



Kenneth Ray Lain

May 11, 1949 - May 14, 2021

CW3 Kenneth Ray Lain

Age 72, of Custer Park, IL passed away unexpectedly Friday, May 14, 2021 St. James Hospital in Pontiac, IL. Born May 11, 1949 in Joliet, IL to the late Ray Hudson and Fay Myrtle (nee Cunning) Lain. He graduated from Reed-Custer High School with the class of 1967. Soon after, he joined the military and proudly served with the United States Army, enlisting in 1968 and eventually retired in 1990 earning the rank of CW3. He was a member of the VFW Post #5422 in Wilmington, IL and lifetime member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. After retirement he continued working for a brief period of time for the Des Plaines Conservation Area and also enjoyed taking care of all of his little critters around the homestead. He loved all of his animals, but his pride and joy, was his dog Bud. Some of his other favorites were his horses, Dixie Chick and Coal; goats, Arizona and Madeline; mini donkeys, Penelope and Bart; and lastly his cat, Jessie. He also enjoyed his antique tractors which were a Case SC and a John Deere A. Ken was a bigtime history buff. He was the guy to go to that could answer anything about the subject. For those that knew him, you know he was a kind and patient man. His light will be missed, but it will never be forgotten. Surviving are his wife, Doris A. (nee Hayes) Lain of Custer Park, whom he married November 30, 1996 in Gardner, IL; son, David (Diane) Carter of Wilmington; daughter, Lea Sawyer of San Antonio, TX; grandson, David "D.J" (Johanna Sandeno) Carter; two great-grandchildren, Lucas Jacob and Brayden Williams Carter;

niece, Jenny (Mike) Campbell of Mazon, IL; two nephews, Anthony (Heather) Dedo of Wilmington and David Dedo of TX; two special great-nieces, Emily and Abby Beck and many other great nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; maternal grandparents, James and Margaret Cunning; sister, Kathie Fay (Wendell) Dedo (11/20/1986); and grandson, Cody Jacob Carter (3/12/2013). Visitation for Kenneth will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory, Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 11:00am-1:00 p.m. with the funeral services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment with military honors will follow at Custer Township Cemetery in Custer Park, IL.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ We just learned of Ken's passing and, on behalf of his Airborne family, offer our condolences to Ken's family. He was a Life member of our 82nd Airborne Division Association and a member of our Chicago Chapter.

Mark Mueller - January 02, 2023 at 01:00 PM

TG

“ My condolences to Kens family at this time. I went to school with him since fourth grade.He would from rides from basketball practice in his Peugeot and ai knew that he loved to read and did his best at whatever he tried.. Tom Gray

Tom Gray - May 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM

RW

“ I am a Vietnam veteran and served in the Marine Corps from 1964 to 1967. Ken was in one of my Hines VA support groups for many years. We both use to arrive early and he would often talk about his farm and the animals on the farm. I could tell he lived animals. I will miss him a lot and am sending my condolences to his family. He was truly someone special. Stay safe.

robert whitfield - May 19, 2021 at 02:58 PM

JE

Thank you for sharing your memory and thank you for your service.

Jenny - May 19, 2021 at 11:40 PM

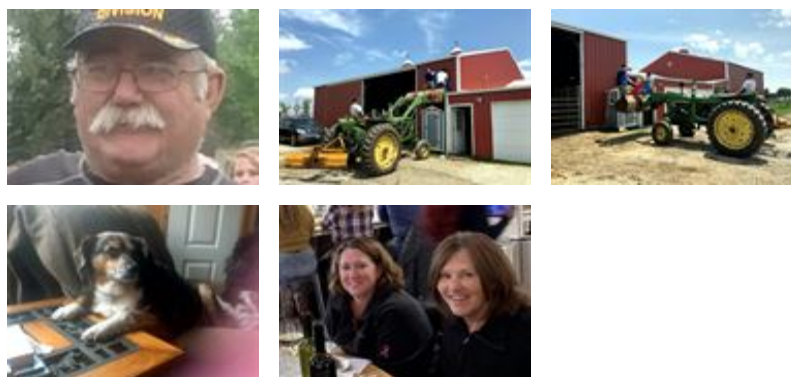
WH

“ Who would have ever guessed that Uncle Ken was such an American Hero. Thank you for your Service to our country and freedoms and being such a good husband to my sister Doris. I am so glad we got time to spend together a week or so ago. It is a memory I will cherish forever
William Hayes Jr.

william Hayes - May 17, 2021 at 07:38 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - May 17, 2021 at 03:27 PM

MH

“ Kenny was a great neighbor. He and Kathy were wonderful people

Michele Trimby Hoppenrath - May 16, 2021 at 09:04 PM

DC

“ I have fond childhood memories of Kenny. I was a very talkative child and he always listened to me and was someone I trusted. I He was 10 years-older than me and was always kind to me. I'm so sorry for your loss. Donna

Donna Cuning - May 16, 2021 at 08:50 PM

AD

“ *He was my only Uncle and will be missed by many.*

Anthony Dedo - May 15, 2021 at 06:46 PM


Andrew
Dedo

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Andrew Dedo - May 15, 2021 at 05:36 PM