



Kenneth "Kenny" Stevens

January 28, 1959 - September 6, 2011

Kenneth "Kenny" Stevens, 52, of Benton Harbor, died early Tuesday, September 06, 2011 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services for Kenny will be held on Friday, Sept. 9 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 2056 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with Pastor Billy Long officiating. Burial will be at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. The visitation for Kenny will be on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 5:00 until 8:00 at the funeral home. Memorials in Kenny's name may be made either to Relay for Life or to his family. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net

Kenny was born on January 28, 1959 in St. Joseph. He was one of two children born to Edwin and Delores June Stevens. Kenny married Cindy Ethridge on Feb. 6, 2003. He was a hard worker and was employed at Vail Rubber for 22 years. He enjoyed stockcar racing, planting flowers and was a longtime member of Walkers & Talkers for a Cure Relay Team. Kenny will be remembered for his big heart and generosity. If someone or something was needed, you would always find Kenny standing silently in the front of the line.

Kenny is survived by his wife Cindy; stepdaughters Rachel Bishop and Summer Galloway, both of Manila, Arkansas; 2 step-grandchildren, Cheyenne and Lucan; sister, Marsha (Bill) Ammeson and nephew, Bryan Ammeson, all of St. Joseph; niece, Laurie (Steve) Kroll and great-nephew Jacob, all of West Ottawa, MI; father and mother-in-law, Harold & Connie Ethridge of Benton Harbor; and many cousins and friends.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Florin Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth "Kenny" Stevens



Florin Funeral Services - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I knew Kenny for many years when I worked at Bob Evans. He visited the restaurant usually twice a day for all of the 10 years I was there. He was a good friend and treated everyone with kindness & respect. He took such good care of his Mom after she became ill and never complained though I know he was often tired and somewhat overwhelmed. He just knew it was what a good son would do and he did it lovingly. He always planted such beautiful flowers every spring and tended them every day. He would do about anything for his friends, no questions asked. If you needed his help, he was there. He had a huge and loving heart and genuinely cared about all he met. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in Peace Kenny. You left us much too soon.



Cheryl Ann Phillips - September 09, 2011 at 11:14 PM

RB

“ Kenny not only worked with Roger but was a very good friend of ours. You couldn't be around him without having a smile on your face and laughing at his antics. He was the most generous, giving man we have ever known. There is nothing Kenny wouldn't do for someone. He had a big heart and his friends and family are much better people for knowing him.
Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family.



Roger and Cindy Bettig

Roger Bettig - September 09, 2011 at 10:03 PM

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“ This is the eulogy I delivered at my Uncle Kenny's funeral

"My Uncle Kenny"

On behalf of our family I would like to thank everyone who showed up to celebrate the life of my Uncle Kenny Stevens. I can't believe I'm here delivering a eulogy for my uncle but here I am standing in front of all his friends and family trying to figure this all out. I cant imagine a time without him. He made this world a better place.

Kenny was a huge part of my life. When I look back on my childhood he was always there. It was always me my mom and Kenny. We went to Disneyland together, we vacationed together we did everything together. And one of the best memories is playing dress up with him as most of you can see from his relay for life pictures it didn't stop when I was 6 it went on until I was 36 what other man would dress in a full length blue sequene evening gown complete with a crown and makeup to raise money for people he didn't even know. That day he called his wife to tell her he going to dress as a women and go on stage to compete in a beauty contest and of course he needed a talent solved, he would play the xylophone while he sang. Of course being a concerned wife Cindy said "Kenny you don't know how to play the xylophone" and he responded saying I cant sing either but his mind was made up and that was what he was going to do and trust me he was the ugliest women I've ever seen but definitely a crowd pleaser and I couldn't have been prouder of him that day. He always made everyone so happy.

It's hard to understand why he was taken from us so soon at 52 he gave so much and asked for so little. Didn't God believe he had more to offer, didn't he understand how much we needed him still. Then I realized his life could not be measured in years. Instead it is measured on the impact he made on all of our lives. I believe everyone in this room became more kind, gentle and compassionate just by knowing Kenny. I believe he just earned in his place in heaven earlier then most because of his loving and giving attitude. He was put here to teach us by example and he did. So the next time your called upon to be just a little more patient, compassionate or generous I hope you will because you learned it from my Uncle Kenny.

Laurie Kroll (niece) - September 09, 2011 at 07:48 PM

“ This is a poem that I wrote and read at my brother (Kenny's) funeral.

"ALL DRESSED UP"

*All dressed up and nowhere to go
That surely wasn't you.
There was never ever a limit
To the things that you would do.*

*You dressed all in red
As Santa with his gifts.
You visited kids young & old
To give them all a lift.*

*Recovering from double knee surgery
You never seemed to mind.
As you marched in the school parade
Dressed up in a dragon's behind.*

*Sporting pom poms and a big red nose
You dressed up as a clown.
You raised money for Relay
Wearing a tiara & a crown.*

*At Relay you dressed as a pirate
Even a soda jerk in a chevy.
You dressed as a confict
With a ball and chain so heavy.*

*Blessed with a family stubborn streak
Amazingly, you were even worse than me.
If your mind was set, that was that!
We may as well let you be.*

*As you traveled your life's journey
You have certainly passed the tests.
And as MY baby brother
You are simply, the very Best!*

*All dressed up with SOMEWHERE to go
That was surely you.
Now all dressed up in angel wings
Where heaven knows it too.*

Love, Marsha

Marsha Ammeson - (Sister) - September 09, 2011 at 06:35 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Memories Album



Florin Funeral Services - September 08, 2011 at 02:03 PM

LK

“ Kenny is my uncle and only left me with great memories. Me, my mom, and Kenny were always together on vacations, going to the park or just hanging out. His presence in our lives was huge and the loss left behind is unimagineable.



Laurie Kroll - September 08, 2011 at 06:53 AM

JF

“ I remember the fun we had dressing Kenny for the Womenless Womens contest at Relay. Laurie suppling his "beautiful" dress, Marsha coaching him on the talent section and the rest of us with his assessaries, Steve Kroll was his escort. Kenny had such a gift of caring and helping others. He would haul anything for us in that truck of his. How can anyone say goodbye to such a huge pressence? We are all better for having known him.



Jean Fannin

Jean Fannin - September 07, 2011 at 04:10 PM

MF

“ I was greeted almost everyday by Kenny's smiling face for 22 years. I will truly miss his giving spirit and self sacrifice. There is another Angel on God's right hand.

Michelle Flaherty - September 07, 2011 at 08:54 AM



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Laurie Kroll - September 06, 2011 at 07:40 PM