



Kenneth Lee Woods

May 20, 1953 - September 11, 2016

Kenneth Lee Woods, 63, of Osage Beach, formerly of Hannibal and Louisiana, MO went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 11, 2016. He was also known to many as Ken or Kenny. Kenneth was born to Robert Gene and Marian Edith Hallows Woods in Louisiana, MO on May 20, 1953. He was a graduate of the Louisiana High School Class of 1971. He went on to earn a bachelor's of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri – Rolla (UMR) in 1976. Immediately after graduation he began his career in engineering at Crane and Fleming in Hannibal, MO, which later became MECO Engineering Co., Inc. He received his Professional Engineer license in 1980. He was named a partner of the firm in 1988. He dedicated 40+ years to MECO before retiring in July, 2016. Family was most important to him, but there is no doubt MECO was his second greatest passion. He loved being an engineer. He gave his total self to MECO, and was very instrumental in developing such deep relationships with clients and employees, that they soon became longtime friends. Kenneth married Donna Jenkins on July 24, 1976. She survives. This year marked 40 years of marriage and his love for her was like no other. Donna was his best friend. If you spent any time talking with him, you surely heard him share his admiration for her or witnessed them holding hands as they walked side by side. Together they brought life to two daughters, Laura Lee and Heather Lynn (Durbin). Laura Lee preceded him in death on November 14, 1993. While Kenneth and Donna suffered greatly with her loss, they clung

to their faith, one another, and the joy of knowing they will one day be rejoined with her in the everlasting life our God has offered us. What an amazing reunion he is having with her now. His daughter Heather Durbin, her husband Steve ("Dauber") and four children, Laura Lynn, Clinton "Wade", Bennett Steven and Evelyn Pearl of Osage Beach, Mo also survive.

While approaching retirement, Kenneth moved his primary residence to Osage Beach to spend his free time with the family he loved and adored so much. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren for golf cart rides around the neighborhood, out in the boat and hanging on their dock on Lake of the Ozarks. He loved to entertain friends with dock parties, grilling ribs, and his famous biscuits and gravy for breakfast. He enjoyed boating, golfing, cooking and in his younger years, bowling league.

Kenneth is a member of the First Baptist Church of Louisiana, MO. He served many years there as a deacon and youth leader. Kenneth also had a great pride and commitment to serving in the Rotary Club of Hannibal. During his time with Rotary and throughout his life he engaged in their mission of "Service Above Self."

Kenneth was a very generous and loving man. He (and Donna) often took in many children at different times in their life that they loved and treated as their own. One of those very special daughters, Sarah "Bear" Whistler Mezzera, along with her husband Chad and their daughter Kedzie of Clovis, CA also survive. Philip Meier (Lamia) of Zurich, Switzerland, which Kenneth considered a son, after living with them for 6 months in 1994, too survives. Whether it was food, shelter, finances, guidance, and/or support Kenneth always wanted to make sure others were taken care of.

Kenneth is also survived by his father, Robert "Bob" Woods of Louisiana, MO. He enjoyed spending time with his dad in the outdoors, riding ATVs, as well as deer and mushroom hunting. Kenneth is also survived by one brother David (Marilyn) also of Louisiana, MO.

Survivors also include: One Aunt, Louise Carlberg and one Uncle, Roy (Jane) Woods; Father-in-law Don (Carol) Jenkins and Mother-in-law Louise (Alton)

Jenkins, all of Louisiana, MO. Sister-in-law Peggy (Dennis) Griffith of Troy, MO; Brother-in-law Bob (Julie) Jenkins of Louisiana, MO; Sister-in-law Judy (John) Shelton of College Station, TX; Sister –in-law Michelle Jenkins of Chesterfield, MO; Brother-in-law Tim (Julie) Jenkins of St. Louis, MO; Brother-in-law Steve (Kathy) Jenkins of Ivor, VA; Sister-in-law Mary (Jamie)Wilson of Quincy, IL. Nieces and Nephews: Whittney (Kris) Lee of O’Fallon, MO; Donnie (Jenn) Jenkins of O’Fallon, MO; Dennis Griffith of Hawk Point, MO; Christy (Justin) St. Pierre of Troy, MO; Stacey Griffith of Troy, MO; Tim (Ashley) Jenkins of Louisiana, MO; Donnie (Samantha) of Columbia, MO; Christopher (Jeannine) Russell of Grovetown, Georgia; Madison and Parker Jenkins of Chesterfield, MO; Joe and Samantha Jenkins of Ivor, VA; and two special nieces he thought of as grandchildren, Olivia and Rachel Wilson of Quincy, IL. They spent much of their time, vacations, laughter and joy with their Uncle Kenny. He is also survived by many great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Marian Woods, Mother-in-law Carol Lee Jenkins, and Brother-in-law Dan Jenkins.

