



## Kenneth Kasper Huber

July 14, 1933 - May 26, 2021

Kenneth “Ken” Kasper Huber, died peacefully, surrounded by his family on May 26, 2021 after a long battle with kidney disease.

Ken was born in the Thornburg Hotel in Thornburg, Iowa on July 14, 1933, to John and Marguerite (Kincaid) Huber. Growing up he excelled in many activities, he was an Eagle Scout, member of the track team and Demolay, and the 1950 Hawkeye Boys State Sheriff. After receiving the Citizenship Award and graduating from Albia High School in 1952 he married the love of his life, Opal Sample on June 15, 1952. From then on Ken and Opal were always together. Some of their first dates included hunting rats, fishing for frogs, and dancing. In 1953, Ken was drafted into the Army. He spent 2 years stationed in Fort Hood Texas with Opal. He worked as a cook on the base and particularly liked to share the story of making numerous gallons of spaghetti sauce for the soldiers to eat, which he stirred with a canoe paddle.

Following his time in the Army, Ken moved back to Albia and raised three children, Jim (Conni) Huber, Kimberly (Dave) Garrett, and Bill (Jackie) Huber. Kenneth worked hard his whole life, as a husband, father, farmer, leather man, scout leader, and longtime deacon at the First Christian Church in Albia. In 1965, he opened the Huber Saddle Shop where he made and sold saddles and leather goods of all kinds. Anyone who came to the shop would be greeted with a smile and story from Ken, over a cup of coffee from Opal. Ken

never met a stranger, and had good friends everywhere he went. His family grew throughout his life to include seven grandchildren, Rose (Scott) Trafford, Ivy Huber, Willow Huber, Jamie (Jeff) Swan, Melody Tissue, Justin (Trina) Huber, and Cody (Shayla) Huber; and five great grandchildren, Drake, Meredith, Leroy Colt, and Jett.

Kenny's lifelong dream was to get Bill to the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas, which Bill did in 1994 and 1996.

Ken loved greeting people with a helping hand, warm conversation, or joke. He loved roping calves, baling hay, and fly fishing. More than anything, he loved Opal. Always side by side, they were a model of a happy life, lived to the fullest and they shared over 68 years of marriage.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Ken's family present throughout the day and evening to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor Arlene Johnson and Pastor Lynda Carlson co-officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow services at Selection Cemetery in rural Monroe County.

Memorials have been established to the First Christian Church in Albia, Selection Cemetery, or to the family.

# Cemetery Details

**Selection Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

### Funeral Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
203 Washington Ave East  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Kasper Huber*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Kenneth Kasper Huber*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I will always cherish the knife sheath he gave me.*

**John Agan** - August 08, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Kenny made my belt with my name back in 78, I still have and wear it to rodeos and fun shows and always will. Sorry I didn't make it to the visitation. He will always be remembered and with his kids, grandkids and great grandkids, a part of him will always be around.*

**Susie (McBride) Long** - June 06, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *Got my first pair of chaps from Kenny. I sure do have some good memories with the Huber family. I am very sorry for their loss. Rest in peace Kenny.*

**Bill Haines** - May 31, 2021 at 01:20 PM

LK

“ Don enjoyed Cub scouts leather projects in kenney's shop. And also the flag burning ceremony with the Cub scouts with kenney. He will be missed. Don and Lori Kipfer

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**Lori kipfer** - May 30, 2021 at 07:54 PM

GF

“ We are thinking of the Huber family during this difficult time. What a role model Kenny was and an upstanding patriarch for your family! We spent many great Friday nights at the saddle shop visiting with Kenny and Opal and friends. Kenny was always ready to build anything custom and he helped me dream up alot of royal blue, buckstitched headstalls, chaps, skid boots, etc., which were all the rage long ago. Steve tended toward the more practical stuff Kenny made, most of which we are still using 50 years later!!! When I think of our time with the Huber's, it always brings a smile to my face.

*Steve and Glenda (VanNess) Farrier*

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**Glenda Farrier** - May 28, 2021 at 10:30 PM

RB

“ My heroes have always been “Cowboys”. Kenny was one of the first cowboys I ever knew. He sold me my first Roping Saddle and was a great supporter to me.

*I know he is in Heaven —roping on Baldy and watching his Grandkids and Great Grandkids.*

*Ron Bever*

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**Ron Bever** - May 28, 2021 at 04:33 PM

RL

“ As a youngster I was always excited to go to the Saddle Shop in Albia. There was always something interesting going on. Watching Kenneth or Opal make a halter rope or fit a pair of hand made leather Chaps was always a treat. I had a pair of "Show Chaps" made in the 60's when we attended "Horse Shows" every weekend and in 2010 after my Dad passed away and Mom had an estate sale we found the Chaps. They fit my then 14 year old daughter perfectly .

*My condolences to the family and friends for the loss. Maybe he and Dad can share stories and have a few cups of coffee.*

*Rod Lappin*

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**Rod Lappin** - May 28, 2021 at 01:21 PM

LR

“ As friends of my parents, I have known Kenny and Opal since I could walk. My dad bought me a pony saddle as a little girl and Kenny would always tease me about my squeaky saddle. "You need to oil it!" he would say. I'm now in my 60's and the last time I saw Kenny at church he asked if I still had that squeaky saddle!

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**LaRue Clark Russell** - May 28, 2021 at 12:14 PM

BH

“ I remember sitting at the kitchen table and eating fried Indian bread that Opal was making and listening to Kenny tell stories, the Indian bread and the stories were both something I will always remember, I hope each of us will always have happy memories/stories to remember Kenny

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**Ben Heckart** - May 28, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kasper Huber.*



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May 28, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ *Cheryl A Gray lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Kasper Huber*



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**Cheryl A Gray** - May 28, 2021 at 06:41 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Kenny was a friendly kind man. Your in my thoughts.*

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**LEA FLEENER Weldon** - May 27, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *I will forever cherish the love he gave me when out at the farm learning to rope with Bill and the beautiful red white and blue halter and pink hackamore he made for my horses that look just as good as the first day I got them. Prayers and thinking of you all he was wonderful and will be greatly missed*

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**Shania Calhoun** - May 27, 2021 at 06:06 PM