



## Ken Franklin

July 27, 1942 - September 28, 2020

Ken Franklin, age 78 of East Peoria, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2020 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago from complications from surgery.

He was born to John W. and Vivian G. (Gorrell) Franklin on July 27, 1942 in Peoria. He married Virginia Bowman on June 7, 1964 in East Peoria.

He worked at Central Illinois Light Co. for 33 ½ years.

Ken was a great lover of sports and he loved to fish with his brother and friends. He was a member of Peoria Skeet & Trap Club on Spring Bay Road in East Peoria. He also enjoyed duck hunting with his brother. Ken was loved very much by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and son Bryan Franklin.

Ken is survived by his wife Virginia of East Peoria; one son Troy (Michelle) Franklin; one grandson Trevor Franklin; two granddaughters, Brooke and Heather Franklin; two great-grandsons, Noah and Jack; and two brothers, Gerry (Jan) Franklin and Ron (Marilyn) Franklin.

A memorial visitation will be held at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services on Monday, October 5, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peoria Skeet & Trap Club or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements and condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **5**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ken Franklin*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Our privilege knowing Kenny.  
Ray & Virgie Snyder*

**Ray & Virgie Snyder** - October 08, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Gene Gorrell purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Ken Franklin.*



**Gene Gorrell** - October 05, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *Loved Kenny. He was essentially an uncle (he was my dad's cousin, so to me, more of an uncle). Fished with him in Canada twice. Also, the story where my uncle Paul was driving, Kenny was in the middle and my dad was by the passenger window, all in the front seat of "Uncle Rollie's" car, chewing his tobacco after attending a church chilli supper is classic. After a while, "Where are you spitting, Kenny?!" "Uh, I'm just swallowing my spit, I'm fine." Minutes later, "Pull over! Pull over!". Chilli vomited onto a nearby parking lot. So, one fishing excursion, my cousin Todd and I presented Kenny with a nice big pouch of Red Man chewing tobacco! But he could make you laugh just fine without getting sick on chew.*

**Gene Gorrell** - October 05, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - October 05, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JH

“ Hi Aunt Ginny, this is Jessica (Bowman) Haertel, Jim's daughter. I'm so sorry to hear about the complications Uncle Kenny faced in surgery. While I have not seen you all for many years, as a little girl, one thing that always stuck with me was his very contagious laugh and jovial spirit. Just wanted to send my condolences to you and family. My prayers are with you all. May the Lord be your comfort in this time of grief. ❤️

**Jessica Haertel** - October 04, 2020 at 03:09 PM

VF

*He sure was a great guy*

**virginia franklin** - October 04, 2020 at 07:42 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Kenny. We went to grade school and high school together. He was a very special person! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

**Carol Munday** - October 03, 2020 at 01:06 PM

VF

*He sure will be missed*

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**virginia franklin** - October 04, 2020 at 07:40 PM

MW

“ *Everyone who knew Kenny can say that he was one in a million. He was the kindest, most caring person that I ever met. I enjoyed all the times I spent with him at Peoria Skeet and Trap and will miss him always. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ginny and the family to get through the time ahead without him. He will be with us all forever.*

*Mike Walker and Family*

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**Mike Walker** - October 02, 2020 at 01:40 PM

VF

*Thanks mike he was a great guy we will miss him greatly 😭*

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**virginia franklin** - October 04, 2020 at 07:44 PM

WP

“ *Ginny so Sorry to hear about Kenny. Know it is going to be hard without him but just remember all the good times you had together. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Love ya, Wilma Phelps*

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**Wilma Pheps** - October 02, 2020 at 09:39 AM

SD

“ Ginny, We're so sorry about Kenny. He was such a great guy. I don't think he ever knew a stranger & was always willing to help people. You two have been in our life for so many years. You're such special friends that most people aren't fortunate enough to have. Our hearts are broken & you are in our prayers & thoughts. May God give you strength to continue on & to especially get thru these upcoming days. We will always remember the wonderful times we had camping, hanging out & just being together. Sending our condolences & love to you, Troy & the rest of the family. Much Love, Gene & Sheri Davis

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**Sheri Davis** - October 02, 2020 at 09:20 AM

MB

“ Ginny. you don't know me. I went to high school with Kenny and would run into him occasionally at Kroger. He was such a nice guy. So sorry for your loss. Mary Lou Keayes Budke

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**mary Lou Budke** - October 01, 2020 at 11:39 PM

PM

“ Ginny, we are so sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. He was such a good man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Pat and Paul Markum** - October 01, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ken Franklin.



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October 01, 2020 at 09:39 PM

BB

“ Gary will be a tremendous loss to all he knew - especially to Ginni and the rest of His I immediate family. He and his wife were always around to help others. My families prayers are with then during this emotional time.

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**Bruce Beitz** - October 01, 2020 at 08:15 PM

BS

“ Bill and Sheryl Scheets purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ken Franklin.



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**Bill and Sheryl Scheets** - October 01, 2020 at 02:16 PM

LH

“ KENNY WAS A GREAT PERSON ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE EVERY TIME YOU MET WITH HIM. I enjoyed his kindness and help that he gave me during our time in PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS. I remember KENNY AND GINNY helping me cook at the VFW for a Christmas Dinner for all the homeless and winter Texans. He will be missed by many of us Winter Texans. Love and GOD BLESS LOLITA HAINES

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**Lolita Haines** - October 01, 2020 at 01:13 PM