



Kenneth J. Hilliard

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Decatur-Kenneth J. Hilliard, 80, of Harristown, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at his home with his loving family and friends by his side.

A service to celebrate the life of Kenneth will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2011 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, visitation will be Friday, 9:00 a.m. till the time of the service. Interment with the "Flight Home" ceremony will be in Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials may be made to St. Baldrick's Foundation 1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 400, Monrovia, CA 91016.

Kenneth was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 27, 1930 the son of John and Margaret (McNew) Hilliard. Kenneth was a Union Carpenter with Local 742 for most of his working years. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, and was known as the "Hudson Man" due to his love of restoring old Hudson automobiles. Kenneth was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather. He married Joann Armstrong on May 13, 1971.

He is survived by his wife of forty years, sons; Kenneth Michael Hilliard of Biloxi, Mississippi, Phillip W Hilliard of Stage Coach, Nevada, Richard Hilliard and wife Melissa of Bolingbrook, Illinois; Bob Colman and wife Cindy of Lancaster, California; and Alan Colman and wife Tonya of Champaign, Illinois; daughters, Debra Adams and husband Lee of Oreana, and Alice Hilliard of Oreana; brothers, John Hilliard, James Hilliard, David Hilliard, and Donald Hilliard; sisters, Addie McGuire, and Helen Coates, eighteen grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



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Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister, and one grandson.

The family would like to thank the Harbor Light Hospice Nurses and St Mary's Hospital 4th Floor nurses for all of the kind care they provided. Also, the family requests that family and friends of Kenneth that own old cars drive them to the service for the procession to the graveside.

Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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VH

Valerie Hilliard posted:

So sorry to lose such a wonderful and amazing person. He was a wonderful father-in-law to me, even after Phillip and I divorced. The world should never forget such a great man. My love and prayers go to you, JoAnn and family. Valerie

July 12 at 7:48 PM

BA

Betsy,Keith,Cameron,And Emily Ambrose posted:

You have been a incredible person to know. Your love of family and friends has been a true inspiration and has made everybody lucky enough to cross your path a better person. Rest well and in peace with the Lord. Love always, the Ambrose's

July 7 at 7:51 PM

KH

Kenneth J. Hilliard posted:

Loving Father and Grandfather you will be missed terribly and loved forever.... we will see you again in Heaven Phillip, Amber , and Tara Hilliard and Kimberly Scales-Scott

July 7 at 2:32 PM

RH

Richard, Becca, Brett & Kylie Hilliard posted:

Grandpa, we all love you so much and will always love you. So happy you got to meet little Kylie. So much love and knowledge has passed with you. You showed us all what family truely meant. With love, The Hilliards

July 7 at 2:11 PM

DD

Dave And Linda Ducey posted:

To the Hilliard Family: We are very sorry to hear of your loss.

July 7 at 11:57 AM

KH

Kenneth L Hilliard posted:

With love Grandpa, you will be missed

July 7 at 11:45 AM



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Dawn Kommer posted:

Joanne and family:I am honored to have known and loved Kenneth. He taught myself and his grandkids how to show respect and love thru out our lifetime. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family.Love Dawn

July 6 at 4:27 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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