



Kenneth Cantrell

August 7, 1947 - October 16, 2024

Kenneth Edward Cantrell, Sr. (Ken or Kenny, to his friends), 77, of Cape Girardeau died October 16, 2024, at his home surrounded by family.

Kenny was born August 7, 1947, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Clarence and Mary Cantrell. He grew up in and eventually ran a business based initially out of Salcedo, Missouri, graduated high school in Sikeston, Missouri, and moved to Cape Girardeau when he attended Southeast Missouri State University.

Kenny was a member of La Croix Church in Cape Girardeau.

Kenny married his best friend, Teresa Diane Street "Diane", Aug. 30, 1969. Diane died in March 2007 due to breast cancer and Kenny was fortunate enough to marry the second love of his life, Melanie Konemann in 2008.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Melanie; two sons, Kenneth Cantrell Jr. and Matthew Cantrell; a sister, Glenda Ehrmann; a near-sister sister-in-law Claire Campbell; and five grandchildren, Nicole, Madeline, Gabriel, Griffin and Lauren.

Visitation will be held 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at noon on Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Ron Watts officiating.

Kenny will be cremated, but a private graveside service for family will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Gideons <https://gideons.org/donate>

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melanie - so sorry to learn of your loss. Prayers for you and the family. - Mary Vickery*

Mary Vickery - October 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Cantrell.*



October 18, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ *David & Diana Cooper and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Cantrell.*

David & Diana Cooper and Family - October 18, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Cantrell.*



October 18, 2024 at 09:34 AM

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“ The Aldridge’s, Farmer’s, and Nyberg’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Cantrell.

The Aldridge’s, Farmer’s, and Nyberg’s - October 18, 2024 at 09:34 AM

TW

“ I remember the fun Engineering Department picnics when Kenny would get out his golf clubs and drive golf balls out into the woods! Haha.
It was nice to get to know you....RIP.
Thomas Wiesner

Thomas Wiesner - October 18, 2024 at 07:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Cantrell.



October 17, 2024 at 12:28 PM

JJ

“ About 10-12 years ago, my wife was recovering from shoulder surgery. It was a few days after and she was craving a pizza. I had been uncomfortable leaving her alone, but decided a few minutes to pick up the pizza would be OK. About half way there, I realized one of my rear tires had gone flat. I pulled over to change the tire and discovered the wheel was locked, and I didn't have a key. I also needed to get back to my wife, so I called a friend, who lived a couple of blocks away and he said sure, but I'm out hunting with Kenny. We'll be right there. So, after what seemed like forever, but was only minutes, Kenny and the callee arrived, chuckling at my inability to change a flat tire. Of course, neither of them could do it either, because it was locked-by the Germans. I was hoping for just a ride back home but, Kenny said, "Come on. Let's go get Susie's pizza!" We had to rearrange several well used shotguns for me to set in the truck with them, we sped to Pagliai's and delivered the pizza. The tire was eventually changed, but not by Kenny or I.

John Russell Felker, JR - October 17, 2024 at 09:15 AM