



Kenneth Wilber Plank

April 21, 1950 - February 14, 2022

Kenneth “Ken” Wilber Plank was born April 21, 1950, in Salem, Missouri to Harry Vernon and Sylvia Ella (Lancaster) Plank. Ken grew up in Salem and graduated with the class of 1968 from Salem High School. He met the love of his life, Linda Kay Parker, while cruising Salem in his Chevy Nova and on December 16, 1972 they were united in marriage.

After high school, Ken started working in the mines until he decided to continue his education and become a licensed practical nurse. He put his license into practice with Dr. Carnett’s office at the Salem Memorial District Hospital where he didn’t have to work weekends and was able to attend church. Ken had a heart of gold and desire to help others. He was a caring and compassionate nurse who worked hard to provide for his family.

Ken and Linda were dedicated foster parents who unselfishly loved and cared for many children throughout the years. They proudly adopted three children: John, Stacy, and Michelle and loved them as their own. Ken took great pride in raising his family in a home filled with deep love and strong values of goodness, kindness, and honesty. He cherished the time spent with them and treasured the memories made together.

Ken liked doing crossword puzzles and enjoyed playing his guitar. He loved the Lord, valued reading his Bible, and looked forward to preaching the Word.

He was a longtime member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Ken departed this life February 14, 2022 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of seventy-one years. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, loving wife: Linda Plank of Salem, MO; children: John Plank of Salem, MO, Stacy Plank of Lake of the Ozarks, MO, and Michelle Plank of Salem, MO; siblings: Jean Kelley and husband Ralph of Salem, MO, Verna Bullock of Salem, MO, Don Plank and wife Ida of Centralia, MO, Ruth Ladd and husband Steve of Apopka, FL, Haden Plank and wife Mary Lou of Centralia, MO; Carl Plank of Salem, MO, Gary Plank and wife Carol of Ringgold, GA, and Richard Plank and wife Carol of Rolla, MO; special little boy: Keagen Arthur; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, his parents: Harry and Sylvia Plank; brothers: James Paul, Melvin Dewaine, Curtis Dale, and William Arthur; sisters: Thela Cooksey, Rosalie Yates, and Janice Elaine Bell.

Ken will be remembered as a sweet man who always had a smile for everyone he met. His kindness and generosity will be forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services for Kenneth Plank were held Monday, February 21, 2022 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Marty Resz officiating. Song selections played were "What A Day That Will Be", "Another Soldier Down", and "Daddy's Hands". Serving as Pallbearers were Dwayne Arthur, Jim Land, James Crabtree, Cordell Conway, Curtis Plank, and Marty Resz. Honorary Pallbearer was John Plank. Military Honors was provided by the Missouri Honors Team and American Legion Post 99. Burial was in the North Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Ken Plank and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

North Lawn Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MN

“ So sad to see Ken has passed. We shared a room when we were in Germany as medics.I mentioned earlier this year to my wife that I had looked him up on the internet,and should give him a call to see how his life went. I'm sorry now for not doing that. He was a good guy and you could tell he would be a good dad and husband. Again I'm sorry for your loss,and wish you the best. Mickey Nunn from Washington state

mickey nunn - March 02, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wilson Mortuary - February 21, 2022 at 11:01 AM

MJ

Willow Springs SDA Church will miss his preaching. A fine Godly man. Condolences to his family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones - February 21, 2022 at 05:47 PM

RL

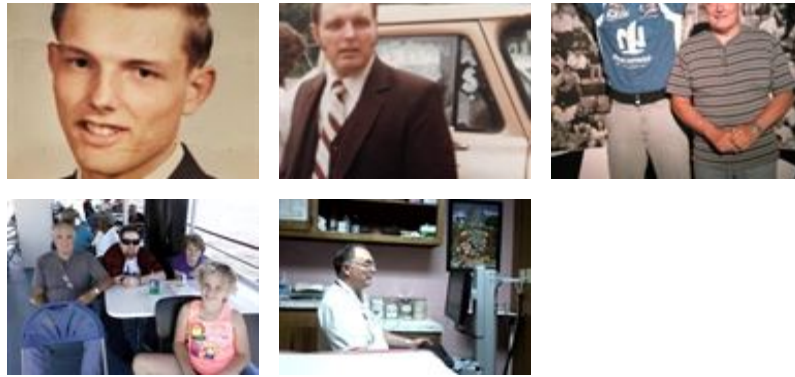
“ Rick & Debbie Land lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Wilber Plank



Rick & Debbie Land - February 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM



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Wilson Mortuary - February 21, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for
the family of Kenneth Wilber Plank.



February 18, 2022 at 01:47 PM

PL

“ My brother and I attended school with the Plank Family back in the early 1960's. I remember Kenny as being a very sweet and kind little boy. My condolences to the family.

Phyllis Ledbetter Light

Phyllis Light - February 18, 2022 at 11:14 AM

AP

“ I enjoyed his sermons at Willow Springs MO very much. He was a very kind and good person. My prayers for his wife and family.

Ann Pulley - February 17, 2022 at 07:05 PM

RS

“ He was a very compassionate brother, he would do anything for anyone I will miss him very much, I wish I could be there for his family Ken you will always be in my thoughts.

Ruth Ladd Sister - February 17, 2022 at 03:49 PM

BY

“ Uncle Ken will be very much missed. He was a wonderful Uncle. I remember him living in Kansas City in an apartment next door to my Grandma (my Dad's Mom). There was another older lady that lived on the other side of him. Those ladies thought he was the greatest and looked after him like Mother Hens. He worked at Sears back then and had the most beautiful red Chevrolet. He'd come over to our house and play with me when I was very young. Such that I remember those days to this very day. He was always the cool uncle:-) on Mom's side. Uncle Ken, I Love You and will miss you.



Ben Yates - February 16, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Kenneth Wilber Plank.



February 16, 2022 at 10:20 AM