

OBITUARY

June Kemp, age 100, of Lomax, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst, Illinois. She was born June 26, 1925 in Gladstone, Illinois, the daughter of Marshall and Margaret Weller McKeown. On September 22, 1947, she married Harold Kemp. He preceded her in death on May 10, 1972.

Mrs. Kemp was a 1943 graduate of Burlington High School. She had co-owned and operated the Pink Tavern in Lomax for many years. After selling the restaurant, she stayed on and was the main cook for many years. Earlier she was employed at Hotel Burlington and the Burlington Country Club. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and embroidering, and collecting Shirley Temple Dolls. One of her great joys in life was babysitting her “grandbabies”. She was a member of the Lomax Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly (Barry) Lillard of Dallas City, IL, Barbara (Steve) Ferneti of Lomax, IL, one son, James Kemp of Tigard, OR, eleven grandchildren, Holly (Jeremy Hall) Shipman, Heidi (Lee) Pindell, David Walker, Ryan (Dana Strawhacker) Walker, Glenn (Jamie) Ferneti, Kellen Ferneti, Bryant (Kacy) Ferneti, Jeffrey Kemp, Jeremy Kemp, Sarah (Joel) Batmale, and Amy Swisher, eight great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one daughter, Becky Swisher.

The funeral service for Mrs. Kemp will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Stronghurst, with Pastor Maxine Dennison officiating. Burial will follow in the Stronghurst Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials have been established for St Jude Children’s Hospital and PAWS of Fort Madison, Iowa. Please visit Mrs. Kemp’s obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

Services In Care Of
Banks & Beals Funeral Homes

In Loving Memory



In Memory Of June Kemp

Date of Birth

June 26, 1925
Gladstone, Illinois

Passed Away

March 18, 2026
Stronghurst, Illinois

Funeral Service

10:00 AM, Saturday, March 21, 2026

Banks & Beals Funeral Home
Stronghurst, Illinois

Officiating

Rev. Maxine Dennison

Special Music

Amazing Grace
Softly and Tenderly

Bearers

Colten Shipman	David Walker
Austin Worley	Ryan Walker
Chris Lillard	Henry Worley

Honorary Bearers

Ethan Lillard

Interment

Stronghurst Cemetery
Stronghurst, Illinois



Don't Be Sad When I Die

When tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not there to comfort you,
please know that I still love you,
'cause I know you love me too.



When tomorrow starts without me
and you feel lost and blue,
I hope these words I've written
will help to see you through.

Someday your pain will ease,
sadness replaced by fond memories.
Come tomorrow you will hear
I love you whispered on the breeze.

When tomorrow starts without me
'cause God has called me home,
I turn, blowing a kiss for thee,
sad that you may feel alone.

I will miss you tomorrow.
As I take one last glimpse,
a tear falls from my cheek.
I'll be going home.

And tomorrow will start without me.

