



Mr. Kenneth "Jeff" Ward

February 13, 1970 - June 29, 2018

Kenneth "Jeff" Ward, 48, of East Peoria died at 08:07 PM on Friday, June 29, 2018 at his home. He was born on February 13, 1970 in Peoria to Kenneth and Carol (Christoff) Ward. Kenneth is survived by 1 daughter Sarah Ward of Champaign; his father Kenneth (Dongmei) Ward of East Peoria; his mother Carol Ward of Peoria; fiancé Johnnie Schmitt of Creve Coeur; 1 sister Gayle Lloyd of Los Angeles, CA; 2 grandchildren Hunter and Jordan; and 2 uncles Harry and Gary Ward both of East Peoria. He was preceded in death by his grandparents. Kenneth worked as a driver for First Student for 9 years. He previously worked for Iron Away in Morton for 16 years. Kenneth volunteered at the food pantry at his church, Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church. The family asks in lieu of flowers that you bring canned good to donate to the food pantry in memory of Kenneth. A memorial service will be at 11 AM on Saturday, July 7 at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, the family will receive friends and family one hour prior to the service. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church
301 E Bittersweet Rd
Washington, IL 61571

Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kenneth "Jeff" Ward*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Kenny, I am sorry for the loss of your son, Jeff. I saw a notice in the paper, but no obituary. I wasn't even sure if it was your Jeff because I was not aware that his legal first name was Kenneth. I had only heard him called Jeff. No one else in the family had even seen it in the paper, so I will let them know. My condolences to you and your wife, and Gayle as well.*

Sharon (Saltsman) Kennedy - July 10, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *Ken you are gonna be missed buddy.*

Shawn Towne - July 05, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Ken you will be truly missed my friend. It was a pleasure knowing you and everyone who knew you would agree. Heaven gained a great person when you arrived!*

Jennifer Anderson - July 03, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ *Ken will be missed by all. So sorry for your lost. Ken was a great guy.*

Bonita Getz - July 03, 2018 at 12:02 PM

LD

“ Ken, You were a *TRUELY* wonderful man God has you now and you'll for sure be welcomed. You *WILL* be missed by us at work.

Robert and Linda DeBoer

Linda DeBoer - July 03, 2018 at 11:14 AM

 Dan Whittenburg

“ Ken you were a gentle giant. I always enjoyed talking to you at work. Always positive. Going to miss you big guy! And in your very own words, thank yooooooooo!

Dan Whittenburg - July 03, 2018 at 09:55 AM

CO

“ I remember how Grandma Ardella was so proud of you and Gayle.
RIP

carol ogle - July 03, 2018 at 09:10 AM

ML

“ Ken, God truly sent an angel to earth. He is such a gentle soul and touched more lives than he ever imagined. All who knew him knows he would do anything for anyone at anytime. He always put others before himself. Ken is such a caring and tender person. We may have lost a friend for a moment, but heaven gained a saint and a blessing. We love you and miss you Ken, till we meet again.

Michael and Tammie Lamb

Michael and Tammie Lamb - July 02, 2018 at 08:11 PM

LB

“ Ken, U were always so nice & caring person, U showed me what caring is person, is, you will be missed at church. Ken, I going miss you at fun raiser outside of Walmart in Washington&East Perioa,. See U some Day Brother Ken

lori blaine - July 02, 2018 at 07:02 PM

PL

“ Ken you will be greatly missed. Yes it was hard at church yesterday seeing your seat empty. You are in such a better place but doesn't take the sorrow of you being gone' Rest well my friend and one day will see you again!

Pam Lytz - July 02, 2018 at 05:29 PM

LB

“ DEAR Ken u were always ready nice word to me, u say in front of me.at church, I will miss u dear friend & Brother in Christ. U are in Jesus Arms now. Also u are hole!! LOVE LORI Blaine

Lori Blaine - July 02, 2018 at 05:00 PM

BD

“ Kenny, you always sat in front of me at church during services. I will miss you greatly! Your legacy is one of gentleness, kindness, caring, loving and so compassionate to others. During the Walmart food pantry food drive you always gave it your all. You spoke to each and every person with a hello and have a nice day. On Thursday evening Food Pantry nights you carried countless groceries for others to their car week after week. Rest in Jesus's arms, you have served Him well!

Becky Dailey - July 02, 2018 at 04:47 PM

BD

“ Ken...we are going to miss you at church so much. We feel God sent you to us and we got such a blessing watching you grow as a Christian. You are in Heaven resting next to our Lord and Saviour now and reaping all your rewards. This isn't good bye it is we will meet again Ken. We'll be singing God's praises together. Our deepest condolences to all of your family.

Bill and Jan Dietrich - July 02, 2018 at 03:40 PM

LH

“ Ken was such a wonderful person, he would do anything for anyone.
He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Linda Hickman

linda hickman - July 02, 2018 at 03:17 PM