



Kenneth "Kenny" David Burnett

June 12, 1936 - January 23, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

KENNETH "KENNY" BURNETT

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Kenneth "Kenny" Burnett, age 86 of Murphysboro and formerly of Cairo, passed away Monday, January 23, 2023 in his home.

He was born in Cairo on June 12, 1936 to Tanner and Rosemary (Halteman) Burnett.

On November 16, 1958 he married Sharon Rose. They have shared 64 years of making wonderful memories.

Kenny had been an iron worker for Local 782 in Paducah. He retired from the Physical Plant at SIU.

He loved watching sports and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan. He enjoyed DIY projects and doing a myriad of home improvements large and

small.

He was a board member for the SIU Credit Union for nearly 20 years.

Kenny is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Burnett of Murphysboro; two sons, David (Cassie) Burnett of Springfield and Steven Burnett of Carbondale; grandchildren, Sarah (Dan) Schoenig of St. Louis, MO; Michael (Emily) Burnett of Orlando, FL and Jack (Nicole) Burnett of Flagstaff, AZ; 3 great-grandchildren, Theo and Danny Burnett and Ellie Schoenig; a sister, Carol (Joe) Green of Murphysboro; many other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Burnett.

A Memorial Service for Kenny Burnett will be Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 11:00 am in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Rev. Marty McMichael and Michelle Parker-Clark officiating. Inurnment will follow at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am until the hour of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged and can be directed to the American Cancer Society; American Heart Association and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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31 Memorial Dr.
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Tribute Wall

RK

“ Ken was a friend of mine while he was growing up in Cairo Illinois, among with his brother Richard. My prayers go out to Sharon and the family

Richard Kearney - October 29, 2023 at 03:37 PM

BR

“ Sharon, I just today saw Kenney's obituary...I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a child or a spouse are the hardest losses of all. I did know about our classmate Richard's passing some years back. Seems our " Golden Years " are anything but. I married a Cairo High School graduate of 1953..Charles Roberts. I had him 54 years...but as you know, that was not enough. With deep sympathy...

Bernadine Berbling Roberts - October 29, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ Kenneth "Kenny" David Burnett

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

RS

“ Sharon so sorry Kenny has passed. We were close friends In high school and did so much together. I'm so sorry we can't come today. Having heart problems and medicine adjust problems and can't drive very far. I am praying for you. God's blessings as you go through the next few days. Bob and Bev Souders.

Robert Souders - January 31, 2023 at 10:14 AM

BC

“ I already miss Kenny. Our friendship was special. The years at SIU and the Credit Union were great times and we sure enjoyed being together. Kenny will be missed by many. My deepest condolences to the family. Bill Capie

Bill Capie - January 31, 2023 at 12:11 AM

RI

“ Sharon, we were so sorry to hear about the loss of Kenny! We are praying for strength and peace for you! Keeping you in our thoughts. Love, Dick and Rita

Rita - January 29, 2023 at 03:34 PM

SS

“ Sincerely, Memory Care Home Solutions purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kenneth "Kenny" David Burnett.



Sincerely, Memory Care Home Solutions - January 27, 2023 at 12:20 PM

AR

“ Tanner and Rosemary were my neighbors in Cairo. Praying for your family.



Amy Ronnebeck-Dover - January 26, 2023 at 08:34 PM

RK

“ Kenny and Richard were friends of mine, we grew up in the same neighborhood although both were older than me, they both looked over me like if I were their little Brother.

Richard (Dickie Tom) Kearney

Richard Kearney - January 26, 2023 at 05:30 PM

PJ

*Sharon and family, my heart aches with yours and my prayers and thoughts are with you ! I am just so sorry! Prayers for healing ! 🙏🙏.
Lovingly, Phyllis Joseph*

Phyllis Joseph - January 26, 2023 at 07:12 PM

SS

So sorry to hear this. I worked with Kenny (Smiley) for many years at SIU.. Always in a good mood and a pleasure to be around and his Cairo accent made his stories even funnier, He will be missed by family and friends.. RIP Smiley...

Steve Shappard

Stephen Shappard - January 27, 2023 at 06:29 PM

BH

“ I met Kenny as we were both members on the SIU Credit Union Board of Directors. I appreciated Kenny's contributions and enjoyed his friendship. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to Sharon, his family and friends. 🙏

Barbara Humphrey - January 25, 2023 at 08:57 PM