



# Kenneth 'Kenny' E. Brown

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## **Kenneth 'Kenny' E. Brown**

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**K**enneth "Kenny" Elmer Brown, age 83, of Moravia, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Golden Age Care Center in Centerville.

Kenny was born on October 16, 1936, the son of Harry Glen Brown and Beryl Lucille (Dicks) Brown. He graduated from Moravia High School with the Class of 1955. He was united in marriage to Wanda Mae Benz on June 16, 1957 at the Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia.

Following high school graduation, Kenny moved to Cedar Rapids and worked at Iowa Manufacturing Company as a welder for 3 years. He then moved to Ottumwa, and worked for Coca-Cola in Delivery, for a brief period of time. In 1963, the couple purchased the family farm in Moravia. Agriculture has been a way of life for Kenny ever since. The couple bought their first livestock trailer in 1979 to transport horses to horse shows, and later to rodeos.

In 2010, the Appanoose County Fair was dedicated to him. This began in the early 1980s with local friends and neighbors asking Kenny to haul their livestock to the market, which grew into a year-round business. During this time, he was also asked to haul the livestock for the Appanoose County 4-H Livestock Sale. He hauled livestock for many years. He especially loved helping the youth with their 4-H projects, and being a judge for the 4-H horse show and surrounding county fairs.

During this time, Kenny still managed to find time to volunteer, serving two terms on the Moravia School Board and several years on the Appanoose Soil Conservation Board. In 1963, the Browns were awarded the Des Moines Register Iowa Conservation Achievement award, and was selected by the Farmers Home Administration as Farm Family of the Year in 1969.

Kenny was an active member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia, serving in various committees. He was extremely fond of horses, and belonged to the Saddle Club. He was also a member of the Tractor Club later in life.



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Left to honor Kennys memory are his wife, Wanda Brown of Moravia; his children, Michele (Kelly) Thompson of Cedar Rapids, and their children, Kate (Mitch) Helle (Harper, Max and Brooks Helle) and Taylor Thompson, Mike (Lisa) Brown of Moravia, and their children, Justin (Tiffany) Brown (Amelia and Wyatt Brown) and Cody (Nicole Holden) Brown, Mark (Shawnee) Brown and their son, Logan Brown, and Marty (Patty) Brown of Moravia and their children, Kendall Brown and Carson Brown; two nieces, Sheryl (Tom) Taajjes and Carol (Gary) Scott; as well as several friends and family members.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Beryl Brown; and a brother and his wife, LeRoy Dicks Brown (Ardyce).

A public visitation will take place from 9-11 AM, Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Lange Funeral Home in Moravia, Iowa. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place, ten people will be allowed in the building at one time. A private family funeral will follow the visitation with Pastor Christy Ehrle officiating. Memorials have been established to either the Grace United Methodist Church or to EveryStep Hospice and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

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Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

103 N. John Street

Moravia

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## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:13 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:10 PM



**Brenda, Marlan, Cody Korthaus** posted:

Wanda and Family Sorry for your loss. Our sympathy to all of you.

April 21 at 7:00 PM



**Billie Buban** posted:

Wanda and family. I am so sorry to hear about Kenny he was a great man and I enjoyed talking to him when ever I seen him at the rodeos and fair. He will be missed. We will be thinking of you all.

April 20 at 7:00 PM



**Laura Jo Barks** posted:

Wanda, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Kenny. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers for you and your family. I don't know how many of the cousins are still living but as far as I know Carolyn must be but we no longer are able to keep in touch. We use to talk at least once a month. I have a lot of memories of Kenny when we all went to Grandma Dicks for family dinners. Love to all your family.

April 20 at 7:00 PM



**Clara Gansz** posted:

My two oldest boys rodeos with Mark and Mike. Jeff and Matt Zable. Little Britches and High School rodeos. Good times, great memories! So sorry for your loss! Love and prayers.

April 19 at 7:00 PM



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DF

**Dale Free** posted:

Wanda So sorry for your loss. I have the best memories of Kenny. He was a super guy as you well know. I regret not keeping closer contact with you guys.

April 19 at 7:00 PM

CG

**Clara Gansz** posted:

My condolences for the list of your Father. Love and prayers to everyone!!

April 19 at 7:00 PM

BS

**Bill And Donna Shoop** posted:

Our condolences Wanda!!!Kenny will be missed by many!!!Prayers for all your family. He will be missed by all our church family!!!!

April 18 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Jerry Power** posted:

Our condolences to Wanda and Family, we are truly sorry! I saw they purchased a horse trailer in 1979! I first met them in 1979 when they purchased a Red on Red Chevrolet Dooley from Sam Sweeden Motors where I was employed. I'm sure that Dooley pulled that trailer. Kenny was one of those rare people who had a great personality and I'm sure he never met a stranger because he knew most everybody. My thinking has always been that you can tell what the parents are like by looking at their children. I know three of the four and Kenny and Wanda did very well. I'm sure the daughter is equally the same. Moravia lost a great man! Rest in Peace Kenny!

April 18 at 7:00 PM

BG

**Bob And Bev Gray** posted:

So sorry to hear about Kenny. Remember all the good times at horse shows and rodeos. Prayers for you all. Hod bless!

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JD

**Janet Demry** posted:

Our family is so sorry for your loss Kenny was a super guy and we are proud to have had him as our friend.

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JB

**Jack & Melanie Briggs** lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

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DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

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NT

**Nellie Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

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## Media

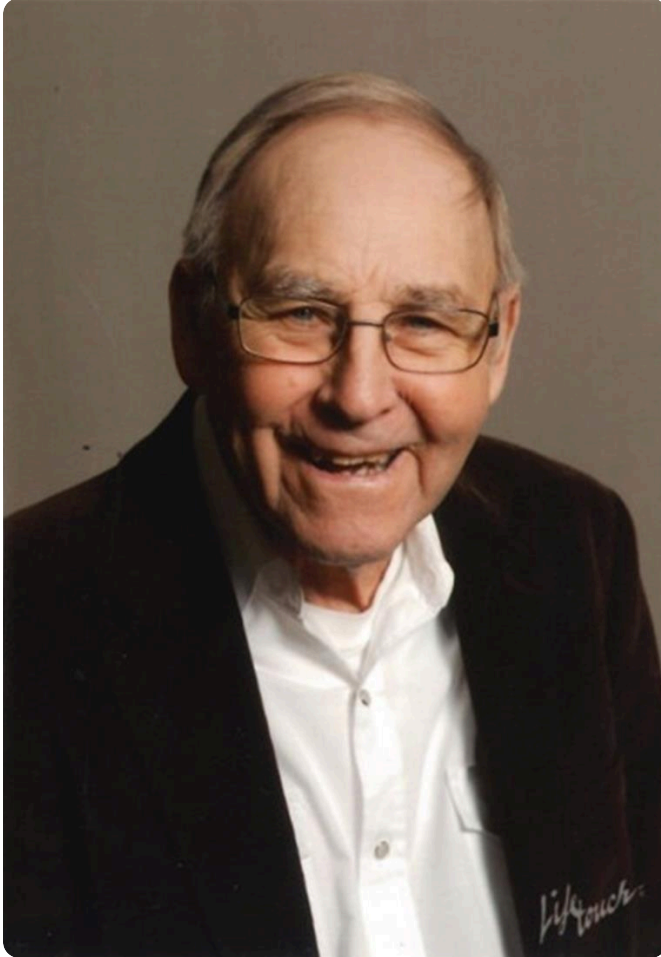
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