



## Kenneth James Draper

August 19, 1942 - January 31, 2021

Kenneth “Ken” James Draper, 78 year old resident of Park Hill, Oklahoma, died on January 31, 2021 at his home. Ken was born on August 19, 1942 at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to Serman Edward Draper and Edna Bell Philpott Draper. He married Patricia Ann Johnson in Siloam Springs. Ken was a Veteran of the United States Army. He worked for Franklin Electric for many years. Ken was a member of the Jaycees and was a Layreader at Bethel United Methodist Church in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma. He was a member of Boy Scouts of America and was a Webelos Pack Leader. Ken loved to fish and wood working. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone that needed it. Ken was a volunteer firefighter for the West Siloam Springs/Moseley Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Draper; his parents; brother, Leon Draper; and step daughter, Angel Buckaloo.

He is survived by two daughters, Nanette Damon and husband Mark of Yoder, Colorado, and Crystal Lee Eason of Fort Smith, Arkansas; step daughter, Kathy Allen of Isabella, Missouri; fifteen grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren; sister, Penny Rice and husband Phillip of Catoosa, Oklahoma; three nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Bethel

United Methodist Church in West Siloam Springs, with Pastor Marty Hern officiating. Burial will follow at Yell Cemetery near Siloam Springs. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs. For the visitation, everyone will be required to wear their own facemask, per the guidelines set forth by the State of Arkansas.

# Cemetery Details

## Yell Cemetery

Yell Cemetery Road  
Benton County, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church  
3223 Hwy 412 E  
Watts, OK 74964

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Kenneth James Draper



Joe & Cheryl Burns - February 17, 2021 at 01:20 PM

RM

“ My husband and I had planned to attend the funeral today, but ice prevented our getting out. We remember how faithful Ken was leading Bethel's services at the resthome. Also, it meant so much for him to bring his grandchildren to Vacation Bible School at Bethel. I particularly remember one of his grandsons attending VBS for 13 years straight - from K through 12th grade. What a blessing. We missed him when they moved away. Our prayers are with the family.  
Rosemary and Marvin Matthews



Rosemary M Matthews - February 11, 2021 at 10:34 PM

RM

The photos show Ken in the kitchen at VBS as in charge that year, and his grandson in youth class. RMM

Rosemary M Matthews - February 13, 2021 at 03:12 PM

PL

“ *My uncle Kenny had an infectious smile and a genuine, kind heart. You couldn't help but to break out in a big ol' toothy grin every time you saw him. Uncle Kenny made you feel welcome in his day, approved of, and loved.*

*My uncle Kenny loved to have a great dessert, and a nice home cooked meal and it was always fun to watch his enjoyment.*

*My favorite thing about my uncle Kenny was his infectious laugh and positive spirit in all circumstances. He built others up and always supported those around him. He will be remembered well and loved always.*

*My deepest condolences to all who loved him.*

*Paula Lenaburg*

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**Paula Lenaburg** - February 10, 2021 at 06:53 PM

DL

“ *The news I received from Penny on Monday was truly saddening. Although Kenny and I had lost contact for many years, I remember all the good times we shared together as children and young adults. We spent a lot of time with each other and I valued his companionship. He was a wonderful person, was a part of a wonderful family, and I know he will be missed by many. I will miss him, too. Rest in peace, Kenny.*

*Danny Lynch*



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**Danny Lynch** - February 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Draper.*



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February 09, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ *Uncle Kenny was an AMAZING MAN. The first time I remember meeting him was when I was 18 or 19. He was so sweet. I remember the second time I was with him at his farm. He was feeding his hogs and he threw slop over the fence and the wind slung it all over me. I had no other clothes with me and had to wear Aunt Pat's Green Jumpsuit. I ALWAYS enjoyed getting to drive over and see him and Grandma Draper.*

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**Renee Craig** - February 09, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ *Kenny will always be loved and remembered for his loving and caring ways. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time.*

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**Phyllis Johnson** - February 09, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Phyllis Johnson purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth James Draper.*



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**Phyllis Johnson** - February 09, 2021 at 03:44 PM

ND

“ Nolan Edward Draper

*Uncle Kenny was one of the two best men in my life. He was warm hearted and had a soul of purity. He loved to just chat about anything to anyone that lent an ear. His kindness spread far and wide and not just to his family but to all around him. You will never find another pure soul or pure hearted angel than him. You will be truly missed and love will always be sent your way anytime you name is spoken rest with god. NED and family*



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**Nolan Edward Draper** - February 09, 2021 at 01:41 PM

SB

“ I met him a few times and he was wonderful. He made me and my son feel like family, to be honest he took to my son as if he was a nephew of his own. We will miss him dearly, and he will always carry a special place in our hearts. thank you for coming in to our live you will never be forgotten.



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**Samantha Bibrowicz** - February 09, 2021 at 01:37 PM

RF

“ Richard Kimbrell and Family purchased the Plant s-A-Plenty for the family of Kenneth James Draper.



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**Richard Kimbrell and Family** - February 06, 2021 at 01:19 PM

LC

“ Ken was faithful attending Carter Baptist Church at Park hHill Ok. Were he lived we all loved him . And he will be greatly missed.

Lynda Cowan - February 06, 2021 at 11:23 AM

PR

I am his sister and he talked about the church and people a lot. He loved the church and he loved the Lord. Thank you Lynda.

Penny Rice - February 08, 2021 at 07:27 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Nanette, Mark, Crystal, the grandchildren and other family. I have so many fond memories of Ken as my brother in law. He would do anything for anyone. You will be missed greatly. Rick and Ramona Stephens

Ramona Stephens - February 06, 2021 at 03:38 AM

CJ

“ He was such a great uncle. You will be deeply missed. I love you. I can't wait to join you in heaven one glorious day.



Cody Johnson - February 05, 2021 at 03:12 AM

CJ

“ He sure was one great uncle. You're going to be greatly missed. I love you & can't wait to be with you again one great day.



Cody Johnson - February 05, 2021 at 03:10 AM

PR

“Wow, I couldn't have asked for a better brother. Phillip and I will miss you every day. We shared so much life with each other and I always knew how special you were. I love you forever and I know you will be waiting at the gate for me.

*Our love to our family because your lives were also blessed by him.*

*Penny Draper Rice and Phillip Rice*

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**Penny Draper Rice** - February 03, 2021 at 09:58 PM

VK

“Our deepest condolences to Nanette, Mark, Crystal and grandkids. Ken was the nicest man who would do anything for anyone without hesitation. Mom always called him the Rug because he would always fall asleep on the rug. Love you guys!

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**Velvet Kustanborter** - February 03, 2021 at 08:16 PM

PP

“wow, what a brother God gave me. Kindest and most loving person and I will miss you every day dear brother. I am not quite sure how to go about our life without you but I do know God will be near. I will see you in Heaven so you wait by the gate for me.

*Love ,  
Your sister and bro.*

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**Penny and Phillip** - February 03, 2021 at 05:49 PM