



Kenneth Shepherd

April 22, 1942 - January 13, 2016

Kenneth Gene Shepherd, 73, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away January 13, 2016 at the Hospice House in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was born April 22, 1942 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Harry Irl and Lucille Mae Butler Shepherd. He married Marie Whittle on November 24, 1993 in Columbia, Missouri. Kenneth graduated from Bloomfield High School, went to work for Harris Motors in Bloomfield, and then joined the U.S. Airforce in 1961. He was stationed in California until his discharge in 1965, at which point he went to work as an auto mechanic. Kenneth worked for several garages in California and was fanatic about all types of cars. His favorite being his 1957 Chevy, which he owned for 52 years. He loved going to car shows, watching drag racing, and going to the Eddyville Raceway. Kenneth was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Bloomfield.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Shepherd of Bloomfield; three sons, Kenny (Tammy) Shepherd of Atwater, California, Tim (Judy) Shepherd of Merced, California, Mike (Michelle) Shepherd also of Atwater, California; step-son, Jimmy (Candie) Lovitte of Searcy, Arkansas; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Larry (Janeitta) Shepherd of Fremont, Iowa, Richard (Mary Kay) Shepherd of Eddyville, Iowa; sister, Mary Ann (Dennis) Goodwin of Fremont, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Anna Mae Downing.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Tom Shipley officiating. Burial will be at the Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Ottumwa with military rites performed by V.F.W. Post #775 and American Legion Post #3 in Ottumwa. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Bloomfield and Hospice of Wapello and Davis Counties.

Cemetery

Memorial Lawn

3002 N. Court
Ottumwa, IA, 52501

Events

JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 07:00PM

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JAN **Funeral Services** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Kenneth Shepherd.



January 17, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ I remember when Ken was always by my side no matter how I felt and there when I cried and when I laughed I will always miss Ken he was the best cousin ever

Breanna Meredith - January 16, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ Rest in peace Ken So glad all your suffering is over Bless you Marie for being there for him I'm sure it was a hard road for both of you Wishing you all the best Pat

patricia Sparks - January 16, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ Patricia Sparks lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Shepherd



Patricia Sparks - January 16, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Ken but his suffering is over and he is with the Lord that he loved so. He was also so nice to the kids. He loved it when Kennedy and I stopped to see him in Iowa City and he loved teasing Kooper about his brownies. We will never forget how special he was !!!

Lisa Hugen - January 17, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with you Marie. I truly wish I could be there with you.



Stefani Subang-Weaver - January 15, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ Marie,

I am so sorry for your loss, Ken was a great person to know. I remember when I was there at the church, Ken would come in and make sure he shook my hand, and ask " young lady how are you doing today " I will always remember that. We had a lot of visit about his room, with his cars. Was so happy when you had been there a few times, when you first came, to know you was related to us. I wish things was better and I could have been there at the church to have been listening to his stories when he had grown up. I Like to here about the "good Ole days".

I know I will see him again one of these days, he is pain free now and with Jesus, I know it will be hard, but God will hold you close and give you the comfort you need at this time of sorrow. May God Bless you Marie,

Love Barb.



Barbie Meredith - January 15, 2016 at 03:00 AM



“ God bless thisn

Breanna - January 16, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ Marian Whitney lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Shepherd



Marian Whitney - January 14, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ Ken was my brother in law since I was 4 years old he took my sister,cousin and I for walks to the park but would end up carrying me all the way there and back home. He taught me how to drive a stick shift in his 1957 Chevy wagon he made me feel so good he said I did very good we cruised man and I will never forget the experience I love him dearly and he was always good to me.

Marian - January 14, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ *** We cruised Main street in Merced CA. Sorry for the typo

marian whitney - January 14, 2016 at 11:58 PM



“ Ken and my brother, Terry Taylor, were good friends when they were young men who loved their cars. Terry had an old Ford that was named, Cinnamon Bear, and Ken's car was Runaway. I was a teenager when Ken would come by the house. Ken later told about how Terry and he would take turns getting into each others' car trunks and listen while the car was being driven, so they could hear how the pipes on the cars sounded. I reconnected with Ken and his sweet wife, Marie, a couple of years ago, when they moved back to Bloomfield. Hearing all the stories that Ken shared about himself, Terry and my other brother, Bob, made my brothers come alive again in my memory. What wonderful visits I had with Ken and Marie, in their home where they welcomed everyone . Probably the very best part of visiting with Ken was hearing him talk about his love for the Lord. He talked about Heaven, and how he looked forward to going there. But he said that as long as God would let him live he was going to witness to others. Ken was a wonderful testimony of a man who loved God, my family and friends and his cars. I am so glad that I got a chance to reconnect with Ken. I am looking forward to having wonderful visits with him in Heaven.

Bonnie Martin

Bonnie Martin - January 17, 2016 at 07:09 AM