



## Kenney J. Gillespie

January 16, 1940 - June 2, 2017

Kenneth J. Gillespie (1940-2017)

CEDAR FALLS – Kenneth J. Gillespie, 77, of Cedar Falls died Friday, June 2, 2017 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.

He was born January 16, 1940 in Waterloo, son of Archie and Alice (Kruse) Gillespie. He married Donna Akers Nosco and they later divorced. He then married Judith Fecht Atkins on December 29, 1975 in Galena, Illinois.

He was employed in Quality Engineering with John Deere at the Foundry, Downtown, and Tractor Works locations.

Kenney and Judy had a match made in heaven. Their wonderful life together included an unconditional love for all of their children and grandchildren. Kenney was a leader with a gift for brightening lives of people where ever he went, leaving laughter and always giving of himself.

Survived by: his wife of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Kimberly Risse of Florida and Michelle (Marty) Haugen of Waterloo; two sons, Anthony (Lori) Atkins of Wheaton, IL, and Eric (Bobbie) Atkins of Georgia; nine grandchildren: Amber Neuhaus, Jennifer Luderer, Melanie Atkins, Connor Atkins, Hunter Hadlock, Michael Atkins, Samantha Hadlock, Carson Atkins, and Hope Hadlock; two

sisters, Darlene Springer of Missouri and Donita Bryant of California; and a brother, David Gillespie of Arizona.

Preceded in death by: his parents; five brothers, Archie, Mick, Larry, Bob and Curtis; sister, Marvela West; and a grandson, Cody Risse.

Memorial Services: 11:00 a.m. Monday at Western Home Communities Windcove with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Western Home-Windcove Dining Room  
5300 S. Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Memorial Service

JUN **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Kenny's passing.....  
His obituary stated he brighten the lives of others and I sure can attest to that!  
Please know my caring thoughts are with you, Judy, and the whole family.  
Take care,  
Shelly Gronoski

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**Shelly Gronoski** - June 18, 2017 at 12:43 PM

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“ Judy and family  
My condolences on the loss of your husband and father. You may remember me Judy as I visited you in Waterloo several years ago in connection to the Gillespie family genealogy. I enjoyed meeting Kenney and you and sharing the family history.  
May your memories and love sustain you today and in the future.  
Martha Iverson-Carpenter  
Ames, IA

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**Marth Iverson-Carpenter** - June 08, 2017 at 07:06 PM

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“ *How little we know when it will be our last time saying hello or good-bye! Had I known back in December that it would be the last time I saw your smiling face I would have taken a picture. I am so sorry for Judy and your family but for you you have gone where all of us must go someday. No more oxygen and wheel chairs. you have new legs, new lungs and a whole new body. Rest in Peace my friend. You will be missed by all of us.*



*Thank you for the Deere memories that will live on in each of us that had the opportunity to work with you and for you.. Judy, know that we are praying for you and will continue to pray for you and your family.*

*Maxine Tisdale*

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**Maxine Tisdale** - June 05, 2017 at 07:14 PM