



Kenneth Leroy Bentley

August 19, 1948 - February 27, 2019

Kenneth Leroy Bentley, age 70, of Oskaloosa, passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, Iowa.

Kenneth was born on August 19, 1948, in Naples, IL, to Loren and Lena (Pruett) Bentley. He grew up and attended school in Illinois. On May 14, 1983, he married Alzina McKim Davis in Jacksonville, IL. They lived in many of the southern states before moving to Iowa in 1991.

Kenneth worked on a ship as a long shipman, was a marble maker, drove a cab, and was an over the road truck driver. He most recently managed the BP station in Albia. He enjoyed being outdoors, camping, flower gardening, and mowing his yard keeping it very well manicured. He enjoyed motorcycles, watching professional wrestling, listening to old Elvis music, playing cards, going on road trips and driving fast. Kenneth loved spending time with his family and attending family gatherings. He loved kids, especially babies. He had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful father. His family relates that he is the best thing that ever happened to them.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Alzina of Oskaloosa, IA; 5 children, Chris Bentley of Sylvester, GA, Dallas Davis of Oskaloosa, IA, Terry (Travis) Cassill of Shell Knob, MO, Michelle Ratliff of Oskaloosa, IA, and Dawn (Dell) Elder of Oskaloosa, IA; 11 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; a brother, Robert

(Rose) Bentley of Jacksonville, IL; and a sister, Rosemary (Carl) Raleigh of Cholchester, IL. Kenneth is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loren and Lena; his grandparents; a grandson; a sister, Ida Mae; 4 brothers, Terry, Loren, and Jerry Bentley, and Ronnie Bentley in infancy.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Kenneth's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Roger McKim and Pastor Dustin Sample officiating. Per Kenneth's wishes, his body will be cremated following services and he will be laid to rest in Jacksonville, IL, at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Leroy Bentley*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Kenneth Leroy Bentley*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Our dad came into our lives when Michelle and I were young. He took us in like it was even a thought. He once joking around told mom "I'm just marrying you cause of your cute daughters." But we all knew it was love from the start, and 35 years later look at the love. I have had some of the best childhood memories because of that man and some of the hardest working memories because of that man. He was not only our dad but yes he was also at one point our boss at both bp's. Sucker for punishment lol nope just love being around a great man who constantly taught you the business of work and everyday life. Daddy I'm gonna miss that smile, that how you feeling "with my hands" and most of all whatever!! And how you were always picking on mom with Dell or without him. Teasing mom with your kisses from aunt G and all those lovely aunts of ours, who adore you just as much as we did. We love you daddy then, now , always. Love us all*💙💙💙

Dawn Elder - March 03, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Bentley.*



March 02, 2019 at 08:01 AM



“ *Uncle Ken was a very strong man he fought with everything I love him so much I am gonna miss him so much much love to Chris Dawn and Michelle love you guys*



MELISSA BENTLEY - March 01, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ *I may not have known my grandpa that well, but he was always so gentle and kind and so soft when he talked I. I'm sorry for the loss guys. Love y'all so much. I'll be coming down for the funeral*



mackenzie giltner - March 01, 2019 at 04:23 AM



“ *Alicia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Bentley*



Alicia Johnson - March 01, 2019 at 03:10 AM



“ I enjoyed working for him at bp for quite some time i also knew him quite well because i am very good friends with dawn & Michelle im praying for both of u remember be strong for your mom im soooooo sorry u all have to feel this saddness in your heart

Alicia Johnson - March 01, 2019 at 03:09 AM

VS

“ So very sorry to hear this! I loved that guy! He was the sweetest and kindest man! I always enjoyed going into BP, because his smile and kind words were the best! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!! Love you Michelle and Dawn!!

Valerie Selby Small - February 28, 2019 at 10:16 PM

GM

“ Gina Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Bentley



gina mcombs - February 28, 2019 at 09:19 PM