



## Kenneth R. Roberts

May 11, 1936 - May 16, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Kenneth R. Roberts

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Kenneth R. Roberts, age 89, of Sparta, formerly of Ava, passed away on Friday, May 16, 2025 at the Herrin Hospital.

He was born on May 11, 1936 to Homer and Grace (Ruble) Roberts in Murphysboro, Illinois. On December 27, 1957, he married Carol Chance and they have been together for over 67 years and she survives.

Kenneth retired after 31 years working as a coal miner. He was a proud veteran, having served in the United States Air Force. He loved anything outdoors, but he most especially loved fishing, hunting, and gardening. Kenneth led the Praise and Worship at the Assembly of God Church in Ava.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Cathy Roberts and Lisa Roberts-Alms (John Alms); two granddaughters, Kristin McTavish and Shanna Jeffers; two grandsons, Curtis Forcum and Nicolas Forcum; four great-grandchildren, Paige, Taylor, Lexi, and Curtis, Jr.; five great great-grandchildren, Jeremiah, Skylynn, Kayden, Aria, and Mason; and one brother, Jim (Mary Lou) Roberts.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Robert (Lela) Roberts.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral home with Rev. Tim McIntire officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:30 AM until 11:00 AM at the funeral home.

A private interment will take place at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois and/or the Randolph County Animal Shelter.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 21.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So enjoyed hearing Kenny play his guitar and sing at church.  
Always had a smile and a good word. Precious man of God. We will  
miss him. Larry and Brenda Morse

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**Brenda Morse** - May 24, 2025 at 11:48 AM