



## Benjamin Kennedy

January 17, 1952 - May 19, 2021

Benjamin Robert Kennedy, 69, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at his home.

He was born January 17, 1952 in Monticello, Kentucky, the son of Robert Kennedy and Gladys (Franklin) Kennedy Robinson. Benjamin married Ruth Oestreich on March 12, 1977 and she survives in Centralia.

In addition to his wife of 44 years, Ruth Kennedy of Centralia, he is also survived by his four children: Bobby Kennedy of Colorado, Joshua Kennedy and wife Tasha of Centralia, Joseph Kennedy of Centralia, and Rachel Kennedy of Centralia; three grandchildren: Hannah, Conner, and Chase; four brothers and two sisters: Paul Kennedy of Beardstown, John Kennedy and wife Brenda of Rushville, Sharon Steininger and husband Jim of Jacksonville, Christine Bacon and husband Ed of Beardstown, Frank Kennedy and wife Patti of Ramsey, and Kevin Kennedy and wife Margaret of Jacksonville; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Benjamin was preceded in death by his parents, a brother: David Kennedy, and a sister: Cathy Derry.

Benjamin served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing and boating on the pontoon boat. Benjamin also enjoyed doing odd jobs, taking care of his rental properties and traveling with his wife, Ruth. He was a member of the Greenview Christian Church in Centralia and the V.F.W. Post 9233 in Mt. Vernon.

Funeral Services for Benjamin Kennedy will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021

at 1:00 PM at the Greenview Christian Church in Centralia with Pastor Wesley Miller officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia with Military Honors accorded by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and the Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Memorial donations may be to the V.F.W. Post 9233 in Mt. Vernon and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3532, who is honored to be of service to the Kennedy Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Greenview Christian Church

## Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM.

Greenview Christian Church

# Tribute Wall



“ Josh and family, My condolences on the passing of your Dad. May you cherish your memories with him.

*Kelli (Lange) Kramer*

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**Kelli Kramer** - June 20, 2021 at 01:33 AM

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“ Josh, I'm so sorry to hear about you and your family's loss. I hope that you're okay.

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**Chris Holloway** - May 20, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ Sending love and prayers..I remember sitting at the table sharing a homemade stew Ben cooked as he shared a story. He was sitting in Church service with Dylan. Dylan pointed to the cross and told Ben , I want to go talk to the man on the TAfter a minute or two Ben realized Dylan wanted to go to the altar to talk with Jesus Dylan gave his life to christ and Ben said The verse Let the children come to me.I loved that memory. I will miss you my brother in Christ. My condolences to the family.

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**Cindy Willis** - May 19, 2021 at 10:46 PM