



# Kenneth Wayne Mehrhoff Jr.

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## **Kenneth Wayne Mehrhoff Jr.**

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**K**enneth Wayne Mehrhoff, age 82 of Centerville, passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at his home.

Ken was born on December 11, 1938 in Appanoose County, Iowa, the son of Kenneth Wayne Mehrhoff Sr. and Bessie Eleanor (Houser) Mehrhoff. He graduated from Cincinnati High School with the Class of 1956. On July 15, 1956, Ken was united in marriage to Joyce Joann Thomas at the Exline Christian Church. To this union, three children were born, Danny, Donna, and Debbie.

Following high school, Ken worked at Jim Irelan Mens Wear for 10 years. He then worked at Parks and Brunt Ford Motors for a period of time before his employment at Sinclair Gas Station for 7 years. He was also employed with DeVore Ford Motors and Hahn Motors in the parts department until he became an ordained minister in 2009. For 6 years, Ken was a minister at Seymour Christian Church. He was also a minister at the Drake Avenue Christian Church in Centerville for many years. During his extensive work history, Ken also worked for Rathbun Rural Water Association for over 30 years. He retired from RRWA, and continued to lead his Christian life.

Ken was always involved in the community he resided in, as well as surrounding areas. Ken and Joyce opened up their hearts, and became foster parents to several children throughout the years. He also officiated Baseball, Softball and Football for 32 years. Ken was the Head Varsity Softball coach at Seymour High School for several years. Upon moving to Centerville, He was the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach in Centerville, and a volunteer for the Centerville Fire Department. Kens greatest accomplishments in his life were his grandchildren, Brandon, Brooke, Brent, Kaylee and Sarah. He would light up anytime someone asked about them, and enjoyed telling stories about their accomplishments.

Left to honor Kens memory are his daughters, Donna (Bobby) Clark of Centerville, and Debbie (Mike) Milks of Merriam, Kansas; a special friend, Letha Crawford of



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Centerville; Grandchildren, Brandon Clark (Sarah Hansen), Brooke (Anthony) Smothers, Brent (Meho) Clark, Kaylee (Kelly) ORourke, and Sarah Milks; six great grandchildren; numerous foster children, including P.J. Russell and Jesse Russell; cousins, Rick (Mary Louise) Mathews and Randy (Cathy) Mathews; as well as several other first cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Sr. and Bessie Mehrhoff; his wife, Joyce Joann Mehrhoff; a son, Danny Mehrhoff, In-Laws, Ben (Eva) Thomas; as well as several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at 11AM, Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville, with Pastor Brian Hargrave officiating. Burial will follow the funeral service at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, Iowa.

Visitation will take place Friday, February 19, 2021 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 5-7PM. Masks are not required, but are recommended when entering the facility. Memorials have been established to the Family of Kenneth Wayne Mehrhoff, to be determined at a later date, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, C/O Mehrhoff family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

Services will be live streamed on Lange Funeral Home and Crematory's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Lange-Funeral-Home-and-Crematory-737062496434186/>

### Visitation

2021-02-19 17:00:00

19:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

1900 South 18th St

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### Funeral Service

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:38 PM



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



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**Normankay Guffey** posted:

Our sincere condolences to Kenny's family. He was such a wonderful person - friendly, kind, delightful. He left a void in our community.

February 18 at 7:00 PM



**Jerry Power** posted:

A REAL PRINCE OF A MAN!! Our condolences to all of his family!! Kenny helped John Elliott coach the Rotary All Star Babe Ruth team back in 1960 and that's when I first met him! He's been a friend ever since! A true Gentleman! REST IN PEACE KENNY WAYNE!!!

February 16 at 7:00 PM



**Juanita Stroud** posted:

Our sincere sympathy to the family. Ken and Dean were such good friends. Dean was best man at his wedding and worked for him at the Sinclair Station.

February 16 at 7:00 PM



**Steve And Marlene Sprouse** posted:

Donna and Debbie, so sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed talking to your dad he always made time to visit.

February 15 at 7:00 PM



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**Dianne Strickler** posted:

So sorry to see this. Kenny was a wonderful person and will be missed.

February 15 at 7:00 PM

DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

With Deepest Sympathy that someone so special will not be forgotten. That happy times you could never regret and the wonderful memories will live on forever.

February 15 at 7:00 PM

DW

**Dale E Weeks** posted:

When I was superintendent at Seymour Kenny was our varsity girls softball coach and you couldn't have ask for a nicer man

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## Media

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