



Kenneth Jay "Ken" Amerine

July 6, 1934 - October 3, 2014

Kenneth Jay "Ken" Amerine, 80, of Urbana, passed away in the early morning hours of Friday, October 3, 2014 at Springfield Regional Medical Center after a courageous battle with abdominal cancer.

Born on July 6, 1934 in North Lewisburg, OH, Ken was the son of Jeremiah "Jerry" and Clara (Jones) Amerine. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Jo Ann Amerine, in June of 2013, a loss he mourned until his final breath.

A devoted family man, Ken, was the father of Brenda (Dean) Williams of Urbana and Terry (Diana) Amerine of Overland Park, KS, and three grandsons, Mike Grumble, Erich and Trent Amerine, three young men who meant the world to him. He was also the "favorite" uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.

He was the youngest of five siblings, two brothers, Jeremiah "Jiggs" and Arthur "Shorty" Amerine and three sisters, Emmadale, Sue and Kate. All of who preceded him in death.

Ken was born on a farm, outside of North Lewisburg, maintained a "sun-up to sun-down" work ethic his entire life. He graduated from North Lewisburg High School in 1952. He worked at Ross Willoughby, Dills Supply, Drackett and Howard/Fox River Paper where he was a lead electrician. His "first retirement" was from Fox River Paper. He continued to work after this "first retirement" at Evans Electric and also wired many homes and businesses while owning and managing multiple apartment buildings. He was a well-liked landlord and

neighbor who removed the snow from all of the driveways in his neighborhood on his beloved John Deere lawn tractor, proving that you can take the man from the farm, but not the farm from the man.

He was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds, Ohio State Buckeyes and Green Bay Packers. He was the scorekeeper and helped to coach the 1982 Urbana High School Boys Baseball State Championship team.

Ken served in the National Guard and U.S. Army in the late 50's. After the death of his wife, he was extremely active as part of the honor guard with the American Legion and was the 1st Vice Commander of Pearce-Kerns American Legion Post No. 120. He will be buried with full military honors.

He will be remembered as a kind-hearted, hard-working, family man with a warm smile who was never afraid to give his opinion in a direct manner. He was loved and respected by everyone who knew him.

Family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014 in the WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, Urbana, where a service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 with Rev. Kevin Horrigan and Pastor Roger Childers officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Dale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Ken's memory may be made to the Cancer Association of Champaign County, P.O. Box 38125, Urbana, OH 43078.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Dale Cemetery

319 Patrick Avenue
Urbana, OH 43078

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Brenda I'm so very sorry for your loss. May God grant you peace during this time.*

Debi Wheeler-Bair

Debi Wheeler-Bair - October 08, 2014 at 12:11 PM

DM

“ *Dear Terry, I never had the honor of meeting your Dad, but through your words I got to know him and your family. As Sr Vice Commander of American Legion Post 635, Normal, IL and Jr Vice Commander of District 17, IL, please know that your Dad will be in our prayers at our upcoming meetings and we will honor his service to his country. On a personal note, I'm sure you brought much joy to him and made him proud to call you his son.*

Dan Maffeo, FFEI & American Legion

Dan Maffeo - October 06, 2014 at 11:21 AM

TA

Thank you Dan. I had chills with the honor guard and the salutes. Especially when they passed by the casket one by one and gave a crisp salute and then came to shake our hands. One of my last comments was how lucky is the man who can sincerely say that their father is a bigger hero to them at fifty than he was they were five.

terry amerine - October 07, 2014 at 09:51 PM

JN

“ *My deepest condolences to the Amerine family. May you find comfort in the fond memories you hold dear to your heart.*

Jeanette Nail

Jeanette Nail - October 06, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KB

“ *May God bring you peace and comfort at this time.*

Kelly Bolen

Kelly Bolen - October 06, 2014 at 09:02 AM

VW

“ *Prayers for the whole family. May God embrace each one of you, and comfort you during this very hard and sad time in your lives. Ken was such a wonderful man, husband, father, hard worker, neighbor & friend. He had a giving heart. He will be missed going about life here on Maple Tree Lane.*

Love, Neighbors....Ron & Vickie

Vickie White - October 05, 2014 at 10:24 AM



VW

“ *I will never forget the hard worker he was, as well as a man with a giving heart. He gave of himself. I will always remember his kindness.*

Vickie White - October 03, 2014 at 08:34 PM

