



Kenny Henry

November 24, 1945 - July 10, 2024

Kenneth Linus Henry, 78, of Topeka, Kansas, loving husband, father, brother, friend and son, passed on July 10, 2024, at St. Luke's hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Kenny was born to Joseph and Hedwig (Waller) Henry in Seneca, Kansas on November 24, 1945, and was the tenth of twelve children.

Kenny grew up on his family's dairy farm in Corning, Kansas. Growing up there meant sharing strong family, faith and social bonds – living and working together, helping each other and helping others. There was always a crowd of family and friends, especially Sundays for meals and card playing.

He graduated Corning High School and later attended Highland Community College where he played football. He moved to Topeka and quickly began working for Santa Fe Railroad in the tax accounting department. He spent the majority of his 35+ year career with Santa Fe in Topeka with a brief two-year stint in Chicago early in his tenure.

He met Dorothy Conley in the fall of 1967 and they were married on May 11, 1968. They enjoyed 56 years together, a loving marriage filled with life's challenges and joys. They raised two children, Amy Lynne (1971) and Matthew Ivan (1973). Kenny was a dedicated husband and father who instilled the values of community, laughter and hard work by example. He was a constantly active husband and father, coaching the kids sports teams, mowing

yards and taking family vacations.

Kenny enjoyed playing baseball when he was young which translated into a life-long slow pitch softball career, beginning with Corning-Topeka and continuing into his senior years. He began golfing in his 30's and in retirement became an avid golfer who was constantly trying to improve while focusing equally on the relationships that he established along the way. He and Dorothy loved to play together at home and while traveling.

Throughout his life Kenny never met a stranger and relished the opportunity to meet new people, establish connections and build life-long relationships. He enjoyed telling jokes, making people laugh and engaging in lively (and sometimes lengthy) conversations.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children, Amy Baker (Darren) and Matt Henry (Markie); grandchildren, Adriana Baker and Madeline and Florah Henry. He is also survived by siblings Frenchy Henry, Jim Henry, Mary Jo Barrett and Dennis Henry and preceded in death by parents Joe and Hedwig Henry and siblings, Joseph Henry Jr., Edith Rombeck, Don Henry, Dick Henry, Bob Henry, Regis Henry and Larry Henry.

Kenny's family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and a parish rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 15th at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, July 16th at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Centralia Cemetery in Centralia, Kansas at 2:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hayden Catholic High School, and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, Kansas 66614.

Kenny's Funeral Mass will be live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page, you can follow this link. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St
Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Rosary

JUL 15. 6:30 PM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
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Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Burial

JUL 16. 2:30 PM (CT)

Centralia Cemetery
668 92nd Road
Centralia , KS 66415

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenny Henry*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 12, 2024 at 05:15 PM



Sorry for your loss. Met Kenny through senior softball. Played against and played with him. He was a great player but even more a really great guy. He will be missed but let his memories live on.

Les Watson - July 12, 2024 at 06:09 PM

RS

We got to know Kenny and Dorothy through our dear friends Mary Jo and Charlie while we were living in Charlotte. He was such a fun loving , kind and generous man who will be sorely missed. May he Rest In Peace . Love and prayers from Roz and David, Wolverhampton, UK.

Roz andvDavid Spinks - July 16, 2024 at 03:04 AM

TT

*Remembering lots of great times playing softball. Especially the Corning Marathon every summer. May he rest in peace.
Richard and Teresa Thomas*

Teresa Thomas - July 17, 2024 at 10:37 AM

MH

*Dorothy & Family, Sorry to learn of Kenny's passing. My sympathy to you and family!
Mary Ann Heinen*

Mary Ann Heinen - July 20, 2024 at 09:18 AM

LO

“Kenny always had that smile on his face and always greeted you with a "hi" or "how is everything going". He was always so outgoing and seem to always love life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Keith & Lorraine Eggen

He was a great Man. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the whole family.

