



Kenneth Michael

September 1, 1937 - November 14, 2021

Kenneth Ray Michael passed away Sunday November 14th, 2021 at Fireside House of Centralia, IL at the age of 84. He was born Sept 1, 1937, the son of James Clifford Michael and Ruby Russell in rural Marion County, Illinois. He is survived by two sisters, Donna Jones and husband Bill of Knoxville, TN, Marla Southers and husband Kent of Collinsville, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Charles Clayton Michael and Gary Michael.

He was married to Anita Queen for 62 years and together they had two daughters, Katherine Niepoetter and husband Jeff of Centralia, IL and Michele Brown who resides with her husband Chris in Tullahoma, TN. Grandchildren are Jason Niepoetter and wife Heather of Centralia, Jonathan Niepoetter and special friend Melissa O'Connor of Centralia, Megan Ferrell and husband William of Tullahoma, TN, and Jennifer Jones of Tullahoma, one great-granddaughter, Isabell Ferrell and many nieces and nephews.

Kenneth was a workhorse starting in the oil fields in Taylorville, IL then working many years at Ray Packing company in Centralia until its closing. He and Anita were then owner-operators of Kendall Cleaners until his retirement. He loved woodworking and spent many hours in his workshop creating many family heirlooms, grandfather clocks, furniture, and cradles and toys for his grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the Zion Hill Baptist Church in Centralia. Burial will follow at the Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Centralia. Visitation will be held Thursday morning from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Judes Children's Research Hospital or the Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery Fund 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 the Michael Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
2003 Zion Hill Rd
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JY

“ *Marla Southers and Kathy Niepotter are special ladies that I met through our love of Quilting. I am so sorry for your loss, may God be with you and give you added strength to get through this difficult time. Prayers to you, the family and loved ones.* ❤️🙏❤️

June Yann - November 17, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Michael.*



November 17, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Michael.*



November 16, 2021 at 09:16 PM

BT

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm glad I had to opportunity to enjoy some family breakfasts with him and family.*

Betty Teague - November 15, 2021 at 09:40 PM

GS

Kenneth was a loving family man. He was a history buff on WW2 and I enjoyed his knowledge of it. Sorry for the family loss.

George Sands - November 15, 2021 at 10:45 PM

DS

hi marla, i knew ken a little while he worked at ray packing, always liked him a good man. sad to loose a family member.. best wishes for you and family.

DALE R SANDS - November 20, 2021 at 11:49 AM

MA

Thank you, Dale, I just saw this just now. He was a good man.

Marla - January 04, 2025 at 09:34 PM