



Kenneth "Kenny" R. Rupley

November 22, 1943 - March 31, 2025

Kenneth "Kenny" R. Rupley, 81, of Huntington, joined the love of his life, Barbara, at 4:17 pm Monday, March 31, 2025, at Stillwater Hospice Home.

Kenny was born on November 22, 1943, in Huntington, IN, the son of Henry Rupley and Grace (Wagner) Rupley. He graduated from Columbia City Joint High School with the class of 1961. Kenny married Barbara Ann Gurtner on June 23, 1968, in Huntington, IN, at St. Peter's First Community Church; she preceded him in death on August 17, 2016. Kenny was a member of The Chapel of Fort Wayne, IN. He was a past President of the Bippus Lions Club and Chairman of the board of Bippus State Bank, both titles he was very proud of. Kenny was also a member of the Properties Committee of the Huntington County 4-H Association, on the committee of Whitley County Plow Days, and sponsored the Huntington and Noble County Kids Pedal Tractor Pull. Kenny often bought 4-H animals at the Huntington, Whitley, Wells, and Noble County auctions; he even went in on champion animals at the Indiana State Fair. He proudly served in the Army National Guard.

Kenny started his career at Coble Farm Equipment in South Whitley, IN. He then went on to own and operate Rupley Farm Equipment for 45 years. Kenny was known and loved for a variety of different reasons throughout the community. He organized and took part in the Rupley Dixson Square Dancers. He absolutely loved to entertain others and take them out to dinner, even if it

was a three hour drive one way. Kenny was fascinated with the Amish community and culture, he often would take friends and family over to Holmes County, Ohio, to share the experience with others. Kenny was notorious for telling stories that you were not sure were 100% factual and always wanted to have the last word. Through it all, Kenny was a very caring person, if he noticed there was someone in need, he would organize benefits to help others in the community.

Survivors include his Four Nieces, Christine (Darrel) Johnson of Huntington, IN, Cynthia (Leonard) Coburn of Columbia City, IN, Linda (Roger) Carroll of Huntington, IN, and Beth (Jim) Stricker of South Whitley, IN; Three Nephews, David (Kim) Rupley of South Whitley, IN, James "Jim" (Lynn) Rupley of Wolcottville, IN, and Henry (Debra) Kahn of Ashland, KY. He is preceded in death by his Wife, Barbara Ann Rupley, Father, Henry H. Rupley, Mother, Grace Rupley, Brother, Milton Rupley, Sister, Betty Kahn, and Nephew, Mickey Kahn.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Friday, April 4, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Heritage Hall, 631 E Taylor Street, Huntington, IN, with Ryan Lee officiating. There will be two hours of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in St. Peter's First Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials to the Huntington County Fairgrounds Association Inc, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Kenneth R. Rupley.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's First Cemetery

1700 W. Park DR.
Huntington, IN 46750

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

APR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Heritage Hall - Hiers Park
631 E. Taylor St.
Huntington, IN 46750

Burial

APR 5 (ET)

St. Peter's First Cemetery
1700 W. Park DR.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Kenny Rupley.*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - April 03, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *I didn't know him well
He was always nice to me at Rupley Farm Equipment
My Mom brothers and I took a lot of Dixon Mowers to get worked on there
They were Always Very Caring fair on prices and Very Nice
May He rest in Peace*

Darrel - April 05, 2025 at 12:39 AM



“ *Kenny was a VERY good friend of ours and we will miss him greatly.
Max and Jackie Warner*

MAX & JACKLIE WARNER - April 04, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Woods Equipment purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth "Kenny" R. Rupley.*



Woods Equipment - April 04, 2025 at 09:59 AM

BC

“ Brad C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Kenny" R. Rupley.

Brad C. - April 04, 2025 at 09:45 AM

GC

“ I'm so very sorry to learn of Kenny's passing. My dad, Charles Enos, spent many hours and enjoyed many a story with Kenny at his farm and Rupley Farm Equipment. He was also a frequent customer for his farm equipment and repairs. Kenny will be deeply missed.

- Gloria Enos Cossairt

Gloria Cossairt - April 03, 2025 at 07:45 PM

JV

“ Kenny grew up across the road from me, his dad & my dad were cousins. When we were young, we had permission to hunt mushrooms in the woods behind our farm. Neither Kenny nor my brother were happy about my going along, but if I didn't go, they couldn't either. So back the back lane, across the field, climb over the fence & we're in the South neighbor's woods. Now Kenny was the one who knew mushrooms, so he was in charge. He carefully chose a tree & instructed me to sit under it & they would chase the mushrooms to me. So I sat & waited & waited, then began picking the toadstools all around the tree. Had the skirt of my dress quite full to overflowing with toadstools, by the time they came back. Between the 2 of them, they had 3—yes, only 3 mushrooms. Kenny's yelling at me about all these mushrooms on my skirt. I calmly explained that I had only picked the toadstools around the tree where they had put me & left me. In my memory, we had quite a time getting back over the fence, to get home. I wasn't about to let them put MY toadstools in their bucket for mushrooms. So getting me over the fence, with NO toadstool left behind was no easy task. Once back at our house, they were divided equally for both families. Kenny married Barbara Gurtner, who went to Clear Creek School all 12 years with me. That also made us good friends. I'm sorry he is gone. His nieces & nephews should be proud of who he was. I always said he took Clarence Rupley's place on the Bippus Bank Board.
Kenny, Rest in Peace & always know:
Joy loves ya ❤️
Joy Rupley VonBlon

Joy A. Rupley VonBlon - April 02, 2025 at 09:01 PM