Lorraine - July 16, 2024 at 12:54 PM

KG

“ Kenny, Dorothy, Amy and Matt were our neighbors when I was a teenager and I then had the pleasure of working with him at Santa Fe Rwy. He was one of the kindest, most caring people I know. If driving by Kenny's house while he was outside, you could always count on a friendly wave from Kenny. That simple act of kindness has stuck with me through the years. He was special! Keeping all of the family in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

Kathy Graham - July 16, 2024 at 12:12 PM

DS

“ I wish to express my sympathy to you and your family. I played with Henry In both golf league.He never meet anyone that didn't become a friend. We all loved him. He will be greatly missed.

Dennis Spain - July 15, 2024 at 01:57 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. He was so friendly.



Stan & Francie Simmons - July 15, 2024 at 12:54 PM

DC

“ Dorothy, Matt and Amy,

So sorry for your loss. My dad and Ken worked together at Santa Fe and were part of the "Park Forest, IL migration" back in the early 70's. Kenny was a great guy and gone to soon! Our condolences.

Dave and Cheryl Carson - July 15, 2024 at 10:35 AM

DF

“ So very shocked and saddened to hear about Kenny. A journey of friendship that started with Santa Fe, traveled to Chicago and back again -a wonderful friend through the years and kindest of hearts! Dorothy, Amy & Matt we will hold you in our hearts and share in your sorrow. He will be greatly missed!

Dee Newbery & Family - July 14, 2024 at 07:37 PM

JL

“ Seeing Kenny at Senior Men's League or a Golf Tournament was always like running into one of your best friends. One the the most upbeat people I ever knew, Kenny is an inspiration to me to be friendly and enthusiastic. Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to Dorothy and family.

Jerry & Anna Marie Lammers - July 14, 2024 at 05:06 PM

WM

“ We're praying for you all the Marsalis' purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenny Henry.



We're praying for you all the Marsalis' - July 14, 2024 at 04:42 PM

MN

“ Dorothy: So sorry to hear about Kenny. always funny and had a smile for everyone. Prayers to you and your family.

Margee Newell - July 14, 2024 at 04:08 PM

GC

“ We have a Friday coffee group that has been meeting for over 50 years at Hanover Pancake House. Kenny met with us about 3 weeks ago and he was in great spirits. I had no way of knowing this would be the last time I would see him. Kenny and I played softball together for many years. At one time he played left field, and I was next to him in left center field. No fly ball ever got by us! I still can't believe he is no longer with us. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. May God be with all of you at this most difficult time.

Gary Comstock

Gary Comstock - July 14, 2024 at 01:16 PM

PS

“ My deepest sympathy and condolence to Dorothy and all of Kenny's family ...a life long friend that will be missed. Patti Smith

Patricia L Smith - July 14, 2024 at 11:50 AM

TF

“ Was saddened to hear about Kenny. enjoyed a lot of years of softball and friendship. Had just run into him several times several weeks ago. was same upbeat guy. You will be missed by everyone. Prayers to all the family. Tom and Coni Fenton

Tom Fenton - July 14, 2024 at 10:09 AM

MG

“ We are very saddened to hear of the passing of Kenny. He was such a positive man and very competitive in a sportsman’s way. When the game was over he always enjoyed visiting with the other teams players. He was a very devoted husband father , grandfather and friend. We share our condolences and prayers to the Henry family. Mike &Patti Goehring

mike goehring - July 13, 2024 at 04:07 PM

EM

“ So shocked to see this obit. Played softball against Corning for 20 years. Saw kenny at the golf course for years. Always friendly and loved to visit. Just a nice guy. My sincere condolenses to Kenny's family and friends.

Eddie Michael - July 13, 2024 at 12:04 PM

TF

“ The Rombeck Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Kenny Henry.



The Rombeck Family - July 13, 2024 at 10:43 AM

GS

“ Our friend our neighbor Kenny was like a Brother to us. Will miss our time together and working together in the yard. Sadie already misses you .

Gary and Pam Simecka - July 12, 2024 at 06:23 PM

FW

“ I have known Kenny for over 50 years. We worked together and played golf together. So sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

*Frank & Ireta Werner
Mesa, Az*

Frank Werner - July 12, 2024 at 05:43 PM

MA

“ Mike and Kim Annis purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenny Henry.



