

Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr.

July 20, 1944 - April 3, 2025

Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr. was born July 20, 1944, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was one of three boys born to Kenneth Sr. and Miriam (Kulp) Reese. Ken grew up in the area and graduated from Manheim Central High School with the Class of 1962.

Ken proudly went on to serve his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1966. His life took a romantic turn when he met his beloved wife, Julia Ann Nace, while he was working at Fulton Bank. Their first date was to a Righteous Brothers concert – a fitting start to a lifelong relationship. They united in marriage on September 24, 1967, at the Congregational Bible Church in Marietta, PA. To this union they were blessed with three sons: Brian, Bradley, and Barry. They shared over fifty-seven years of marriage while raising their family and making lasting memories.

Ken dedicated 45 years of his career to Fulton Bank, primarily at the Mountville branch in Pennsylvania. His dedication extended beyond the bank, however. In a testament to his community spirit, he served one term as Mayor of Mountville, PA, famously winning the election against his own boss – a story that even caught the attention of Paul Harvey, who interviewed Ken on his radio show. And now for "The Rest of the Story."

Beyond the love he had for his family, Ken had many passions and interests.

He was a devoted fan of the Phillies and Grizzlies, an avid collector of baseball cards, and enjoyed the excitement of horse races, lottery tickets, and casino visits. He spent countless hours exploring his interests online and cherished the companionship of his cats, most recently Mable, his loyal friend for fourteen years. Ken loved visiting Ocean City, Maryland and Sebring, Florida. Numerous vacations were spent here, and special memories were made.

Ken entered eternal rest April 3, 2025, at his home in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty years. Those left behind to cherish his memory include his loving wife: Julia Reese of Salem, MO: children: Brian Reese and wife Lisa of Salem, MO, Bradley Reese and wife Dottie of Mountville, PA and Barry Reese and wife Tatiana of Columbia, PA; brother: Gary Reese and wife Carolyn Rutherford of Hatboro, PA; grandchildren: Nathan, Logan, Tyler, Chase, Noell, Amanda, and Heather; ten great grandchildren with number eleven on the way; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Kenneth Sr. and Mariam Reese and brother: James Reese.

Ken was a great man who treated everyone with kindness. He always had a smile on his face and loved talking to others, especially about ballgames. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Funeral Services for Kenneth Raymond Reese Jr. were held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating. Song selections played were "Precious Memories", "In The Garden", and "When We All Get To Heaven". Serving as Pallbearers were Barry Reese, Bradley Reese, Noell Reese, Owen Reese, Chase Reese, Glenda Botkin, Caleb Thompson, Elliott Reese, and Brian Reese. Military Honors was provided by the American Legion Post 99 and United States Air Force Honors Team. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements

were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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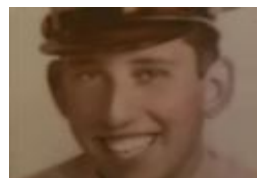
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“ American Legion Walker-Roney Post 99 sends our sincere condolences to Brian and all of the Ken Reese family during this difficult time. May the Lord bless and keep all of you during the days to come..!

Clay Lindsay

Clay Lindsay - April 07, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr..



April 07, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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“ Rest in peace, pap. I'll miss watching the Phillies with you.



Noell Reese - April 06, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr..

April 06, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr..



April 06, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr..

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“ We Love you, Gary and Carolyn purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr..



We Love you, Gary and Carolyn - April 06, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ LEPCO purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Reese Jr..



LEPCO - April 05, 2025 at 12:45 PM