



Kenneth Ray Wenger

December 31, 1934 - May 4, 2018

Kenneth Ray Wenger, 83, Osceola, formerly of Wakarusa, died 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2018 at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. He was born December 31, 1934 in Wakarusa to Charles O. and Goldie (Weldy) Wenger. On June 13, 1954, Kenny married Patricia (Dickson) Wenger.

Surviving is a wife, Patricia, Osceola, children, Bonnie (Duane) Kirish, Canyon Lake, California, Lonnie (Teresa) Wenger, Shelbyville, Tennessee, Laurie (Jonathan) Beck, South Bend, siblings, Helen Alexander, Banning, California, Vada Blosser, Wakarusa, David (Marlene) Wenger, Elkhart, Phyllis (Larry) Stauffer, Goshen, Larry (Terry) Wenger, Surprise, Arizona, grandchildren, Andrea (Mark) Lee, Benjamin (Elaine) Kirish, Christopher (Brianna) Kirish, Philip Wenger, Tadd Wenger, Ryan (Sarah) Wenger, Justin Wenger, Emily Beck, Amy (Michael) Lape, Amanda Beck, and 15 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents, a son, Ronald Wenger, a grandson, Joshua Wenger, siblings, Fay Yoder, Myrtle Kehr, Leota Yoder, Lester Wenger, Charles "Chuck" Wenger, and Doris Nunemaker.

Kenny worked in the RV industry all his life until retirement. He was passionate about helping others restore health through Shaklee's nutritional program and was a business leader for many years. Kenny was a member of Apostolic Temple Church, South Bend, where he served as a boys group leader and usher for many years. He loved fishing in the surf and playing basketball with the church basketball league. His favorite activity was spending time with his family and friends.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, 117 W. Waterford St., Wakarusa, and one hour prior to the 1 p.m. service, Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at Apostolic Temple Church, 2221 S. Ironwood Dr., South Bend. Pastor Christopher Rowe will officiate. Burial will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 10776 McKinley Hwy, Osceola.

Online condolences may be sent at www.rrefh.com

Cemetery

**Chapel Hill Memorial
Gardens**

Osceola, IN,

Events

MAY 8 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Homes
117 W Waterford Street, Wakarusa, IN, US, 46573

MAY 9 Funeral Service 01:00PM

Apostolic Temple Church
2221 S. Ironwood Drive, South Bend, IN, US,
46613

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes - May 08, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Wenger.



May 09, 2018 at 07:09 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Wenger.



May 08, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ I remember one day him and my grandpa Jim were out doing something together. I had run out of gas and managed to get ahold of them. They came out, filled my tank and Grandpa Wenger made sure to put one of those small 2 gallon gas tanks in the trunk, "in case you ever need it again."

Shauntell Jayme - May 08, 2018 at 12:59 AM



“ I will always remember how wonderful Kenny was to his grandchildren and ours. The children and grandchildren were so fortunate to have two grandfathers to help them whenever they needed it. After Grandpa Jim died, Kenny had double the burden, and he continued helping the children, picking them up, going to their programs, etc., and always being there for them. He was a kind man, and all of us will never forget him. We will meet him in Heaven.

Gramma Beck - May 07, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ There are so many memories I have of my Grandfather. I can't even count how many times he took me for a walk in the woods, or for ice cream, or to go fishing. I have so many memories of my Grandpa at so many different places and events in my life. And that was one of the greatest things about my Grandpa, he was always there. If it involved family or church Grandpa was there. No matter what, no matter how far away, no matter the cost Grandpa was there. Whether that be someone getting married in California or a church prayer meeting on New Year's Eve Grandpa was there.

I cannot ever think of a time growing up when my Grandpa was too tired to play with me, too tired to go for a walk in the woods, or too tired to take me fishing. Anything we asked of Grandpa, he came through. Kenneth Wenger was a man who did not think of himself. He thought only of others and most importantly of pleasing God. I remember several times that I was with him driving in a car or out and about somewhere and I would hear him saying in a low whisper "Praise Jesus." He would say it often and he would always say it 3-5 times when he did. I never mentioned I heard him do it because I didn't know if even wanted anyone to notice. But I did notice it and I'll never forget it. I never knew what caused him to do it but has impacted me in such a way that often today when I'm in awe of God's creation or thankful for something God has done I whisper those two words I've heard him say so many times.

One of my favorite memories of my Grandpa was how much he loved to tease. One of my favorite memories of this was a long time ago when I was a teenager. I had woke up around 5 am to go fishing with my Grandpa. We had finished eating a quick breakfast and were now downstairs in the basement to prep our fishing poles when I hear a yell from upstairs from my Grandma. She was shouting at the top of her lungs asking Grandpa to go and pick some beans from the garden before he took me fishing. My Grandpa then smiles, winks at me, and yells back "What's that Patricia? I couldn't hear you." I smiled. My Grandma then elevated her voice even louder saying, "I said," and then repeated the same request. My Grandpa to my shock and amazement had the audacity to then say, "Now Pat, you're gonna just have to come down here I can't hear a word you're saying." He then chuckled and playfully patted me on the shoulder. My grandma then came all the way down to the basement saying "Christopher your Grandpa is just half-deaf these days. He can't hear a thing." He winked at me. Grandma, I can now admit that Grandpa's hearing wasn't as bad as his desire tease the people he loved the most. I then watched my Grandpa go out and pick every one of those beans before we went fishing. It was a powerful display of how much he loved my Grandma. He absolutely adored her and served her wholeheartedly. Thanks for setting such a great example for us to follow Grandpa. I love you and will never forget you.



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Wenger.



May 07, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Wenger.



May 06, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Wenger.



May 05, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Wenger.



May 05, 2018 at 05:35 PM