



Kenneth Barrow

February 4, 1948 - April 28, 2025

Kenneth Elroy Barrow, a beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2025, at the age of 77.

He was born on February 4, 1948, in Paris, Tennessee, son of Elroy and Mary Evelyn Barrow.

Kenneth is survived by his three loving daughters: De'Anna Barrow of St. Peters, Missouri, Anita "Nina" Burnes and her husband Brett of Dix, and Kendra Johnson and her husband Troy of Centralia. He was a proud grandfather to Adra Burnes, Nobel Burnes and his wife Elizabeth, Emmett Burnes and his wife Makayla, Elroy Burnes and his wife Jessica, Iris Johnson, Ivy Johnson, Sue Johnson, Solomon Johnson, Cedar Johnson, and Clay Johnson. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren Malakhi, Aiyla, Millie, and one on the way, all of whom brought him immense joy in his later years;

Kenneth is also survived by his devoted sisters: Jane Friend of Centralia, Kay Tinsley and her husband Bob of Centralia, Sherri Lowery and her husband Dave of Centralia, Joyce Hart and her husband David of Woodlawn, Nancy Simpson and her husband Randy of Centralia, Cindy Barrow of Centralia, and Kim Moss and her husband Keith of New Memphis; several nieces and nephews; special family friends: Michelle Hennemann and JoAnn Barrow.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elroy and Mary Evelyn Barrow, infant twins: a brother and a sister, his brother-in-law, Jerry Friend, a nephew: Ryan Conroy, and longtime friend, Mike Williams.

Kenneth proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army and later dedicated his professional life to the field of construction. Throughout his life, he remained passionate about his work and was known for his unwavering work ethic and craftsmanship.

A man with a zest for life, Kenneth was an avid fan of cards and bocce ball, always ready for a friendly game. For many years, he was a girls' softball coach, where he taught many of the women in Centralia how to play. He was known for his humor and fondly gave nicknames to his family friends. Roger Downen along with his Wednesday night crew will deeply miss his camaraderie. Kenneth Barrow's memory will forever remain in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who knew him. His legacy of love, laughter, and kindness will continue to inspire those who were fortunate to be a part of his life.

Per his wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 12:00-2:00pm with Words of Tribute at 12:30 pm at the Locust Street Pub 824 S Locust St. Centralia, IL 62801. If anyone has a story about Kenny and would like to share it at the Words of Tribute, the family would be grateful. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the grandchildren's education fund, checks payable to Kendra Johnson, and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Kenneth's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com at the Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Locust Street Pub
824 South Locust Street
Centralia, IL 62801-4530

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Locust Street Pub
824 South Locust Street
Centralia, IL 62801-4530

Tribute Wall

ND

“ *Nallo Hinojosa and daughters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Barrow.* ”



Nallo Hinojosa and daughters - June 05, 2025 at 05:19 PM

SD

“ *Nina, I'm so sorry for your loss. Keep you and your family in my prayers* ”



Stephanie Daniels - May 25, 2025 at 07:04 AM

GM

“ *Nina, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you with strength and love during this time.* ”



Glenda McKnight - May 23, 2025 at 05:18 PM

PB

“ *My heart goes out to Kenny and his family and friends. May God keep you all in the palm of His hand during this time of sorrow.* ”



Patricia Bost-Blake - May 06, 2025 at 11:38 PM

NS

“ Sincere sympathy to the family of Kenny, saw his daughter Kendra and JoAnn often when attended bible study at JoAnns several yrs ago. Norma Smith

Norma Smith - May 01, 2025 at 10:50 PM

PD

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May your memories bring you comfort.

Pam DeMaris - May 01, 2025 at 04:46 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear of this. We talked in Walmart a few months ago and his first words were a story about Gail. Now they can sit and talk all day. May he RIP and hope he tells Gail I still think about him constantly.

Karen Campbell - May 01, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LG

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.

Lora Grose - May 01, 2025 at 05:32 AM

MB

“ He will always be in my thoughts loved his quick jokes and even quicker smile prayers for his family

Michael Barrow - April 30, 2025 at 10:38 PM