



Kenneth Cleo Keathley

June 12, 1938 - January 1, 2018

Kenneth Cleo Keathley passed away on the evening of Monday, January 1 at home in Modesto, CA. He was 79 years old.

Ken was born to Emmett Earl & Rebecca Alice Keathley on June 12, 1938, in Enola, Arkansas. He was the youngest of 7 children. In 1945, Ken moved to California with his parents. He joined the US Army in 1959, where he was stationed in Korea as a Heavy Weapons Infantryman until 1960.

Ken met Rosemary June Harris and together they started a family. Ken and June had five rowdy sons who brought so much adventure into their lives.

They were married 23 years until her passing in 1986.

In 1988, Ken met and fell in love with Corina Suzanne Mitchell and on May 5, 1990, they were married.

He worked as a Transportation Supervisor and School Bus Driver Trainer for both Tracy Defense Depot and Sylvan Unified School District.

After retirement, Ken loved traveling, wood-working, and watching westerns.

Above all else, Ken was hopelessly devoted to his grandchildren. He loved spending every chance he had with them, especially planning road trips. He was the most incredible Papa they could have asked for and he will be missed deeply.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and his 6 siblings: Fred, Paul, Vernon, Clarence, Mary Margaret, and Dora Mae.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Corina Keathley; his five boys, Robin (Patty) Keathley, Ryan (Kim) Keathley, Jason Keathley, Randy Keathley, and

Davan (Brandy) Keathley; his three step-children, Jamie (Kevin) Cimoli, Jason (Lynette) Mitchell, and Justin Mitchell; along with his 19 grandchildren: Chanley, Griffin, Gavin, Austin, Chase, Cheyenne, Shelby, Jakob, Addison, Korina, Sam, Tori, Billy, Preston, Cheyenne W., Jayson, Seth, Ashley, and Brianna; and 1 great-grandchild, Riley.

Family and friends are welcome to join the Keathley family for a Celebration of Life from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, at 1716 Dorset Lane, Modesto.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Cleo Keathley*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Charles & Sharon Harris lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Cleo Keathley*



Charles & Sharon Harris - January 06, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Having lived across the street from you all for so many years i consider you family. So so very sorry to hear about this. Praying for you all.*

Carla - January 06, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *My heart goes out to all of you boys. I remember living next door and seeing your dad coming home every day.*

Kim Lovelady-kopkie - January 04, 2018 at 09:16 PM