



Kenneth Frank Lardi

September 29, 1934 - October 15, 2023

Age 89, of Gardner, IL passed away Sunday, October 15, 2023 at his home. Born September 29, 1934 in South Wilmington, IL to the late Sereno and Natalie (nee Dinelli) Lardi. He married Dorothy Ann Hodge on September 8, 1956 at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington and together they made their home and raised their family in South Wilmington and Gardner. In 1997 he retired from Amoco Chemical Company after 32 years of employment. He served in the United States Army Reserves for eight years and was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Lardi; daughters, Deborah (David) Wollgast of Dwight, IL and Susan (Lou) Esparza of Gardner; eight grandchildren, David (Sara) Wollgast, Michael (Kelley) Wollgast, Anne (David) Simms, Mary Wollgast, Theresa (David) Damron, Elizabeth (Matt) Cacello, Sarah Esparza and Jamie (Chad) Humphreys; 12 great-grandchildren, Ryan, Maya and Lyla Cacello, Ben and Clare Wollgast, Maddie, Evan and Jack Simms, Brycen and Cole Humphreys and Magnolia and Henry Damron; brothers, Norm (Donita) Lardi of South Wilmington and Richard (Rosemary) Lardi of TX; and sister-in-law, Shirley Lardi of South Wilmington.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Sereno and Natalie Lardi; and his brother, Gene Lardi.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Monday, October 23, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following services and private

burial will be at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the Kidney Foundation of Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Debbie, Sue. Anne and family, Rick and I send our condolences for loss. He was a kind man.*

Becci Forsythe - October 24, 2023 at 09:01 AM

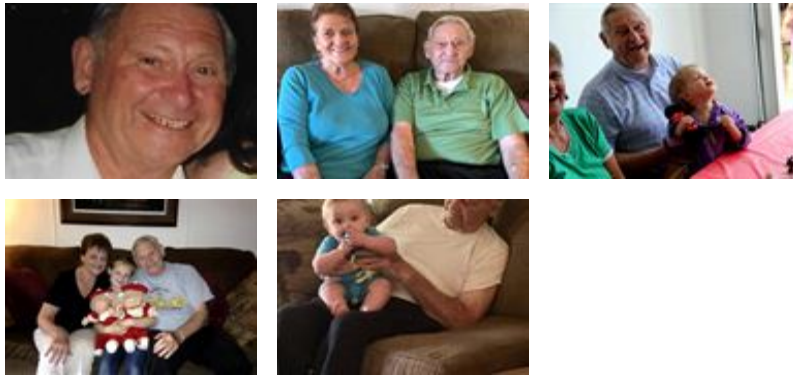
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“ *My heartfelt sympathies to Ken's family and many friends. I had the honor of knowing Ken for over 50 years. I always considered him more a friend than just a co-worker. I think back when we started working together I was 23 and he was 31 and our friendship formed. So many discussions and laughs over the years. He was truly a real gentleman.*

Bob Drancik - October 22, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - October 20, 2023 at 02:43 PM

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Uncle Kenny was more like a 2nd daddy. He was so good to us & always kind. If he was ever angry, I never saw it.

Sheila Davis Niece - October 23, 2023 at 09:08 AM

LB

“ *Debbie, Sue & family deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad.
Chuck & Linda Basham*

Linda Basham - October 19, 2023 at 08:11 PM

DP

“ *I new Mr. Lardi from working at South Wilmington Grade School
with Mrs. Lardi and also teaching his daughter Susan. My thoughts
and prayers go out to his family. Mr. Pantaleone*

Dominic Pantaleone - October 19, 2023 at 01:38 AM



“ *Sandy and I would to send our sympathies to Ken's large and
wonderful family and many friends. Ken dearly loved his family
because I saw him at many events where is grand and great
grandchildren were participating. He always had a big smile for me
and a nice word to say to me. He and and his wonderful Dorothy
were very loving and supportive people. God bless you Ken. You
will be greatly missed!*

Larry Lane - October 18, 2023 at 03:50 PM

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“ *I wish I had a great story to tell about working with Kenny at Amoco,
but unfortunately for me, we didn't interact much. However I do want
to extend my most heartfelt sympathies and condolences to all his
family and friends. May God be by your side as you go through the
days and weeks ahead.*

Nancy Smith - October 18, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DP

“ *Doug Porterfield lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Lardi*



Doug Porterfield - October 18, 2023 at 01:07 AM