



Kenneth Jay Manley

December 8, 1958 - October 31, 2022

Kenneth Jay Manley

of Mount Ida, Arkansas, passed away Monday, October 31, 2022, at the age of Sixty-Three years, Ten months, and Twenty-Three days. He was born on December 8, 1958, In Mount Ida, AR, to L.J. and Hope Darleen Manley.

Kenneth was a jack-of-all trades, but his true-life career was crystal digging; and boy did he know what he was doing. If anyone needed anything in the realm of crystal mining, they would ask him first. Right until his last days, he lived a full life of travel with his wife and dog Lucy. For a man with only an 8th grade education, those who knew him best would tell you he was one of the smartest men they knew. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with family. He will be missed by all very dearly.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter-in-law Laura Manley. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Brenda Sue Manley; His daughter Brigitte O'neal and husband Larry of Daisy, AR; His son Kenneth Manley of Hot Springs, AR; His daughter Lindsey Osborn and husband Kaleb of Talala, OK; 6 grandchildren; 3 brothers; 4 sisters; many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Kenneth will be cremated as per his wishes and we will celebrate his life at a memorial party with close friends and family, just as he would have wanted. Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, Huntington, WV, has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ferrell-chambersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Jay Manley*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *My best bud & I got together in the 80's logging timber in Wyoming. Took road trips, drank more beer than the bars had & took a trip to Arizona where we partied and he met the love of his life Brenda. We stayed close friends, been together all these years. Kenny will be missed more than he will ever know. He was my honest & trusting friend I will miss him dearly. Jim Williams*

To one of the only people who still calls me by my nickname Sissy, I will dearly miss you Kenny. Thanks for being the brother to me I always needed. Sherrie Williams

Sherrie & Jim Williams - November 05, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *Kenny, one of the best people that I've had the privilege of meeting in life. His love of fishing, family and friends made him a joy to be around and I'll miss seeing him at the campsite at Sekiu, WA during the salmon fishing season in the summers. Rest easy my friend.*

SPC Justin Lines - November 05, 2022 at 08:19 AM



“ *Love you, my cousin. always a character, and happy! So thankful us Badger cousins got to spend the time together that we did! Love you buddy❤️Rest easy💔*

Vicki Johnson Hurm - November 05, 2022 at 01:21 AM

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“ Kenny was one of my best friends.
Also my Brother-in-Law.
Kenny and I shared a lot of common interest.
All the way from card games, chess, hunting and fishing, crystal
mining, horseshoes and of course the NFL. I was Cowboys fan and
Kenny didn't like them at all.
I can still remember his exact words to me whenever the Cowboys
lost a game.
Kenny would say. Hey Mr Bill How About Them Cowboys.
Carla and I have had many great times with Kenny and Brenda.
He was a very good friend and I loved him like a brother.
So brother until we meet again.
You were loved by many and we will never forget those great times.

Bill Rose - November 04, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ I will treasure the memories growing up of hanging out at Lindsey's
parents' house and the amazing parties/sleepovers they would
have. It was always a good time because Brenda and Kenny are
such wonderful people and parents to Lindsey and loved her
friends. They were a constant presence in a lot of people's lives and
Kenny will be greatly missed. Much love and prayers for the Manley
family.

Victoria Kelley - November 04, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Kenneth Jay Manley.



November 04, 2022 at 03:47 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories was at Lindsey and Kaleb’s wedding - seeing the joy on his face walking Lindsey down the aisle. He enjoyed sharing his homemade cherry wine, he made me take his seat so I could warm up by the fire, his deep laughter in telling stories about Lindsey’s childhood. He was very proud of his family and what a life well lived.

Rachel Cox - November 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM