



Kenneth Burnham

September 30, 1924 - March 25, 2015

Kenneth F. Burnham, 90 of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, March 25th at Presence St. Mary's Hospital. He was born September 30, 1924 in Benton, Kentucky to Ben and Vergie (Rushing) Burnham. Ken married Irma Nelson April 13, 1963 in Mississippi. From 1963 to 1977 he was a mechanic and ran the Sunoco, Sinclair, Freeway and Clark gas stations in Kankakee. He also worked as a maintenance man at St. Mary's Hospital. Ken is survived by his wife Irma of Kankakee, two sons; Bill Burnham of Metropolis, IL and Norman Burnham of Kankakee, and three daughters; Barbara and Raymond Anderson of Metropolis, IL, Janet and Sam Ballard of Metropolis, IL and Jo-Etta Kamp of Gravette, Arkansas. Also surviving are his sisters; Thelma McNickles of Metropolis, IL, Lena and Roy Henderson of Riverside, CA, Ellen and Lindolph Craft of Sameth, IL, Vera Burnham of New Hampshire and his brother; Gerald and Sue Burnham of Riverside, California, ten grandchildren and a special granddaughter Lisa Burnham Fairfield that he raised from an infant. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, one son Jerry and three sisters; Evelyn Stewart, Averil Croft and Arvella Burnham. A graveside service will be Tuesday March 31 at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Aroma Twp, IL. Memorials may be made to the family or Donors choice. Please visit www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com to sign her guest book.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Burnham*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Thank you for all the love you Made me fell like your second granddaughter I miss you more then my own grandpa and I always be there for lisa*

kerry wintrode - April 04, 2015 at 02:13 AM



“ *Grandpa, I'll never forget the summer vacations that my sisters and I got to spend with you and Grandma. We always got so excited when we knew we got to go visit you both. The times that the 2 of you would drive to Newton just to see me or the many phone calls you made just to check on me and make sure I was ok. That meant so much to me and let me know how much you loved me. You were a great man and I'm so proud to say that you were my Grandpa. I love you and will miss you so much.*

Keith Anderson - April 01, 2015 at 11:27 PM

AB

“ Papa Kenneth, I feel honored to be called your great granddaughter. I'm reminded of you everytime I look in th mirror and see your nose. I feel comforted knowing in heaven I another angle in the sky watching over me and the family. I also want to say a big thank you for all the cards, flowers and food from all our family and friends!! The support and love has overwhelmed my nana in this time of sorrow for her, and for that I couldn't be more thankful. A special thanks to Francis for your unconditional friendship to my nana. Right after this happened, my nana said all she had was me and papa... thank you all for showing her she has some much more. Tasha, I'm so sorry I missed seeing you, as well as lisa, Norman and Deloris. You are all in my prayers. Love you all.

Autumn Ballard - March 31, 2015 at 11:56 PM

PS

“ My Prayers and Love are with the family. I have so many wonderful memories of growing up with Uncle Ken around teasing and always having a fun time together. When Uncle was trucking across country I remember when my late husband Bryant would meet with Uncle Ken and have some nice visits together. Always had so much fun when he lived in California and just 2 block away from us and out family times together with Barbara and I spending many nights together and Uncle Ken and my dad would always be talking about times growing up on the farm. I will miss you Uncle Ken and so happy to have seen you last year. Have a wonderful time in heaven with family till we meet again. Love Phyllis Diane

Phyllis Diane (Burnham) Smith - March 29, 2015 at 11:16 PM

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“ My prayers are with the family.. You were a wonderful man and will be missed by many. Enjoyed the times we were able to come back and visit. Your memories will forever be in our hearts.. Love you Debbie

Debbie Shelby (Smith) - March 29, 2015 at 03:05 PM

LW

“ I will forever miss you as I remember fondly my childhood summers spent with you, Grandma, and family. We always looked so forward to coming to see you! I love you beyond measure! You were the best!

Lori Wilkins - March 29, 2015 at 02:06 PM

PD

“ I was blessed beyond measure with the Grandparents that God gave to me. You were just one of those many blessings and I am thankful to have had you as a part of my life. I Love you Grandpa and will miss you.

Patricia Dry - March 29, 2015 at 01:44 PM

BA

“ God always gives us the best but then when it is time He takes them back to be with Him. Dad we all love you and will miss you.

Barbara Anderson - March 29, 2015 at 12:48 PM

DB

“ will be missed by all that know him

david ballard - March 29, 2015 at 08:09 AM

JB

“ *We love you daddy, Jan,sam and Autumn.*

Janet Ballard - March 28, 2015 at 07:56 PM

LF

“ *Best Papa ever*

lisa Fairfield - March 28, 2015 at 03:52 PM