



Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr.

May 3, 1941 - July 23, 2024

Kenneth C. Ratcliff, Jr., 83, of Morton, passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2024, in Pekin.

Kenny was born May 3, 1941, the son of Kenneth and Leona (Kirchner) Ratcliff. He married Shelby Jean Coatney in 1963 and later married Peggy Kirby Greiner in 1993; both preceded him in death.

Surviving are 3 sons and 2 daughters, Brian (Janet) Ratcliff, Keith (Donna) Ratcliff, Julie (John) McHenry, Lisa (Jon) Ellingworth, and Kenneth III "Casey" (Monica) Ratcliff; 2 stepsons and 1 stepdaughter, Marcus Greiner, Mike (Christina) Greiner, and Chalyce (Brent) Deterding; 19 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Elizabeth Pohren and Doris (Harold) Sassman. Kenny graduated from Pekin High School in 1959. Soon after, he took a job in the Optical business and worked for various labs until he retired in 2005. He was a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. Burial will follow at Hirstein Cemetery in Morton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church. Online condolences can be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Hirstein Cemetery

Morton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church
325 E. Queenwood Rd
Morton, IL 61550

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr.



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 29, 2024 at 11:22 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr..



July 27, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ St John Waverly, IA Congregation purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr..



St John Waverly, IA Congregation - July 26, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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“ Love, Nancy and Bob Reilly purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr..



Love, Nancy and Bob Reilly - July 26, 2024 at 03:43 PM

KF

“ Kirchner Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr..



Kirchner Family - July 26, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JF

“ Jeff Day family & Weer family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr..



Jeff Day family & Weer family - July 25, 2024 at 02:12 PM

JF

“ Jeff Day family & Weer family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr..

Jeff Day family & Weer family - July 25, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Ratcliff Jr..*



July 25, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *37 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 25, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Cousin Kenny's passing. Cheri and I stopped to pick up pictures of family reunions he wanted to give us not so very long ago and we had a nice visit!*

*We will miss him and his bright smile! RIP Cousin Kenny Carl.
Peace and Love to his family.*

Tom and Debbie Armstrong

Debra J Armstrong - July 25, 2024 at 01:01 PM