

Kenneth R. Webb

September 19, 1928 - August 12, 2020

Kenneth Ray Webb, age 91 years, a resident of Tunnel Hill, Illinois, passed away Wednesday afternoon, August 12, 2020, at 4:22 PM.

Ken was born September 19, 1928, on the family farm in rural Johnson County. He was the second child of nine children born to Ray and Golda (Hankla) Webb.

On December 24, 1951 he married the love of his life, Edith (Johns) Webb, in Piggott, Arkansas. She survives.

Ken is also survived by daughters: Barbara (Terry) Watkins of Tunnel Hill, IL, Ellen Eastman of Goreville, IL, Lisa Webb of Goreville, IL; and son – Keith Webb (Justine Deaton) of Tunnel Hill, IL; grandchildren – Bryan (Beth) Webb, Danielle Eastman, Stefanie (TJ) Tripp, Courtney (Ryan) Suits, Bridgett (Scott) Brown, Ashlee Webb (Jarell James), Kaylee Webb, Emilee Webb, Shanna (Jon) Green, Amber (Jason) Halstead, and Jarred Deaton; 19 great grandchildren – Brooklyn, Ethan, Tyler, Kyndall, Jayden, Cole, Breanna, Grayson, Dylan, Kypton, Weston, Jasper, Alexis, Peyton, Kyleigh, Tristan, Liam, Avery, and Cameron; his siblings – Elaine (Reggie) Romine, Glenn (Phyllis) Webb, Charlene (Dale) Hodge, and Phillip (Cara) Webb; a brother-in-law – Bob Johns; as well as extended family of numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews also survive him.

In addition to his parents, Ken was preceded in death by his in-laws – Earl and Carmel (Alsip) Johns; siblings – Myra (Harley) Throgmorton, Bob (Edna Ann) Webb, Norma (David) Martin, and Jean Phillips; a sister-in-law – Pat (Sam) Choate; brother-in-law – Earl Ray Johns; and his beloved son-in-law – Daniel Eastman.

Ken attended Webb School, Goreville High School, and graduated from Vienna High School in 1945. He then attended Southern Illinois University for two years and completed his Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Illinois earning a Smith Hughes Degree in Agriculture. His first job was to begin a new agriculture department at Goreville High School. After just barely starting his career, the Korean Conflict re-opened the draft and he served the United States proudly in the U.S. Army stationed at the Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska. He later returned to Goreville and continued teaching Vocational Agriculture for over 30 years in Johnson County teaching in the Goreville and Vienna High Schools.

Ken learned early in life the value of hard work and community involvement. He worked endlessly to be a successful farmer, teacher, FFA Advisor, and community leader. The FFA Motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve was not only what he taught but how he lived. He was an active member of the Johnson County Farm Bureau, SouthEastern Illinois Cooperative Board of Directors, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Board, Johnson County Teacher's Association, and Johnson County Retired Teacher's Organization.

As a member of the Tunnel Hill Community of Christ Church, he served many years as church school director, teacher, and Ordained Elder.

Kenneth was also honored with the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1981, Conservation Teacher of the Year, Conservation Farmer of the Year,

and nominated as “Illinois Teacher of the Year.”

Kenneth’s beautiful smile and infectious laugh will be missed. he rarely met a stranger and treated everyone with love, kindness, and respect whether family, friend, neighbor, colleague, student, or a new acquaintance.

Visitation will be held Saturday afternoon, August 15, 2020, from 4 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Additionally, there will be visitation held Sunday, August 16, 2020, from 11 AM – 12:45 PM at the Community of Christ Church, 5170 Tunnel Hill Road, Tunnel Hill, Illinois.

A family service honoring the life of Kenneth Ray Webb will be conducted Sunday afternoon, August 16, 2020, at 1 PM at the Community of Christ Church. Dr. Glenn Webb will officiate. To view a live stream of the funeral service, please visit the Tunnel Hill Community of Christ Facebook page.

A Public committal service will be conducted at 2 PM Sunday afternoon at Webb Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

Those attending the visitation and funeral service are requested to observe customarily accepted social distancing procedures. All attendees are reminded that, in accordance with recently announced State of Illinois guidelines, masks or face coverings are required in public spaces.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Goreville High School FFA, 201 South Ferne Clyffe Road, Goreville, IL 62939, the Vienna High School FFA, 601 North First Street, Vienna, IL 62995, the Community of Christ Church, c/o Phil Webb, 5140 Tunnel Hill Road, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972, or Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, IL 62959.

Cemetery Details

Webb Cemetery

Webb Cemetery Lane
Tunnel Hill, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Visitation

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Community of Christ Church
5170 Tunnel Hill Rd.
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

Family Service

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Community of Christ Church
5170 Tunnel Hill Rd.
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

Committal Service & Military Honors

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

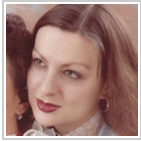
Webb Cemetery
Webb Cemetery Lane
Tunnel Hill, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth R. Webb

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Wishing the family of Kenneth Webb peace after their time of grieving, but may you take solace in the fact that this man lived his life in full, rightly, and with great integrity.

