



Kenneth Paul Sterkel

July 4, 1980 - September 21, 2024

Kenneth Paul Sterkel was swept away to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, September 21, 2024, in a tragic drowning accident in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. He was 44 years old. Ken was born on the 4th of July, 1980, in Crown Point, Indiana, to Pastor Dennis G. Sterkel and Sharon L. (Towndrow) Sterkel. He grew up in Midland, Michigan, where he attended Midland Bible Baptist Church, which his father pastored for fifteen years. Even as a young boy, Ken loved helping with the van route, which provided transportation to church, and helping in other various areas of the ministry. While there in Midland, he attended Calvary Baptist Academy for his school years. During his lifetime, Ken worked construction and landscaping jobs mostly and was an operator at Premier Finishing Inc. in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the time of his death. He loved gardening and growing his own vegetables, most of which was used to make HOT salsa. He also enjoyed landscaping in the yards wherever he lived. Ken was a fun-loving guy, with an infectious smile. He loved the Lord and had a desire to help others. Ken is survived by his parents, Dennis and Sharon Sterkel of Willcox, Arizona; his sisters, Rachel (Jason) Maloney of Crown Point, Indiana and Amanda (Shane) Mosher of Lodi, New York. Also surviving him are his Uncles, Richard Towndrow (Aunt Karen), Mike Sterkel and Tim Sterkel; several cousins, nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends. Ken's life seemed to be cut short in our thinking and wishes, but God always knows best and He is always loving and good in how He moves. Ken will truly be missed!

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 12:00PM at Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W Lincoln Highway, Crown Point IN with Pastor Dennis G. Sterkel officiating. Interment to follow. Friends may visit with the family at the funeral home from 11:00AM until the time of service at noon.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

OCT 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth Paul Sterkel*



Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home - October 03, 2024 at 12:04 PM

HF

“ *I'll I remember is growing up with your family when we went to Midland Baptist Church on M20
I didn't know you very well but you were a great friend and family member I'm sure you had a lot of humor and that's a BIG thing with people today
Rest in Peace Kenny now your up there with my Dad Dennis Franklin, we love you y'all ❤️ sorry I couldn't make it to this memorial*



Holly Franklin - October 05, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul Sterkel.*



September 28, 2024 at 08:57 PM

TS

“ *The Sterkels purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Paul Sterkel.*



The Sterkels - September 27, 2024 at 02:08 PM

CM

“ My Darling Ken, even though we only had a short time together I will truly miss our trips that we took together, talking every day on the phone, showing me how to be treated like a queen and being a go-getter in life. I will always and forever love you and miss you like crazy. We we're so close to the finish line before you we're taken away, now there will be a piece of my heart that will always be missing. I remember you would always say I'm your Barbie and your my Ken. Love Always Chandra



Chandra McKibben - September 27, 2024 at 03:49 AM

TF

“ The Douglas Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kenneth Paul Sterkel.



The Douglas Family - September 26, 2024 at 08:27 PM

CA

“ oh i will miss you goofball ! what an awesome and amazing friendship we had .im sure you had no idea that this wild eyed country girl would be in your life for so long lol an unlikely pair that had balance but absolutely the complete opposite of each other . how do you say goodbye to someone that you have a lifetime of memories with ? the answer is you don't ! we are the children of our savior so i know we're going to the same place . so i'll see you when i get there sweetie! i love you always 🥰❤️



Crystal Almanza - September 26, 2024 at 05:34 PM

MW

“ You are so full of life you taught me a lot. The thought of you being gone is hard. You were loved by so many you will be missed by so many more. I love you. I will always love you. I will never forget you. You will always be with me.



Michelle Wilson - September 26, 2024 at 12:20 PM

BF

Beautiful picture! As you stated, so many will miss hearing Ken's laugh and seeing that smile. I pray you continue to smile right from the heart as you are in this photo. Love you both

Beth Feiertag - September 26, 2024 at 02:25 PM

DK

“ I am so sorry for the loss, but as well so thankful for all the years I have had to know Ken and see the great victories he has had in life through Jesus Christ. I love him so much but so thankful this is only a short goodbye and I'll see him in heaven again someday. My prayers are there for the family and friends. God Bless Pastor Don Killey

Don Killey - September 25, 2024 at 07:26 PM

CA

i'll see you when i get there bestie ! we will always have the memories of all the crazy stuff we did as kids ! we always had each other to talk to through the years . i will miss the phone calls the lunch dates or just hanging out in your back yard talking about nothing . what am i saying is was usually you telling me something that you know i would think was foolish and i would yell at you lol . you did it on purpose! i know it because you knew i would never lie or sugar coat it . blunt and straight to the point ! we were the complete opposites of each other . but we loved each other a true friendship to last a lifetime . i will miss you so much . love always chris oh yeah p.s.its a fracture 😂❤️🤔

Crystal Almanza - September 25, 2024 at 08:19 PM

AJ

Ken you always made me laugh at work. You are the only one who could punch in on time with only seconds to go. You always had Kentucky Fried Chicken with you. I know they will miss you. God Bless AJ

AJ - October 05, 2024 at 08:13 AM