



Pastor Edmund Henry Kannapel II

March 13, 1948 - July 10, 2021

Pastor Edmund Henry Kannapel II, who had been battling cancer, died Saturday July 10, 2021, at the age of 73.

He was born March 13, 1948 in Chicago the son of Edmund and Beverly (Buck) Kannapel. He married Linda Kimble Schwamberger on July 6, 2018 at St. Joseph Church in Bradley.

Pastor Edmund Kannapel created and operated the Gift of God Street Church and men's homeless shelter in Kankakee since 2008. Prior to 2008, he worked at a mission in Chicago and with inmates as a chaplain in the Cook County Jail. He developed a passion for the homeless after experiencing homelessness himself for 17 years. He served the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and received three purple hearts.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kannapel; stepson Michael (Cindy) Schwamberger of North Carolina; daughters, Kristen Lyons of South Carolina, and Becky Kannapel of Alabama; brother, James Kannapel of California; special nephew Jacob Kannapel and family of Indiana.

Pastor Edmund Kannapel is preceded in death by his parents; former wife, Carole Kannapel; sister, Geraldine.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 13, from 12:30 until the memorial service

at 1pm with a luncheon immediately following.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to Gift of God Street Church, Fifth Avenue,
Kankakee, IL.

Jensen Funeral home is handling the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 E IL-17
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-4001
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TO

“ Knew Ed years ago. Great guy. Compassionate and honest. Fully committed to serving Jesus Christ obviously a great loss for many and to be dearly missed. A great inspiration.

Tom - March 27, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Pastor Edmund Henry Kannapel II

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Edmund Henry Kannapel II.



March 12, 2022 at 11:14 AM

HA

“ A dedicated and enthusiastic servant of the Lord!

Harlyn - March 09, 2022 at 09:09 PM

RK

“ Ed is one of the best human beings I have ever known. He was humble, honest, kindness authentic. He lived the Gospel and made utterly available to all. I loved Pastor Ed and miss him.

Rev. Don Keysor - July 23, 2021 at 09:02 AM

JH

“ Ed was such a sweet kind man he had a wonderful heart he loved to help so many people true man of faith I know god has a place for you I know you touched so many lives and left a beautiful memory for so many



Joann Hubbard - July 17, 2021 at 10:17 PM

SH

“ Sr. Martha Harrington lite a candle in memory of Pastor Edmond Henry Kannapel II. God bless him for caring for those in need with his compassion and prayers. My sympathy and prayers are with his family.



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - July 17, 2021 at 06:44 PM

MR

“ Monca Rocha lit a candle in memory of Pastor Edmund Henry Kannapel II



Monca Rocha - July 16, 2021 at 10:32 AM

MR

Pastor Ed was a great man who will be missed by many people, myself included

Monca Rocha - July 16, 2021 at 10:34 AM

LW

“ Always enjoyed our talks when dropping off items there- Ed was always joyful and thankful for everything his mission received. What a loss for our community- may he live on in those left behind to carry on. Big shoes to fill. My sympathy to you all in this sad time.....

Lisa Winge - July 16, 2021 at 10:08 AM

LW

“ Pastor Ed, Great man, Great Memories!
Always did the best he could, with what he had.

Lorraine Watson - July 16, 2021 at 09:55 AM

BS

“ Pastor Ed was always good to me. He would give me a ride home from work so I wouldn't have to walk in the dark. He was a very kind soul. I will miss him. Bev Sorensen

Bev Sorensen - July 15, 2021 at 08:30 PM