Visitation will be held, Thursday, September 15, 3-8pm at Collier’s Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, MO. Funeral services are Friday, September 16, 10:30am at the First Baptist Church of Louisiana, MO. The Dr. Bob Feeler will officiate. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana, MO.

Pallbearers are: Lee Steinman, Stuart Link, Clay Baldwin, John Middleton, Craig Hemphill, Kevin Willis and Roger Keller

Honorary Pallbearers include: Scott Vogler, Max Middendorf, Jim Bensman, Bob Vogler, Mavis Lehenbauer, and Brian Holle

Memorial Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to the Laura Lee Woods Memorial Fund C/O First Baptist Church of Louisiana, 608 S Carolina, Louisiana, MO 63353, or the Foundation for Barnes Jewish Hospital General Liver Fund, 1001 Highlands Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63310, www.givingbar

nesjewish.org.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
collierfuneral@att.net

Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Lee Woods*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Kenneth Lee Woods*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Bob Woods Family over the loss of their son Kenneth. You have our heartfelt sympathy. Gene and Bert Appelbaum*

joseph Appelbaum - September 19, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.*



September 15, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.*



September 15, 2016 at 09:07 AM

EG

“ I know Terry was up there to greet his old pal Kenny, I know how hard things are right now. Donna, you have your family like I have mine and that will be what gets you thru these times. I still miss Terry very much but I know he is no pain now and in a much happier place. And know that we will see them again

Elaine Griffith - September 15, 2016 at 12:02 AM

LD

“ Love ya!! Andy & Lori Danella purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.



Love ya!! Andy & Lori Danella - September 14, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.



September 14, 2016 at 08:36 PM

LD

“ Donna, Heather and family: My heart aches for you all. Kenny was a great guy and we will always remember him. Please know we will be thinking of you. I have always considered you all family even though when I moved we didn't get to see each other often. Hugs to you all! Love ya!!

Lori & Andy Danella

Lori Danella - September 14, 2016 at 08:12 PM

JL

“ Dear Donna and family;
Im so sorry to hear about kenneths passing. Kenneth was a wonderful and caring person and i know that he will be deeply missed by everyone that knew him. My fondest memories of kenneth was having him as a sunday school teacher for so many years. He lived by example and i consider myself lucky to have known him. I remember the day Laura passed away like it was yesterday. I know how your hearts ached, but yet you trusted in God's word. You helped so many of us keep our faith during that time. Theres no doubt that kenneth is now in GOD'S loving care. I can only imagine how he must have felt to finally be able to hug laura once again. You will be in my prayers in the days to follow and you will always be in my thoughts like you have always been. Im sorry that i havent kept in better touch with you. Nonetheless, you and your family will always have a special place in my heart.

*Sincerely,
James "bobby" Lee*

James Lee - September 14, 2016 at 06:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.*



September 14, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ *I worked with Ken for several years on water projects in Illinois. He was a true gentlemen and a good friend. I enjoyed the times together. You are in my prayers.*
Gordon E. Dill, II State Engineer

Gordon Dill - September 14, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Donna and the Woods Family,*

I share a sense of loss as Kenny was a great engineer and a even greater person. I shall never forget his somewhat mischievous grin, quick sense of wit and easygoing manner. Kenny always seemed to have a humorous story or experience to share. I am fortunate to have known him as a friend and treasure the memories.

He will be missed but never forgotten.

Sincerely,

Greg Boettcher

Greg Boettcher - September 14, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.*



September 14, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Kathy Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Lee Woods*



Kathy Smith - September 14, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *Kenneth was loved dearly by so many. He (and Donna) have been dear friends since my toddler days. Fond memories ... Lots of love. Kenneth rejoice with Laura. Donna, Heather and family wishing you that peace that comes from God. ♡♡*

Viki Cadwallader - September 14, 2016 at 05:28 AM



“ *Roni Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Lee Woods*



Roni Bryant - September 14, 2016 at 03:21 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.*



September 13, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ *My condolences to Donna Heather and to all the family of Kenneth Woods. He will be missed. Our daughter Stacey Collins Bibb loved Kenneth's potato soup and taught her dad how to make it. God Bless you all. I know Kenneth is with his sweet Laura now.*



Dianne and Howard Collins - September 13, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.*



September 13, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Woods.*



September 13, 2016 at 12:31 PM

JH

“ *To Donna and Heather, and all of Kenneth's family,
I have so many wonderful memories of serving with you & Kenneth
at FBC. Remembering you all with love & prayers. May you find
comfort in the love and support of your family and friends.
Much Love, Jan Harrison*

Jan Harrison - September 13, 2016 at 11:01 AM