



## Kenneth Wert French Jr.

March 10, 1942 - February 17, 2023

Kenneth W. French Jr., (80), of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away in the early morning hours on February 17, 2023, in the company of his Wife Pat and son Eric.

Kenneth, fondly known as Ken, was born to Kenneth and Alice French, on March 10, 1942, in Joliet, IL. Ken spent the majority of his growing up years in Aiken SC with his siblings Kathi, Mike and Tom.

Ken held many titles in his life, Engineer, Dr. French, Professor French, Scout Leader, Counselor, Husband, Dad; but his favorite role was being a Father, a Grandfather & a Great Grandfather. He loved nothing more than tinkering around the farm and raising his cows & donkeys. He loved his Family and his students.

Ken is survived by his Wife Pat and three sons, Jesse, Eric and Brian their wives. Along with his 9 grandchildren and Wife Pat's two children, four grandchildren and seven great great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Kathi Norris, Mike French and Tom French. He is preceded in death by wife Ruth K. French of 46 years.

Ken was a servant leader at heart, always putting others needs before his own. He was a First Presbyterian Church elder and wore many hats within the

church. He was an active Boy Scout Leader (Eagle Scout 1955) having raised three Eagle Scouts, a notable professor/mentor for over 38 years at John Brown University and served on many educational boards. Ken spent multiple summers working at NASA in various research departments. Ken spent the last 10 years enjoying retirement, being a Hobby Farmer and Certified Master Naturalist.

Ken's family will host a visitation service at Wasson Funeral Home on Tuesday February 21 from 5-7pm. Followed by a Funeral Service Wednesday February 22 at 10am at First Presbyterian Church in Siloam Springs. In Lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Siloam Springs First Presbyterian Church or Northwest Arkansas Children's Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

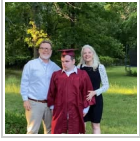
Wasson Funeral Home  
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Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
201 E. Ashley  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall



“ We so enjoyed our many years sharing a pew with you and Pat at church. Our girls fondly called Ken "Mr. Wrench" when they were little! Much love to your family!

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**Amanda Himes** - February 21, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wert French Jr..



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February 20, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ Ken was an outstanding mentor both in scouting as well as an engineer. He will be missed. - Brian Naylor, Eagle Scout and electrical engineer.

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**Brian Naylor** - February 20, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ To the family of Kenneth French

*Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Evan & Dean Vohs** - February 20, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wert French Jr..*



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February 20, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *QC Supply Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Kenneth Wert French Jr..*



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**QC Supply Family** - February 20, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *A mentor in many, many ways. I always enjoyed the time of our visits over the decades and the too infrequent phone calls when we caught up over the phone. His spirit will always be alive within my heart.*  
*Brother James from Omaha.*

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**James Thompson** - February 20, 2023 at 10:13 AM