



Kenneth E. Franklin

November 1, 1926 - July 29, 2017

Kenneth E. Franklin, age 90, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center emergency room.

He was born November 1, 1926 in Bellflower, Illinois to Lawrence and Vorda A. Polson Franklin. On June 16, 1962, Kenneth married Alice Carlson in Joliet, IL.

Ken retired from General Foods in 1984. He loved all sports, coached Little League baseball and Bradley Lions Football, was an avid gardener, and enjoyed camping and fishing. Ken especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

A veteran of the United States Army, he was a member of the Bradley American Legion and the Bradley VFW.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Franklin of Kankakee; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Michael Lubben of Crescent City, David and Mary Franklin of Crown Point, IN; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth and Bill West of Kankakee, Debbie and David Hanson of Bourbonnais, and Jill Randles of Bourbonnais; eleven grandchildren, Amy (Terry) O'Hara, Bill West, Jr, Curry, Hannah, and Scarlett Franklin, Jenna Bodie, Andrea and Colin Hanson, Tom Prankus, Madyson and Mallory Randles; four great grandchildren, Erika (Kyle) Smith, Kayli, T.J., and Abbey O'Hara; and two great-great grandchildren, Tate Smith and Natalie Tryban.

Kenneth is also survived by four sisters and two brothers in law, Helen Spenard of Paxton, Barbara and Delmar Beitz of Bloomington, IL, Ruth Ruyle

of Bourbonnais, Joanne and Darrell Baylor of Fisher, IL; three Brothers, Floyd Franklin of Bourbonnais, Junior and Lana Franklin of Fisher, IL, and Bobby and Barbara Franklin of Rantoul, IL.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and three sisters

Visitation will be held 11:00am until services begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 2, 2017 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bradley. Pastor Julie Smith will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno.

Interment will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church
500 N. Cleveland
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 933-7932
<http://www.bradleywesley.org/>

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church
500 N. Cleveland
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 933-7932
<http://www.bradleywesley.org/>

Tribute Wall

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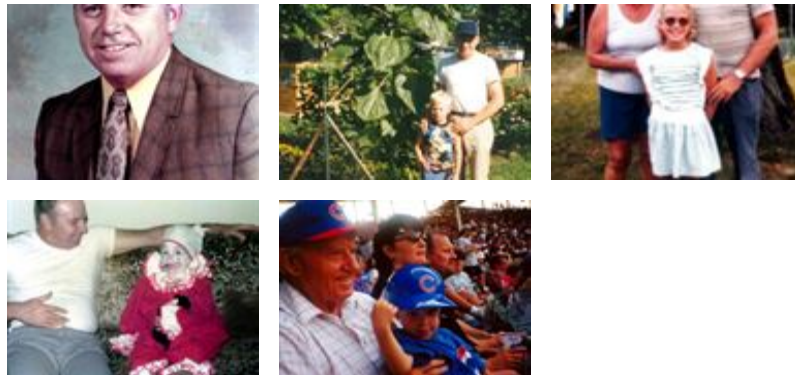
“ Alice and Family: I was so sorry to hear of Ken's passing! You all have my deepest sympathy! I don't take the paper and just found out about it. Ken was such a nice man! He will be greatly missed!

Linda Lamb

Linda Lamb - August 06, 2017 at 09:32 AM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - August 01, 2017 at 10:11 AM

TT

“ Debbie n family, I am so sorry for your loss♥ and am sending my deepest sympathy.

Tracy Tatro-Saxsma - July 31, 2017 at 09:30 PM

DH

Thank you so much Tracy. It means a lot to me♥

Debbie Hanson - August 01, 2017 at 10:30 PM

DS

“ I am so grateful I was able to see and visit with Uncle Kenneth this past June. He was dressed so dapper and had a huge smile on his face.

My sincere, heartfelt condolences to Aunt Alice, Ruthie, Debbie, David, Jill and all the other family members. I will be with you in Spirit on Wednesday. 😇❤️🙏



Dusty Spitler - July 31, 2017 at 07:26 PM

JG

Jim and I are saddened to hear this news. Remembering the good times and fun from the days of General Foods and other times. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace good friend. Jackie and Jim Geary

Jacqueline Geary - August 01, 2017 at 05:07 PM