



Kenneth L. Kemble

December 16, 1943 - March 4, 2019

Kenneth L. Kemble was born December 16, 1943 in Knox, Indiana to Harry and Amanda Kemble. Ken was the youngest of four siblings: Gene, Marlene (Griffith) and Bob. Ken's heart was captured by his high school sweetheart Eileen Hasnerl. She would become his best friend and wife for 55 incredible years. Ken and Eileen had two children, Kurt and Kelly (Manning). They were his pride and joy, and blessed him with five grandchildren, who endearingly called him Papa. Kurt and his wife Shelly have two children, Taylor and Hunter. Kelly and her husband, Anthony Manning, have three sons: Kemble, Harrison and Gabriel.

Family meant everything to Ken. For him it was defined by love and friendship, not just by blood. Ken welcomed everyone into his family- it didn't matter who you were, or what you needed, he was always there. He was Papa, Uncle, or Brother to many and a friend to all. He was a 1962 graduate of Knox High School where he was honored in the Hall of Fame as a standout athlete in basketball and track. He held the KHS high jump record in track. He was a member of the 1961 basketball team with the most wins in school history, and the first Knox basketball team to win a Regional championship in 1962.

Ken went on to play basketball at Penn State University, where he received his undergraduate degree in Education. He later received a Masters of Science from Purdue University.

Ken worked for the Knox Community School Corporation for 37 years, where he made an impact on the lives of countless students as a coach and teacher. He had both patience and nerves of steel, teaching half of Knox how to drive in Driver's Ed class. He was respected and loved by his coworkers. He also served as a Washington Township Volunteer Fireman, Washington Township Advisory Board Member, Hunting Guide for Turkey Tracks and a SCYC Radiothon Volunteer.

After retiring from KHS, Ken never stopped teaching. He turned the outdoors into his classroom, where his passion for hunting, fishing, gardening, and golfing came together. As a mentor, he was willing to give support and advice in the best way that he could. Passing along his knowledge and wisdom to others was one of his lifelong callings. He was also the proprietor of Kemble's Deer Processing, where friends were family and the hunting stories were long (and not always true)!

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Gene and Bob Kemble.

Ken leaves behind a loving wife, a caring sister, children, and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, along with other family, numerous friends, and countless students, all whose lives were made better having him in it.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Sunday March 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm CDT at the Knox United Methodist Church where there will be a gathering of friends prior to the service at the church from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial contributions to his favorite organizations: The Eric Corey Foundations Turkey Tracks and/or The Starke County Youth Club.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel is handling arrangements.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

MAR **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
201 S. Shield St.
Knox, IN 46534

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ I am very sad to learn about your Dad's passing. What a great man! Great memories of coming up there for fishing and Turtle's wedding. I miss you all and will keep you in my prayers. - Chris and the Stamm family.

Christopher Stamm - March 14, 2019 at 09:47 PM

LJ

“ Mr.s Kemble was a great guy. He was my health teacher and driver's ed teacher. Think all of my siblings, parents and even aunts and uncles had him as a teacher. My heart and prayers go out to the family during this time of sadness.

Laura Jensen - March 10, 2019 at 06:34 PM

GF

“ Eileen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I grew up with Ken and played basketball and track with him. He was a great athlete as well as a great guy to be around. He was a gentle person and I'm sure a great father. We will miss him dearly.
Gerald Fletcher

Gerald Fletcher - March 09, 2019 at 10:03 AM

CF

“ My most heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Eileen. I remember what a thoughtful and friendly guy Kenny was in the halls of KHS when we were kids. Prayers of comfort being lifted for you all. Charity Clark Fleming
KHS class of 1960

charity fleming - March 08, 2019 at 04:02 PM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for Kelly and your family.

Marcy & Chad Hopple - March 08, 2019 at 08:54 AM

JP

“ Kurt and shelly you are in our prayers we had a lot of good times with you and your Dad shooting league at the Buck Rub He was a good man and will be missed by all

Jim & Cathy Phend - March 08, 2019 at 06:36 AM

TM

“ Tom and Patty Mulligan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth L. Kemble.



Tom and Patty Mulligan - March 07, 2019 at 04:08 PM

TM

“ I just learned of Ken’s passing. I have the utmost respect and honor being one of his oldest friends. He and I spent many times together and he always was someone to look up to. His superb character has always been reflected in his wife Eileen (Doris) and his two children all of whom were blessed by having him as a father and husband. His grandchildren were a delight to him
When I think of Ken, I remember a warm considerate person who was about the best friend a person could have. He was always there when someone needed him.

I remember sitting on his father’s porch when Ken was in a basketball championship game, while at Penn State, He played and did an outstanding job. Harry, his father, had me try some of his blackberry snuff when he and I were watching the game. It about made me fall off the chair. I was with Ken hunting in Montana and shot my first duck with him from a swamp around bass lake. We went trout fishing in Michigan and did a lot of hunting together.

He and Eileen were together both during and after high school. One time he met me driving a yellow Buick. He said, “look at this beauty!”. I thought he was talking about the car, but realized he was talking about his newly born daughter, Kelly. Kurt followed and mirrored his fathers love of nature and embraced the considerations and personality of Ken. They both were expert archers. Ken loved his family dearly and was always very proud, of all of them. Eileen was always wonderful and made a great squirrel stew one time at their home.

I have always thought of Ken and his family as I moved to Wisconsin. I will always think of him and his family. It will be a joyous day if I am able to join him in heaven. He surely is there now awaiting his reunion with Eileen, their family. And loved ones. His reunion with his parents must be incredible.

Although Ken is not now physically among us, he remains with us through the examples he showed in the hazards of this life. If there is ever a need for his advice, one would only have to think “what would Ken say?”. His example was and is a wonderful legacy to remind us of his as an outstanding human being.
Hey Ken - see you soon.

Thomas and Patty Mulligan

Thomas Mulligan - March 07, 2019 at 03:58 PM

RB

“ Condolences to Eileen and family. I taught with Kenny in the '70's, took my first whitetail deer with him, and had a lot of laughs.

Great guy, I wish there were more guys like Kenny in this world.

Rick Bruggeman

Thompson Falls, Montana

Rick Bruggeman - March 06, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. Kemble.



March 06, 2019 at 01:01 PM

HH

“ We are sending condolences to the Kenneth Kemble family. You have our sympathy on the loss of you loved one.

Harvey & Kay Hyland - March 06, 2019 at 11:59 AM

TB

Very sorry for your loss....

Thomas Buchanan - March 11, 2019 at 06:56 AM