



Ruediger J. Schrepfer

September 18, 1961 - April 7, 2026

Ruediger J. “Rudy” Schrepfer Kissel, 64, of Evansville, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at River Bend Nursing and Rehabilitation Center with his family by his side.

Rudy was a man of passion, determination, and heart. Born with a competitive spirit, he spent much of his life dedicated to sports, cooking, and building a life he was proud of.

An athlete through and through, Rudy thrived in pool tournaments, found joy on the golf course, and played softball with skill and enthusiasm. Whether competing or simply enjoying the game, he brought energy and camaraderie to every match. His love for sports extended beyond playing—he was a devoted fan, especially when it came to IU basketball, never missing an opportunity to cheer for his team.

Beyond the world of sports, Rudy had a true talent for cooking. He found immense joy in preparing meals for his family, taking on the responsibility of cooking Thanksgiving feasts and Christmas dinners year after year. His barbecues were legendary, bringing together friends and loved ones over great food, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Rudy was also a hardworking entrepreneur who took pride in starting his own

cleaning business. His dedication and strong work ethic allowed him to build something of his own, a testament to his determination and drive.

Above all, Rudy's greatest source of joy came from the people he loved. He was especially fond of and deeply devoted to his adopted daughter, Nicole Whitehead, whom he cherished immensely. His kindness, warmth, and generous spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Rudy is survived by his daughter, Nicole (Austin) Whitehead; sisters, Ann Kissel and Amy Kissel; brothers, Michael Kissel, Matt (Bill Gaisser) Kissel and William (Alex) Kissel; his stepfather, Ray Kissel and granddaughters, Willow and Cecilia Whitehead.

Rudy was preceded in death by his father, Ruediger Schrepfer, Sr. in 1961 and by his mother, Helen C. (Merkel) Kissel in 2016.

Funeral services for Rudy will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 24, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County, Rev. Eugene Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Church Cemetery. There will be a luncheon held in the St. Joseph Catholic School cafeteria immediately following the funeral services.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 11:00 AM until service time on Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Church Cemetery

6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

APR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)
6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruediger J. Schrepfer.*



April 21 at 10:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruediger J. Schrepfer.

April 21 at 10:46 PM



“ *Kristen, Kim, Chris, Nick and Denise purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ruediger J. Schrepfer.*



Kristen, Kim, Chris, Nick and Denise - April 21 at 09:53 AM



“ *Kristen, Kim, Chris, Nick and Denise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruediger J. Schrepfer.*

Kristen, Kim, Chris, Nick and Denise - April 21 at 09:53 AM

BF

“ *Bill, Pam, Cil and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ruediger J. Schrepfer.*



Bill, Pam, Cil and Family - April 11 at 07:35 PM

MK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michael R Kissel - April 11 at 11:42 AM

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“ *15 files added to the tribute wall*



Michael R Kissel - April 11 at 11:37 AM