Lynn McCreery - December 02, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ I am SO SORRY to hear of the Loss of my neighbor, Kenneth Webb. I felt like they were my neighbors. I passed by the house twice a day; once on my way to work and once on my way home. I didn't know of his passing until today when I got a Lake of Egypt booklet that is published once every three months and he was mentioned in that. My heart goes out to his precious wife and family! I will miss seeing him on the tractor next spring. Love to the family. Sally James (Allen - deceased)

SALLY JAMES - September 06, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ Mr Webb taught his last year at Vienna the year I taught my first year at Ridgway high school. 1983-84 He was a great teacher and offered us all advise which was" Based on true knowledge and ripened with wisdom." We are better people because of Mr Webb. Jim Richey Galatia,II



Jim Richey - August 17, 2020 at 09:54 AM

RV

“ So. Illinois has lost a sweet and gentle soul.
Robert Vandever and Family

Robert Vandever - August 16, 2020 at 09:54 AM

SS

So sorry for your loss , prayers for y'all , (i am doing research on my family tree, wondering if GLENN RAY WEBB IS RELATED (from CHICAGO) he would have known my mom & uncles // CARVERS J/W

SHERRY SNIPES - November 05, 2020 at 06:00 PM

SG

“ So sorry for your loss. He was such a nice man.



Sondra Goins - August 15, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JT

“ Janis Tapley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb



Janis Tapley - August 15, 2020 at 12:31 AM

KB

“ I am praying for the Webb family. Kenneth was the best teacher I ever had. He was also the best boss to work for in the orchards and on the farm. His smile and laughter will never be forgotten. He always cared for people. We all have lost a great man.
Kenny and Mary Bird

Kenny and Mary Bird - August 15, 2020 at 12:26 AM

DF

I am so sorry for your loss. Mr Webb was a great man, he always had a smile on his face and was always there to help. He was the best teacher I ever had. He will be greatly missed.
Debbie Farris

Debbie Farris - August 15, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JD

I want to offer my condolences to Mrs. Webb and the rest of Webb family over the loss of such a wonderful man. Mr. Webb was my favorite teacher and an inspiration for me while I attended High School. I fondly remember making many FFA trips to Champaign with Mr. Webb. He will forever have a special place in my mind and heart! God bless the rest of the Webb family! Jim Davis

James Davis - August 16, 2020 at 04:11 AM

SL

“ Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - August 14, 2020 at 10:08 PM

JS

“*Joyce Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Joyce Sullivan - August 14, 2020 at 08:46 PM

CC

“*Sending my deepest condolences and lots of love to the whole Webb family. May Uncle Ken Rest In Peace.*



Courtney C. - August 14, 2020 at 07:48 PM

ME

“*My thoughts and prayers go out to Kenneth Ray's family. He lived a long and fulfilled life and will be missed by all who knew him.*

Mary Evelyn (McMahan) Endsley - August 14, 2020 at 07:34 PM

MF

“*My sorrow is so deep to lose this great man, my high school teacher, always a friend, and deeply loving Uncle. I send my deepest sympathies to his dearest Wife Edith & amazing kids, grandkids, & all the greats... You were so blessed to have this wonderful man in your lives to always guide and love you....Thinking of you during this sad & difficult time. Love from "Kikky" as he called me then that fun laugh!*

Mickey (Martin) Finch - August 14, 2020 at 05:55 PM

JL

“ Kenneth was one of my teachers at Goreville High School. He was the best.

Jerry Lindsey

Jerry Lindsey - August 14, 2020 at 05:26 PM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb



Neal & Carol Watkins - August 14, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Webb.



August 14, 2020 at 02:49 PM

TA

“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb



Teresa Anderson - August 14, 2020 at 01:11 PM

RJ

“ *This is a man I will miss greatly have never met anyone like him many memories, that I will never forget, trips to Busch to see the Cardinals, awesome man ,R I P, SIR FATRABBIT*

Randy Jackson - August 13, 2020 at 11:02 PM

RH

“ *Rickey And Sue Harner lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



rickey and sue harner - August 13, 2020 at 10:43 PM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Ernie Henshaw - August 13, 2020 at 10:39 PM

BJ

“ *Kenneth was a humble loving man to all he interacted with. What a spiritual giant, though he would deflect any praise with humor. I will never forget him and all his descendants and family should be grateful to have had him in your lives. He made us feel we were better than we knew we were. Loved his joy just to be alive. Comfort and peace to all of you. His was a life well lived.*

Barbara A Jones - August 13, 2020 at 09:24 PM

SL

“ *Shirlyn Jeffries Land lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Webb*



Shirlyn Jeffries Land - August 13, 2020 at 07:27 PM

BB

“ *He was the sweetest man I have ever known. He always had a
smile on his face. He will be missed by so many.*

