, 2024 at 11:39 AM

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“ *We enjoyed when Don would come hang out in our pole barn. He could pull his Gater right in the door!! We talked about anything & everything!! Eddie & him always building something!! Or tweaking his walkers!!*

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**Eddie & Karen Hale** - May 05, 2024 at 02:29 PM