



Kenneth Webster Ritter

November 26, 1923 - March 4, 2013

Kenneth Webster Ritter, 89 of Higginsville, died Monday, March 4, 2013, surrounded by his loving and grateful family, at St. Mary's Hospital in Blue Springs. He was born November 26, 1923 to Webster Gus Ritter and Eleanor Hannah (Woestemeyer) Ritter on the century family farm north of Higginsville (Dover Road F). Kenneth attended Webb country school and graduated in 1941 from Higginsville High School. Kenneth was a farmer his entire life. He served in the Army during World War II, stationed in Italy.

Kenneth and Jean Knipmeyer were united in marriage on August 18, 1950 and resided on the family farm.

Kenneth was a 75+ year member of Grace United Methodist Church in Higginsville. He was also an active member and past president of the Higginsville Optimist Club, Missouri Farm Bureau, Higginsville American Legion Post 223 and Methodist Men.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his son, James Kenneth Ritter (July 4, 1972) and his wife Jean (November 15, 1999).

Survivors include one daughter, Marcia Jean Ritter of Lee's Summit and one son, Dwight Kent (Brenda) Ritter of Higginsville; four grandchildren, Austin (Monica) Ritter, Ashlynn (Kevin Sowers, Megan (Courtland) Mills of Denver,

and Jessica Ritter; one step granddaughter Kristen Jackson of New Braunfels, TX; four great-grandchildren, Ethan and Sydney Ritter, Lyra Edwards and Greelee Sowers; and two step grandchildren, Enoch and Eden Jackson; and his special cousin, Marilyn Farmer of Carrollton.

Visitation will be Friday, March 8, 2013 from 9:00-10:30 A.M. at Grace United Methodist Church. The "Celebration of Life" service will follow the visitation with Rev. Kyle Evans officiating, Rev. Tim Biesemeyer assisting and Sharon Pragman as organist. Burial will be in the Higginsville City Cemetery with full military honors.

The family suggests memorials to the Grace United Methodist Church and the Higginsville Optimist Club.

Casketbearers are Dale Ritter, Jim Urfer, George Meinershagen, Paul Cowherd, Mark Perrine & Don Hurd. Honorary pallbearers are Jim Lieser, Jim Perrine, Dale Replogle, H. H. Robertson, Bob Jarman & Gerald Ritter.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hoeferfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Webster Ritter*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Kenneth Webster Ritter*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Kenneth Webster Ritter*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Kenneth Webster Ritter*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *We are very saddened to hear of Kenneths passing. He was a kind , gentle soul and will be greatly missed. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Jim & Cathy Urfer*

Jim and Cathy Urfer - April 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. He was a very great man. I always enjoyed talking with him whenever I saw him. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Eric and Gail Kirchhoff - April 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM

CM

“ Grandpa Ritter will be missed. I had the pleasure of meeting him more than 7 years ago now. He was such a big part of my wife's life that inevitably he became a big part of mine. He had a soul that truly cared for others, intelligence beyond words, and the personality of someone 20 years his younger. You will be missed beyond words Gpa!

Courtland Mills - April 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM

JM

“ I give my deepest sympathy to all of the family for the loss of this great man. He will surely be missed by all that knew him.

John and Julie Mills - April 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM

AI

“ Marcie, I am sorry to learn of your father's death. I want to extend my sympathy to you and your family.
Sincerely,
Audrey Irick

Audrey Irick - April 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM

PK

“ Marcia,
I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. I know you were close. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time.
Patty Kroll

Patty Kroll - April 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM

VM

“ Marcia praying for you and your family at this time of your lose.

Victoria Rumbo Mosier - April 28, 2018 at 10:47 AM

SS

“ No greater legacy than a loving family. May your strong faith comfort you during this sad time.

Susan Sims - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Ritter family, You have my heartfelt sympathy and prayers as you honor your father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a sweet spirit and an honorable man. I know you loved him dearly and that he will be truly missed. Love to you all, Kim Fritchie

Kim Fritchie - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. May God bless you and keep you in his care, now and in the days to come.

Arron B. Haynes - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM