



Kenneth R. Brooks

March 21, 1930 - October 10, 2016

Kenneth Russell Brooks, 86, of Ludington, died peacefully on Monday, October 10, 2016 at Willowbrook Care Home in Scottville. Kenneth was born March 21, 1930 in Richland County (Olney), Illinois the son of Alva and Edna (Winans) Brooks, and graduated from Olney High School with the class of 1949. On August 8, 1949 he married his high school sweetheart Nancy Ann Kesler in Olney and they celebrated 65 blessed years together.

Kenneth loved being a father and grandfather. He was always quick to bring a smile with a humorous story or joke. He and Nancy enjoyed visiting with family in Olney, IL and spending time with friends in Ludington and Albion, MI. He was passionate about fishing, hunting and following college sports. His career in the oil industry began with Baker Oil Tools (Baker-Hughes) in Olney, IL, Perryton, TX and Albion, MI. He later became supervisor over the brine well operation at Dow Chemical Company in Ludington, MI where he retired.

Kenneth was a member of Community Church in Ludington. In their retirement, he and Nancy cherished their time together traveling to Florida, Texas and Arizona. It is with joy and sadness we say good-bye. He now joins his parents, his wife Nancy, daughter Deborah Ann Sales, brothers and sisters Charles, Evelyn, Flossie, Mabel, Alva, Walter, Mildred, William, and Jimmy Lee; and brother-in-law Richard Kesler along with many others who have been anxiously awaiting his arrival in heaven.

Kenneth will be greatly missed by his children Dennis Brooks of Allegan, Michael (Mary) Brooks of Ventura, CA, Douglas (Candice) Brooks of Truckee, CA, and Kendra (Tim) Gibson of Ludington, his son-in-law Barney Sales of Argyle, TX; his beloved grandchildren Ken and Lara Brooks, Mary Komejan, Kendra Sales (David) Tabor, Amanda Sales (Paul) Wilson, Samantha and Hanna Gibson, Adam and Dylan Brooks; his precious great-grand children Stella and Aaron Tabor, Molly, Mathew and Mikey Wilson, and Eleanor Komejan; his brother Robert Brooks of Olney, IL, his sisters Eugenia Cantwell of Olney, and Mary Stewart of Ferndale, WA; his sister-in-law Evelyn Kesler of Champagne-Urbana, IL ; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held for Kenneth at 11:00 am on Wednesday, October 19th at Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington with Pastor Mik Sutton officiating. Those who wish to remember Kenneth with a memorial donation are asked to consider Community Church in Ludington.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Cemetery

800 N. Lakeshore Drive
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy. We fondly remember our trip to Yellowstone National Park with the family and the many trips to Olney, IL for Thanksgiving. Kenny and Nancy were so welcoming when they hosted the Brooks Family Reunion in Ludington. Our mom and dad thought the world of both Kenny and Nancy, but most of all, Dad idolized Kenny. I still have the walking stick that Uncle Kenny made and gave to Dad - it brings a smile whenever I look at it. May you find comfort in all of your happy memories. Sue, Don, Cathy, Chuck and Bill Jr., children of William 'Bill' and Wanda Brooks

Sue Brooks Tracy - October 13, 2016 at 10:57 PM

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Thanks Sue. That reunion was pretty special...all 12 together! Thanks for sharing your memories. My mom and dad loved AZ. He enjoyed making those sticks and giving them as gifts. Hugs to all of you. xo

Kendra Brooks Gibson - October 16, 2016 at 08:34 PM

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Our thoughts, love and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Kenny was a special brother to all of us. He was handsome, thoughtful and witty and loved playing jokes on us when we were small. When he was 16 he bought a car and he loved to take us over the 7 hills north of Olney at a high rate of speed. When we hit bottom (7 times) our stomachs were in our mouths but what fun we had!! There were no televisions or computers when we were young so we played a lot of card games. I (Mary) was quite small but they taught me how to play. He loved hunting and fishing and later in life he would come down to Olney and he and brother Bob would go hunting. They were close and I know that Bob is missing him. He and Nancy visited us several times on their trips west and we would enjoy a meal together and talk about old times. We met them, Michael and Douglas in a restaurant in Beverly Hills when we lived in California and it was there that we discussed having a family reunion that took place in Ludington in 1984. It was a reunion like no others!!! Sadly missed by brother Bob and sisters Jeanie and Mary.

Mary Stewart - October 17, 2016 at 04:25 PM