



Kenneth J Smith

September 17, 1968 - May 2, 2021

On Sunday May 2, 2021, the Lord called home Kenneth J. Smith (Kenny), loving Son, Brother, Father, and Grandpa at the age of 52.

He was born on September 17, 1968 in Evergreen Park, IL and resided in Beecher Illinois. Kenny graduated from Beecher High School and worked at Sonoco. He was a volunteer with the Glenwood School Alumni Association, preparing for summer camp and the Flag Day BBQ.

Typically, you could find Kenny wearing some sort of Chicago Cubs gear as he was a Cubs fanatic. His passions consisted of fishing, hunting, and cooking especially if it involved cast iron. Kenny had an infectious laugh and a smile that could brighten a room. His soul was that of pure kindness and compassion, in that he would pray for anyone that needed prayers. He will truly be missed by many.

Ken was preceded in death by his grandparents Mary Smallwood and Robert & Ruth Smith.

He is survived by his parents Jim & Maureen Smith, his sister Colleen (Michael), his two sons Joshua Robert and Justin Patrick, his two grandsons Landon and Charlie (mother Alexis [Cam]), his niece Lindsay (Justin) and nephew Austin, his best friend Blaise Tucker, and many cousins.

In his memory & joining his family, please feel free to wear Chicago Sports team or any outdoor wear (hunting, fishing, camo) attire.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 8, 2021 from noon until the memorial service at 3pm at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LK

“ I forgot to mention our dog, Penny, who absolutely loved her Daddy !! Kenny nicknamed her PenZo ! Lots of cherished memories, thank you Sunny ! (Kenny) You were our sunshine ☀️!

Linda McBride (aka Sasso to Kenny) - May 07, 2021 at 12:10 PM

LK

“ I feel fortunate to have known and loved Kenny and his amazing family. I am so glad that I saw him just a few weeks ago, I love that face. Kenny and I had so much fun throughout the years. Cubs games, little get aways & just having a fire at home with friends. We shared a passion for music & I will cherish our dancing & singing. I remember so many dinners with his family and sharing holidays with our families. I could always call him about baseball & loved that he knew everything about it and explained it well. He loved my cooking and made it a point to tell me. Kenny knew that I loved him & I'm a better person for knowing & loving him. Thank you to his wonderful parents for raising the man that " everybody loved ".

Linda McBride (aka Sasso to Kenny) - May 07, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth J Smith.



May 06, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth J Smith.



May 06, 2021 at 08:24 PM

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“ *The world could definitely use more people like Kenny it would be a much happier place. Our deepest sympathies to The Smith and Behrens families.*

Scott Debbie Jackie Andy & Luke Tarnroos

Debbie Tarnroos - May 05, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JS

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during difficult time. Kenny was such a wonderful and joyful guy. We will miss him. God bless.*

Love,

Jeff and Darlene

Jeffrey Smith - May 05, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J Smith.*



May 04, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kenneth J Smith.*



May 04, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“ *University Park Firefighters Local 3661 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth J Smith.*



University Park Firefighters Local 3661 - May 04, 2021 at 05:01 PM

JS

“ A true friend whom I will always be proud to say I knew well, Kenny was the sweetest! Through junior high and high school we shared a unique bond that I will treasure forever. Kenny was the best listener, and he always knew how to make me smile. I'm thankful we reconnected after all these years and were able to even go out a few times once again. If there is truly a reason for everything, I sure wish I knew why you have been taken so soon. I'm going to miss our Snap Chat conversations about my horse and dogs. Singing to old Kiss songs and Tennessee Whiskey! Here's to you, Kenny. May you catch all the fish, savor all the full moon camping trips and bonfires, bless our Cubbies when they need it most, and continue to watch over your family. Love you, Kenny. You will always be special to me.

Janette Marie Stein - May 04, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ We have so many fond memories of Kenny growing up with our son Troy and being over to our house with Troy's other friends. Rest in peace Kenny, we will always you.

Dave & Troy Urban

Joyce Urban - May 04, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ Thanks for always being a friend, Rest in peace, Buddy

Timothy Hofmann - May 04, 2021 at 07:09 AM

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“ Rest in peace buddy thanks for always being a friend 🙏



Timothy Hofmann - May 04, 2021 at 07:07 AM