Brandy Barger - August 13, 2020 at 07:21 PM

BJ

“ *Bob Jenkins
Austin tx.*

*Webb was my favorite teacher
he will be greatly missed*

bob d jenkins - August 13, 2020 at 07:00 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Smoot lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Webb*



Peggy Smoot - August 13, 2020 at 04:12 PM

GH

“ *Glenn Howard*



Glenn Howard - August 13, 2020 at 03:17 PM

MH

“ *Martha Henshaw-Crane lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Martha Henshaw-Crane - August 13, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DK

“ *Dixie Kline lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Dixie Kline - August 13, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Mike Crews - August 13, 2020 at 01:32 PM

SC

“ *Sherryl Case lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Webb*



Sherryl Case - August 13, 2020 at 01:18 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of
Kenneth R. Webb*



John Slack - August 13, 2020 at 10:52 AM

KM

“ *Keith & Teresa Morsch lit a candle in memory
of Kenneth R. Webb*



keith & Teresa Morsch - August 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers
are with the family at this time.*



Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen

joan faulkner - August 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

MB

“ *Mike and Shirley Barlow.*



Mike and Shirley Barlow - August 13, 2020 at 09:46 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Webb*



Linda Koehler - August 13, 2020 at 09:26 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Webb*



Teresa Richerson - August 13, 2020 at 07:35 AM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth R. Webb*



Lora Goddard - August 13, 2020 at 07:18 AM

CW

“ Clearon And Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth R. Webb



Clearon and Jane Ross Wright - August 13, 2020 at 12:36 AM

GD

“ Prayers lifted for his family.



Ginger D - August 13, 2020 at 12:17 AM

PS

“ Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb



Paula Sullivan - August 12, 2020 at 11:26 PM

JW

“ J. P. Watkins lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb



J. P. Watkins - August 12, 2020 at 11:03 PM

NH

So sorry for your loss, He will be missed very much, he was a great man.

Nadine Hamilton - August 14, 2020 at 12:02 PM

BR

“ *Bill & Debbie Rigsby lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Bill & Debbie Rigsby - August 12, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie McCall sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Jeannie McCall - August 12, 2020 at 09:26 PM

JM

So sorry for the loss of such a loved and respected man.

Jeannie McCall - August 12, 2020 at 09:27 PM

SJ

“ *Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Steve & Darla Jones - August 12, 2020 at 09:11 PM

CH

“ *The entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. Wonderful member of our community.* ”



Chris and LaRae Harner - August 12, 2020 at 08:53 PM

DJ

“ *Kenneth Webb will be missed. He was one of the Greatest Teachers I ever had. My thoughts and Prayers for the family.* ”



Donna Breeden Jeffords - August 12, 2020 at 08:38 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb* ”



Elizabeth Kerley - August 12, 2020 at 08:30 PM

EH

“ *RIP Mr Webb. We will miss you Not only we're you both of our teachers, but one who kept us in hay for years and truly a good friend. Heaven has surely received a wonderful gift today* ”



Eugene and Leisa Hudson - August 12, 2020 at 08:27 PM

JG

“ *Jim And Linda Gage lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Jim and Linda Gage - August 12, 2020 at 08:26 PM

CT

“ *Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Carla Tapley - August 12, 2020 at 08:12 PM

SR

“ *SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



SHERI ROBINSON - August 12, 2020 at 08:01 PM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Becky Turley - August 12, 2020 at 07:50 PM

WB

“ *Wm & Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Webb*



Wm & Nancy Belford - August 12, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JG

To Aunt Edith, Barbara, Ellen, Lisa and Keith and all your children grandchildren. Uncle Ken was so loving and caring. We are all extremely blessed to have known him and our family is better because of him. Jill

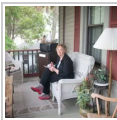
Jill Grammer - August 13, 2020 at 06:44 PM

TM

“ *I'm So Sorry for Your Loss Sending Thoughts and Prayers for ALL of the Family*



Theresa Mckenzie-Trovillion - August 12, 2020 at 07:34 PM



you are already being missed. I hope you and my Jim get to visit in Heaven. God Bless your family and friends.

Dixie Terry - August 13, 2020 at 12:40 AM

TT

So sorry for the loss of a kind and sweet man

Toni Taylor - August 13, 2020 at 12:13 PM

PH

I am so sorry for the loss of Kenneth. I will always remember his beautiful smile and infectious laugh. - cousin Patsy Gage Hilligoss

Pat Hilligoss - August 13, 2020 at 02:43 PM

CF

So sorry for the family in their grief. I loved Kenneth and thought he was a really great man. My parents, John and Margaret Webb were so fond of the whole family. Actually about 4th cousins. His passing is like the passing of an era. Rest easy with the Lord, Kenneth.

Connie Webb Fishman - August 13, 2020 at 04:32 PM