



Kenneth Leroy Murphy

January 13, 1944 - February 11, 2022

Kenneth Leroy Murphy, 78, of rural Silver Lake, Indiana passed unexpectedly at 6:58 pm, Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 at his residence.

Ken was born on Jan. 13, 1944 in Logansport, Indiana to the late Oren and Mildred (Fincher) Murphy. He had previously been married to Rebecca Schooley Murphy. He then married on July 4, 1986 at their home to Linda Baker Gothan, she survives.

He was a 1962 graduate of Silver Lake High School. After high school he worked for the State of Indiana doing surveying work. He then served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS Porterfield as an Electrical Repairman during his 3 tours of Vietnam. Ken then became an instructor at Tippecanoe Valley High School for 31 years, retiring in 2008. As the Building Trades teacher, he educated many young adults. As a part of his program many homes were constructed for area families.

Ken enjoyed woodworking, hunting, and raising many animals, which included raccoons, a coyote, deer, and birds. Over the years his giving heart led him to Camp C.O. Mollenhour, where he was longtime president. He also drove the transportation for the Special Olympics. Ken was a member of the Indiana Hunter Education Association where he taught hunter education classes. He was also very close to the 1961 Class of Silver Lake High School and

regularly attended their luncheons. He attended Akron Church of God for many years. In earlier years he served as a youth leader at the Mentone United Methodist Church. Ken's life was not just his kids and grandkids, but all children.

He is survived by his wife Linda Murphy of Silver Lake; children Stephanie and husband Troy Shull of Mentone, Mike and wife Amy Murphy of Akron, April and husband Blake Myers of Akron, Aaron and wife Sabrina Gothan of Mentone, and Kayla Murphy of Rochester; 13 Grandchildren; sister Marjorie Murphy of Florida; brother Philip and wife Mary Margaret Murphy of Indianapolis; as well as numerous Builders Trades Students.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Clarence Murphy.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 am, Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home Akron, Indiana with Pastor Kathy Nelson and Pastor Mandy Nellans.

The interment will take place in the Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green, Indiana with graveside military rites performed by Warsaw American Legion Post #49 Honor Guard.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in Ken's memory to Camp C.O. Mollenhour 10265 S. 600 W. Silver Lake, IN 46982 or at <https://comollenhourcamp.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Harrison Center Cemetery

965 South 800 West
Etna Green, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

FEB **17**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Leroy Murphy*



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 15, 2022 at 11:35 AM

LM

“ *I wish that Ken was still here but even though he is gone we all know that Ken is in a better place.*

Linda Murphy - April 01, 2023 at 09:52 AM

CZ

“ *Our condolences to your family. My initial thoughts when thinking of Ken are how kind he was....and an honorable man. Besides teaching building skills that are useful for a lifetime, I'm sure his character was a great influence for many young people. May God bless your family with peace and comfort thru the coming days.*
Cliff and Cindy Zehr

Cindy Zehr - February 17, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Murphy.*



February 16, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Murphy.*



February 16, 2022 at 10:41 AM



“ *Your family at Lochmandy Of Bremen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth Leroy Murphy.*



Your family at Lochmandy Of Bremen - February 16, 2022 at 09:32 AM

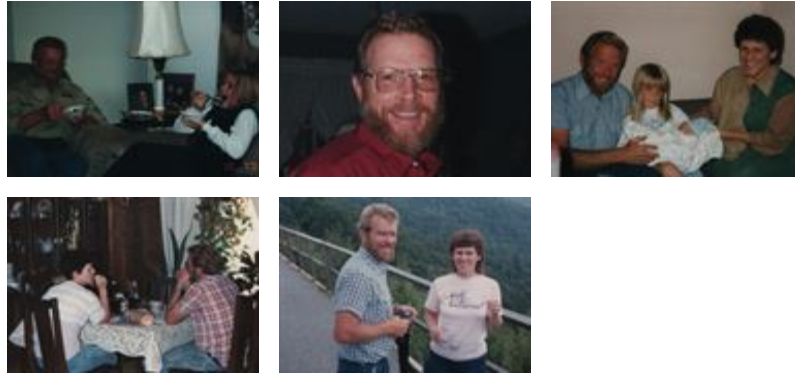


“ *So sorry to hear about Ken, enjoyed being with him at Hunter Ed functions , he was a great person. Jim and Nancy Mahoney, Columbus, In.*

Jim and Nancy Mahoney - February 15, 2022 at 09:12 PM



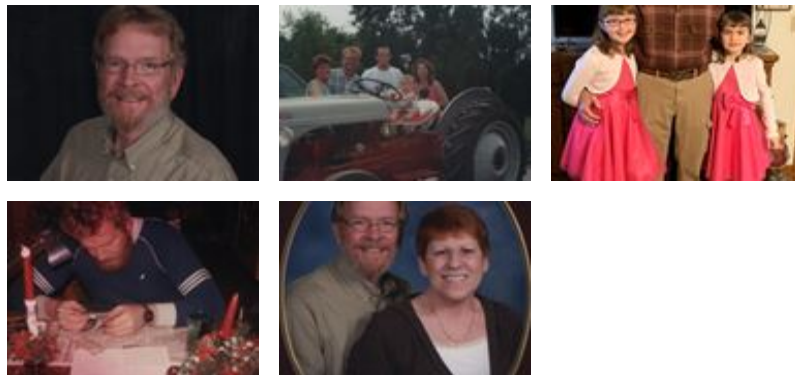
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Hartzler Funeral Services - February 15, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 15, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ John and Paulette Kates purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Kenneth Leroy Murphy.

John and Paulette Kates - February 14, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Murphy.*



February 14, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *What a very wonderful life this man shared with so many. We have so much respect and love for Ken, and he will be greatly missed by so many. He touched so many young lives, and they shall never forget him. Our deepest sympathies to Linda and his lovely family. May the beautiful memories sustain you during this time of such loss. Blessings, love and healing prayers, Butch and Diane Warren*



Butch and Diane Warren - February 14, 2022 at 06:54 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. I graduated with him at Silver Lake and have many memories of our school days. Sincere sympathies to his family.*

Carlene Cripe - February 13, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Truly sad to hear of Kens passing. Praying for all of you. Ken taught me so much while in high school and as a family member. Love you all.* 🙏🙏🙏❤️



Pam Finken - February 13, 2022 at 05:47 PM

WF

“ Prayers for the entire family. Ken will be greatly missed!!



Wes Backus Family - February 13, 2022 at 04:33 PM

JB

“ Jim & Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Murphy



Jim & Shirley Bickel - February 13, 2022 at 04:18 PM