Mike and Kim Annis - July 12, 2024 at 04:59 PM

CL

“ Carl and Brenda Long purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Kenny Henry.



Carl and Brenda Long - July 12, 2024 at 04:06 PM

DE

“ Kenny and the rest of you Henrys have always be in our Engelken hearts from our very early growing up a few farms east of you...so many local celebrations, good card games at Joe and Hedwig's table and St. Patrick's summer picnics, summer hay haulings and ball games, Kenny in school with us as my brother Ron's classmate, my rides to school in K.C. with Kenny's generous older brothers, and some of them later working with NFO, connecting with our Dad's farm organizing experience. Powerful roots, with us in Spirit, this Kenny and your family, always.

*Blessings,
Dave Engelken*

David Engelken - July 12, 2024 at 03:28 PM

ST

“ Shane and the Mid Atlantic Area Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenny Henry.

Shane and the Mid Atlantic Area Team - July 12, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenny Henry.



July 12, 2024 at 03:15 PM

CR

“ Coleen and I are so sorry for the loss of a great man. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy, Amy and Matt. I could always count on Ken if I needed a word spelled. We had such a great time together at work. I will miss Ken until we meet again.

Coleen and Lonnie Remington - July 12, 2024 at 03:02 PM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss. May God bless your family and give you strength. Clydette (lott) Johnson and E J Johnson

Clydette johnson - July 12, 2024 at 02:32 PM

KF

“ The memories are too many share and we will treasure all of them for years to come. We were so lucky to have had Kenny (and Dorothy) as special friends for almost 40 years. Our love and prayers are with Dorothy, Amy, Matt and their families. Rest in peace in God's arms our dear, dear friend! Katy & Ed Field

Katy Field - July 12, 2024 at 01:57 PM

BD

“ My sincerest condolences to the family.

Bob Decker - July 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JF

“ I had the pleasure of playing senior softball with Kenny for several years. Kenny played second base and outfield and was a terrific ball player as well as a terrific person. He was always used as a pinch runner because he was the fastest on the team, even with artificial knees! We enjoyed many Monday evening's at Seabrook tavern after our games with hamburgers, a beer and laughing at ourselves. Kenny made the world around him a better place and will be sadly missed by many. Rest in peace my friend.

Jim Fox

Jim Fox - July 12, 2024 at 10:39 AM

TS

“ The Ybarra siblings purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kenny Henry.



The Ybarra siblings - July 12, 2024 at 10:25 AM

MN

“ Kenny and family were our dairy farm neighbors. we all attended same church and schools. fond memories of his antics in school. God bless and comfort family. mary kay

mary kay nocktonick - July 12, 2024 at 09:55 AM

TF

“ *The Frenchy Henry Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Kenny Henry.*



The Frenchy Henry Family - July 11, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JA

“ *Kenny did not know a stranger. He always was good for a hug and asked about the kids and my dad whenever we saw him. I also know Dad loved the golf games and chats... such a great spirit! - Jada Conley*

Jada - July 11, 2024 at 09:41 PM

HC

Dorothy and family, so sorry for your loss. Kenny will be missed by so many. Thinking of you! Helen Craig

Helen Craig - July 13, 2024 at 08:53 AM

DE

Shocked and saddened to see this. Known Kenny for over 50 years thru Santa Fe, umpiring his softball games, and playing against him in the Topeka Senior leagues. Thoughts and prayers for all in this time of sorrow.

Dave Epperson - July 13, 2024 at 02:00 PM

SH

Kenny was one of the good ones. We will all miss Him but I would be willing to bet He is making God smile now.

Steven Hermes - July 15, 2024 at 03:58 PM

MH

I met Kenny back in the early 90's at the Santa Fe Railroad tax department. I was not there long and had not seen him for over 30 years until I recently (and unknowingly) moved into his neighborhood. One day, as I pulled out of my driveway, he came to my car window with a very welcoming attitude and was exactly as he was in the past. A friendly soul with a good memory, a hard worker with strong ethics and always very positive and kind. We had fun catching up and I am fortunate that our paths crossed again.

We are very sorry for your loss.

Michael and Noelia Haynes

Michael Haynes - July 16, 2024 at 01:37 PM