



Kenneth Wayne Russell

October 13, 1946 - October 22, 2017

Kenneth Russell left us too soon; he was just 71 years young when he passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Kenny, as he was known to most, was born in Bristol, Tennessee, the son of Clifford and Ruby Alice (Baird) Russell.

Kenny was deeply passionate and caring, which may have accounted for his enlisting in the United State Army, as many Americans, to serve and protect his Country. He was a communication-electronics maintenance and operations chief serving in HHC 5th Sig Bn, 5th Infantry Division. He held the rank of 1st Sergeant. He was awarded the National Defense Service medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3d Oak Leaf Cluster), Overseas Service Bars (4), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon (7). He was very proud of his military service, being an Army Veteran, and protecting and defending freedom in the United States and around the world. He retired from the Army.

However, Kenny was most passionate about his family. He married the love of his life, Connie, on June 14, 1974 in Killeen, Texas. He was a loving and caring husband and father to his two kids, Traci and Todd. He enjoyed all the time he could spend with his family and cherished the joy they gave to him on a daily basis. He was described as being good, kind, giving and always looked out for everybody. Kenny would do anything for you and wanted everybody to

be OK. He loved to fish and hunt and golf and also was a regular face in many a sporting event held at the West Elk School District in Howard, Kansas, and the many friends and relatives who participated in those events will miss his cheering support. Kenny will be most remembered for his love of family, his friendly demeanor as he “made the rounds” of Howard each day, smiling and greeting everyone he met.

Kenny was the husband of Connie, who survives at the home, the loving father of Traci (Jamie) Mull of Howard, Todd (Lisa) Gilmore of Salina, Kansas, brother to Janet Hatmaker of Knoxville, TN, and Thomas Russell of Bristol, TN., brother-in-law to Joyce Nash of Howard, KS, grandfather to Christopher (Bud) and Andrea Mull, Cole Mull, Tori Gilmore and Kaitlyn Gilmore and forever friends of Dave and Karen Dahl of Howard, Kansas. Kenny is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Ruby Russell.

A Graveside Service with Military and Masonic honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 27, 2017 at the Grace Lawn Cemetery in Howard, Kansas with Pastor Darrell Spicer officiating. Memorials in Kenny’s name, in lieu of flowers, have been suggested to the Howard Independent Baptist Church and may be left at or sent to: Countryside Funeral Home, 206 East Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349. Condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Graveside Services

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Howard, KS 67349

Tribute Wall

LC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Kenny's passing we just came from a funeral home from another friend where we were told about his passing. We thought the world of him truly a wonderful man who will be missed terribly. With loving condolences LeRoy and Sheri Call Copan ok.



Leroy and Sheri Call - November 07, 2017 at 08:52 PM

KW

“ Kay Warren lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Russell



Kay Warren - October 26, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Russell.



October 26, 2017 at 09:57 AM

JK

“ It was always nice having Ken come to the Augusta Country Club for our member/guest tournament. I will always remember his smile and happy personality, such a pleasant man. Sorry for your families loss. RIP Kenny.

Jill Keazer - October 26, 2017 at 08:53 AM

JS

“ *Jan Smith lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Russell*



Jan Smith - October 25, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Russell.*



October 25, 2017 at 02:31 PM

RF

“ *Ruth Freeman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Russell*



Ruth Freeman - October 25, 2017 at 01:03 PM

MK

“ *Connie, Todd, and Traci: Wanted to tell you how very hard this has hit me, but I know it doesn't come close to how it has hit you. I considered Ken a very close & personal friend & I also believe his friendship was unconditional.*

God be with all of you as you go through this difficult time. I love you guys. God bless.

M. Keathley - October 24, 2017 at 10:37 PM

Tina
Blackburn

“ *Im so sorry for your loss! Heaven gained a precious angel. I will always remember Kenny's smile and big hugs. I will keep all the wise advise you gave me close to my heart. Till we meet again! Fly high my friend.*



Tina Blackburn - October 24, 2017 at 06:59 PM

SD

“ *Janet & Ken , May God wrap you in his tender care, giving you comfort & peace through Gods grace. Your memories now become your treasure. Prayers for your travel back home.*
Susie Davis

Susie Davis - October 24, 2017 at 05:40 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Thomas, Melanie And Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Russell*



Shirley Thomas, Melanie and family - October 24, 2017 at 02:46 PM

TR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ken was great to work with at B & D. He always had a good joke or story to tell, mostly jokes. God bless and keep you all.*

Teresa (Tull) Ranney - October 24, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *Teresa Baird lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Russell*



Teresa Baird - October 24, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Russell.*



October 24, 2017 at 12:24 PM



“ *Randy Light lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Russell*



Randy Light - October 24, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ *I'm sure everyone who ever met Kenny loved him. I am so sorry he left this world before we were ready. His fun, loving and caring soul will always be a part of my cherished memories.*

Marty & Joanna Hunter - October 24, 2017 at 11:04 AM

LB

“ *Luke & Sharon Blevins lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Russell*



Luke & Sharon Blevins - October 23, 2017 at 09:14 PM

MF

“ *sorry for your loss, our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.*

Meisch Family - October 23, 2017 at 06:48 PM

 Debbie Holdaway

“ *Connie so sorry for your loss. Ken will be fondly remembered and missed by many. I enjoyed my time working with Ken. He ALWAYS had a smile on his face. Prayers and Hugs.*



Debbie Holdaway - October 23, 2017 at 05:37 PM