



## Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner

March 23, 1960 - May 9, 2020

Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner, age 60, of Rensselaer, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2020 at his residence. The son of George and Elizabeth (Sands) Gratner, he was born on March 23, 1960 in Rensselaer, Ind.

Kenny graduated from Rensselaer Central High School as a member of the Class of 1978. He worked at Genova Plastics for over twenty years. He also enjoyed his career as a self-employed farmer. Kenny had a love of Allis-Chalmers tractors and raising his Berkshire hogs. Having a green-thumb, Kenny planted and cared for all types and species of flowers.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Rensselaer and a former member of the Mount Ayr United Methodist Church.

Kenny is survived by his mother, Elizabeth, numerous Aunts, Uncles, and cousins, including Wayne and Sandy Gratner, Carol and David Spurgeon, Mary Standish, and Robert and Peggy Gratner, along with his sister, Marsha Gratner. He was preceded in death by his father, George.

Kenny's immediate family will remember him this Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 in a private service with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Burial will follow at Smith Cemetery in Rensselaer, Ind. A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date. Memorial contributions in Kenny's name may be made to the

Jasper County Fair Association Memorial Fund.

# Previous Events

## Private Family Funeral Services

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Private Graveside

MAY 13. 11:15 AM (CT)

Smith Cemetery  
1000 S 300 W  
Rensselaer, IN 47978

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Worked with Kenny a long time at Genova. He was a good friend, and a good neighbor. I will miss him yelling "HELLO DAVE BARDEN" to me from through the fence in that Kenny Gratner voice.

Dave Barden - May 20, 2020 at 08:05 AM

TB

“ I never had the pleasure of knowing Kenny but I went to school with sister Marsha. My heart goes out to her and their mother....losing a son/sibling is never easy. God bless 🙏



Tammy Hesson Bottoms - May 19, 2020 at 09:26 AM

VM

“ I worked with kenny at genova in the late 90s. Such a good soul...we use to say BRRR BRRRR as a form of greeting and saying goodbye and whenever the hell we felt like yelling it out to have some fun. To this day my whole family uses this saying on a daily basis as a way of saying goodbye which means I have thought of my ol working buddy kenny for over 20 some years daily. What a soul to impact a man like me so...BRRR BRRR the hell out of em upstairs Kenny...

Victor morrow - May 17, 2020 at 07:07 AM

PE

“ *Phill And Lois Evers lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



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**Phill and Lois Evers** - May 15, 2020 at 03:46 AM

DW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Don and Gloria Waymouth*



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**Don and Gloria Waymouth** - May 14, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



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**Judy Burvan** - May 13, 2020 at 09:50 PM

SG

“ *We always enjoyed visiting with Kenny and George when they stopped by the farm. Our condolences to siss and mom..*

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**Scott Green** - May 13, 2020 at 02:48 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Duffey lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Jennifer Duffey - May 13, 2020 at 01:52 PM

RM

“ Kenny was our neighbor and friend. Prayers to his family and friends. Rest in peace Kenny. The Manns kids: Rita, Steve, Linda, & Wanda.



Rita Manns McCorkel - May 13, 2020 at 07:25 AM

GW

“ Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Glen and Linda Wood - May 12, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ Jim,Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Jim,Sandy Miller - May 12, 2020 at 11:10 AM

ML

“ Marilyn Lowry lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Marilyn Lowry - May 12, 2020 at 09:23 AM

AL

“ It seemed Kenny and us were on the same grocery schedule always had time to chit chat. Will miss that. One of the greatest and sweetest guys I have ever known. Bless and prayers to his family and friends.



Angie Lawrence - May 11, 2020 at 10:06 PM

DC

Kenny was definitely one of the sweetest people we have ever known! Always happy, funny, and made one feel like just seeing them made HIS day when it was actually just the other way around ❤️

Don & Jackie Corning - May 12, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ We are thankful to know Kenny as a classmate. He was a friend to everyone. He will be missed by all those fortunate enough to have known him.

Chris and Cathy Grow



Cathy Hitchings - May 11, 2020 at 09:41 PM

HL

“ *Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Homer and Theresa Lakin - May 11, 2020 at 09:22 PM

JW

“ *Jill Wilson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Jill Wilson - May 11, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LE

“ *Lindy Eaton lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Lindy Eaton - May 11, 2020 at 06:31 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Jerry miller - May 11, 2020 at 06:21 PM

BF

“ *Becky, Jim And Tyler Fellmy lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Becky, Jim and Tyler Fellmy - May 11, 2020 at 05:21 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langlely lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Martha Langlely - May 11, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Rebecca Chastain - May 11, 2020 at 04:02 PM

RL

“ *Rich And Sue Ludington lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner*



Rich and Sue Ludington - May 11, 2020 at 03:42 PM

RW

“ You were a good soul for sure Kenny. You will be missed. God bless. Praying for comfort for your family.  
Ron Warran



Ron Warran - May 11, 2020 at 02:47 PM

CS

“ Cindy Stath lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Cindy Stath - May 11, 2020 at 02:15 PM

CS

I am so very sorry for your loss. I did not know Kenny well, but I know "the cloth" he was cut from. He will be missed.

Cindy Stath - May 11, 2020 at 02:16 PM

CB

Marsha, we're very sorry to hear about your brother. It's never easy to lose a family member. Please accept our sympathy and know that we are thinking about you and your family. Remember all the good times.  
Carl and Eunice

Carl and Eunice Booker - May 11, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DB

“ Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Deric and Mindy Beier - May 11, 2020 at 01:29 PM

VA

“ Vision Ag lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Vision Ag - May 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM

VA

“ Kenny was a great guy! We will miss seeing his smiling face and all his goodies and baked goods he has brought us at Vision Ag. Our deepest condolences for his family during this difficult time! Your are in our thoughts and prayers!!

Vision Ag - May 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM

CK

“ Christal Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



Christal Kaufman - May 11, 2020 at 12:37 PM

DB

“ David And Kim Berenda lit a candle in memory of Kenneth D. "Kenny" Gratner



David and Kim Berenda - May 11, 2020 at 12:30 PM