



## Kenneth Schirmer

September 13, 1960 - December 11, 2024

Kenny "BIGFOOT" Schirmer 9/13/60 (Age 64)

Kenny was the definition of big. 7ft tall—you couldn't miss him! He was big in the way he told a story with so much animation. He laughed big with knee slapping that shook the room. He wrote big and bold with his black felt tipped marker (inside joke). Heck, he was even approached to be a professional wrestler at one point. However, he opted to be a truck driver and what an adventure it has been for the entire family!

Speaking of big, his work ethic was HUGE. He loved his Peterbilt—he fit in that truck like a glove. He lived to provide for and to protect his family. He died doing what he loved—driving that truck. Most importantly, he loved his family the biggest! He loved his wife Tina with his whole heart. He was a gentle giant and had the biggest heart (literally and figuratively). He passed his height & work ethic traits down to his two children who he was SO proud of. He adored his grandkids always offering out his big hand for a high five. He loved BIG!

Kenny was born and raised in Altenburg. He and Tina moved to Cape Girardeau eight years ago. On Wednesday evening December 11, 2024 Tina received the call that no trucker's wife wants to receive—"your husband was in a tragic accident". He passed away a few hours later at Mercy St. Louis.

He is survived by his loving wife Tina of 42 years, their two new puppies Max & Maddie (16 weeks), daughter MaKenzie LaRose (Ryan), son Colin Schirmer (Rachel), grandchildren MaKenna LaRose (7), Maddox LaRose (1.5), parents Clarence and Vivian Schirmer of Altenburg, siblings Carolyn Schirmer, Lori Johnson (Raymond), Lois Bader, Neal Schirmer (Michelle), nieces and nephews Lorelee King (Alex), John Bader (Tori), Carley Schirmer, Myles McClure, and Maya McClure.

He is also survived by his in-laws Jim and Joyce Regelsperger and sister in law Michelle McClure-Borgfield (Glen).

Proceeded in death by grandparents Rudolph (Rudy) & Alma Schirmer, Henry & Erna Kassel, the loss of pregnancy (grandchild), and many former pets most recently the beloved Murphy (14).

We know one thing is for sure, Bigfoot and Hambone (Gary Weinhold) are sitting around telling trucking stories in heaven. He has also probably caught up with Petey Lueders, and now is really "living the dream". Rest in peace, we love you, and your memories/stories will leave a legacy in our family.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at Ford & Young East Perry Chapel in Altenburg.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Thursday, December 19, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Altenburg with the Rev. Rod Benkendorf officiating.

Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Altenburg.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery - Altenburg

Altenburg, MO 63732

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young East Perry Chapel  
7961 E. Main St.  
Altenburg, MO 63732

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
57 Church St.  
Altenburg, MO 63732

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Thinking of you at this difficult time. God’s strength and blessings. Marie and Charlie Gerler

marie gerler - December 19, 2024 at 09:42 AM

AT

“ Alex & Lorelee, John & Tori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Schirmer.

Alex & Lorelee, John & Tori - December 18, 2024 at 01:23 PM

AT

“ Alex & Lorelee, John & Tori purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kenneth Schirmer.



Alex & Lorelee, John & Tori - December 18, 2024 at 01:23 PM

FE

“ Fred Engemann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Schirmer.



Fred Engemann - December 18, 2024 at 12:02 PM

FE

“ Fred Engemann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Schirmer.

Fred Engemann - December 18, 2024 at 12:02 PM

AR

“ Angela Runnels lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Schirmer



Angela Runnels - December 18, 2024 at 08:34 AM

AR

“ Angie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Schirmer.

Angie R. - December 18, 2024 at 08:32 AM

NB

“ Dear Tina, my sincerest condolences to you and your family. Sending my deepest wishes for strength, comfort and healing. Holding you and your family in the light. In sympathy and love- Your cousin, Nancy



Nancy Regelsperger Board - December 17, 2024 at 11:12 PM

SS

“ Sandy and Greg Smalley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth Schirmer.



Sandy and Greg Smalley - December 17, 2024 at 10:08 PM

LL

“ My condolences to the Schirmer family. My father (Norbert Kuehnert) was friends with the family for many years and grew up in Altenberg.

Liz (Kuehnert) Lowry - December 17, 2024 at 01:42 PM

WG

“ Whitnie and Gabe Galati planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Schirmer.

Whitnie and Gabe Galati - December 17, 2024 at 01:23 PM

WG

“ Whitnie and Gabe Galati purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Schirmer.



Whitnie and Gabe Galati - December 17, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Schirmer.

December 15, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Schirmer.*



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December 15, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ *Kenny was always a happy guy, a lot of fun. he will be sadly missed.*  
*Paul Buerck*

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**Paul Buerck** - December 14, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ *Kenny shared a lot of stories about his adventures on the road. I remember the “Half the Load “ story. No point in telling it. Kenny just made life funny.*

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**Steve Huffman** - December 14, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *Your IWA girls purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Schirmer.*



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**Your IWA girls** - December 14, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sure will miss my friend Tall Man out here on the road, I know I’m not the only one. There are a lot of truckers out here that will miss him.*

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**Leo Seiling- S&S Livestock Carriers** - December 14, 2024 at 09:33 AM

LS

“ Leo S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Schirmer.

Leo S. - December 14, 2024 at 09:30 AM

RB

“ I had many laughing sessions with Kenny when he would come in Cape Tractor Trailer. He was good man and friend. May God wrap his arm's around you and his family. So sorry

Roy Blankenship - December 14, 2024 at 04:24 AM

RC

“ 42. Happy trails Bigfoot. I'll catch you on the other end. I'm backen out.

rocken chair - December 14, 2024 at 03:29 AM

D(

“ I was in Kenny and Tina's wedding. We all use to ride around in his car listening to Lynyrd Skynyrd and going to parties on the bridges. Yes, he a funny man! One time I rode to East St. Louis with Kenny and Tina to drop off hogs up there and as we were getting ready to get the hogs out of his truck, he says hey Diana hold this stick for me, so as I grabbed it, it shocked me, and Kenny started laughing so hard as I was screaming, because it hurt. Finally, he told me it was the hog prode and that was used to get the hogs out of the trailer of the truck. He was also so kind to everyone and loved Tina so dearly! I will miss him, but will remember all the fun times I had with Tina and him. I am praying for Tina and the whole family. 🙏❤️❤️

Diana Ables (Pecaut) - December 13, 2024 at 10:45 PM

BG

*You will be dearly missed my friend. See you on the other side.*

**Bruce Graham** - December 14, 2024 at 07:21 AM

SL

*We are so sad to hear this. May you be comforted in knowing so many are supporting you because of your loving Kenny!  
Devon and Sandy Lark*

**sandy Lark** - December 14, 2024 at 10:40 PM

LM

“ *Such a beautiful memorial. I never met him, but it sounds as if to know him is to love him. Tina, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending ❤️, hugs and 🙏 to you and your family.*

**Lisa Moore** - December 13, 2024 at 09:27 PM

MB

“ *Sorry for your loss. 🙏*

**Mark Brown** - December 13, 2024 at 07:28 PM

AM

“ *AJ and Cierra Maiuro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Schirmer.*

**AJ and Cierra Maiuro** - December 13, 2024 at 07:20 PM

AM

“ *AJ and Cierra Maiuro purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Schirmer.*



**AJ and Cierra Maiuro** - December 13, 2024 at 07:20 PM

CP

“ We are thinking of Kenny and you all in these very difficult times. So many wonderful memories from so long ago. Time may get away from us, just remember love that big doesn't.

Christina Pohlman - December 13, 2024 at 05:01 PM

TW

sorry for your loss

Terry Werner - December 15, 2024 at 10:03 AM

LH

My thoughts, symapthy and prayers from afar are with the entire Kenneth Schirmer family at this time of tragic loss

Leon Holt - December 18, 2024 at 10:51 AM

TL

A gentle giant, whose voice and laughter were uplifting bringing a smile. My deepest sympathy to the whole family. I have many fond memories which brings me joy, growing up in Perry County. Thank you all for embracing me as a friend!  
God Bless and be with you all always, Tammy Leimbach

Tammy Leimbach - December 20, 2024 at 01:16 PM