



Kenneth F. Rutz

September 26, 1933 - January 27, 2018

Kenneth F. Rutz, age 84 of Pocahontas, IL, died Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born September 26, 1933, in Highland, IL, the son of Lawrence and Alice (nee Frisse) Rutz.

On October 09, 1957, he married Mary A. Wilke at St. Rose Catholic Church. She survives in rural Pocahontas, IL.

He was a member of Saint Gertrude Catholic Church. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus of Highland Council 1580; Teamsters Local #600 at St. Louis; Bond County Antique Club; former member of Teamster Local #125 at Alton; Heritage Museum -Greenville, IL; Leef Township Senior Citizens (former President); Highland Harvest Days.

Kenny was born in Highland and grew up east of Grantfork and attended Fairview School. He graduated from Highland High School in 1951. He served with the US Army in 1953 and was stationed in North Carolina with the 82nd Airborne Division. He trained as a paratrooper. After his marriage in 1957 they moved 2 miles north of his childhood home. It was here they raised livestock and grain until retiring from farming in 2008. Their farm was registered a Centennial Farm. Along with farming, Kenny worked concurrently as an

independent truck driver and later was employed by Bellm Freight Lines in Highland and then Churchill Trucking Co. in St. Louis, MO. He was a member of Teamsters #600. After retiring he served as a Trenton COOP Board Member. Kenny enjoyed antiques, woodworking, traveling with his wife and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include:

Wife - Mary A. Rutz, Pocahontas, IL

Daughter - Gail E. (Vincent) Tebbe, St. Rose, IL

Son - Todd D. (Tami) Rutz, Pocahontas, IL

Daughter - Kris M. (Eric) Hundsdorfer, Highland, IL

Daughter - Jody R. (Craig) Marti, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Theodore J. "T.J." (Laura) Tebbe, St. Rose, IL

Grandchild - Garret K. Tebbe, St. Rose, IL

Grandchild - Jamie N. Hundsdorfer, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Morgan E. Lowe, New Baden, IL

Grandchild - Megan J. Hundsdorfer, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Chloe A Marti, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Gabriel R. Marti, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Theodore R. Tebbe Jr., St. Rose, IL

Great Grandchild - Henry J. Tebbe, St. Rose, IL

Brother - Carl L. (Shirley) Rutz, Highland, IL

Brother - Donald J. (Lucille "Cookie") Rutz, Highland, IL

Brother - Ronald J. Rutz, Pocahontas, IL

Brother-in-law - Homer H. (Sharon) Rusteberg, Highland, IL

Brother-in-law - Stanley (Joan) Wilke, Highland, IL

Sister In-law - Pauline Wilke, Aviston, IL

Sister In-law - Theodora Wilke, Breese, IL

Sister In-law - Mary Wilke, Breese, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Lawrence C. Rutz - Died 1/15/1986
Mother - Alice E. Rutz, nee Frisse - Died 7/04/1976
Sister - Nancy A. Rusteberg - Died 2/10/1990
Sister In-law - Yvonne M. "Bonnie" Rutz - Died 4/01/2016
Father-in-law - Henry H. Wilke - Died 10/11/1960
Mother-in-law - Theresa R. Wilke, nee Goestenkors - Died 4/19/1978
Brother-in-law - Edward B. Tebbe - Died 10/15/2004
Sister-in-law - Veronica M. Tebbe, nee Wilke - Died 3/16/2005
Brother-in-law - Vincent B. Wilke - Died 8/06/1994
Brother-in-law - Ralph B. Wilke - Died 3/01/2010
Brother-in-law - Norbert T. Wilke - Died 8/03/2012
Brother-in-law - Francis B. "Buzzy" Wilke - Died 12/30/2007
Sister-in-law - Bertha E. Wilke, nee Grapperhaus - Died 2/13/1994

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 01, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 1, 2018, at Saint Gertrude Catholic Church in Grantfork, IL, with Father Scott Snider officiating.

Interment will be at St. Gertrude Catholic Cemetery in Grantfork, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grantfork Volunteer Fire Department or St. Gertrude Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dale & Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth F. Rutz



Dale & Rita Rinderer - February 02, 2018 at 08:54 PM

JB

“ June Barney lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth F. Rutz



June Barney - January 31, 2018 at 10:27 PM

SS

“ Millie Wesselmann and I visited Kenny and Mary Agnes several times. We always enjoyed a great meal, lively visiting, and playing cards. Kenny was a gracious, and welcoming host who was always interested in everybody and every thing. He always had to make sure his dog and/or rooster were out of the way before we arrived. Kenny was a wonderful man who certainly had God and his family as priorities in his life.

Sister Urban M. Molitor, SSND

Sister Urban M. Molitor, SSND - January 31, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.*



January 31, 2018 at 06:15 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.*



January 30, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ken's death. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

With Love,

Tom and Lori Miller 🌸

Lori Miller - January 30, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.*



January 30, 2018 at 12:40 PM

LD

“ Lynn Dean lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Rutz



Lynn Dean - January 30, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.



January 30, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.



January 30, 2018 at 08:28 AM

DR

“ Dale & Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Rutz



Dale & Rita Rinderer - January 30, 2018 at 08:22 AM

WT

“ *Men like Kenny are rare once you knew him it made you a better person. His influence on others has made this World a better place. Mary you had a great husband and the kids had a super dad.*

Wayne Thurmond - January 29, 2018 at 08:23 PM

JH

“ *Could not have known a better man to have known and worked with him at CHURCHILL! He will be missed ! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and the children!*

Jim Huelsmann - January 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

JH

“ *Jim Huelsmann lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Rutz*



Jim Huelsmann - January 29, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.*



January 29, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.*



January 29, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Kenneth Rutz*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - January 29, 2018 at 12:21 PM

RZ

What a lovely video! Well done 

Rick and Marilyn Zobrist - January 29, 2018 at 04:03 PM

SC

“ *Sonya Curry lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Rutz*



Sonya Curry - January 29, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Rutz.*



January 29, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ *Sorry about your loss. Always knew he was good family man. Knew his wife Mary, worked with her at Wicks Organ factory. His farm and my dads farm joined. Blessings to the relatives and friends. Al Bloemker*

Allan Bloemker - January 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *“Thinking of you, wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain.”*
Sincerely,
Joanne Szoke

Joanne Szoke - January 29, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ *Kenny was a great classmate at Fairview and Highland schools. We will miss him. I am praying for comfort for your family.*

lillian daiber - January 28, 2018 at 07:08 PM