



Kenneth Ray Smerek

July 7, 1961 - January 1, 2015

Kenneth Ray Smerek

"You have only one life to live, so make the best of it while you can" was the personal philosophy of Kenneth Ray Smerek. Kenny was born July 7, 1961, in Liberty, Texas to Albert George Smerek and Genevieve Dorothy Wleczyk Smerek.

Kenny grew up in Damon, Texas, and his love of cars began when he purchased his first car: a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner. This ignited a passion for MOPAR muscle cars that Kenny would carry for his entire life. When he wasn't helping people or spending time with his family, he could be found with his friends at car shows and listening to live 80's music such as Journey or Foreigner.

One of Kenny's greatest passions was helping people. He would drop what he was doing, any time or any day, to help relatives, friends, and strangers. Kenny devoted his life to his family, especially his boys Andy and Dustin. He would turn down promotions at his job in order to spend more time with his boys. Kenny loved spending time with his grandkids: Violet and Jake. He shared his love of classic cars with Jake and shared his softer side with Violet.

Kenny passed away on New Years Day at the age of 53. Kenny is survived by

his children, Andy Smerek and wife, Erin, and Dustin Smerek and wife, Paulina; grandchildren, Violet Smerek and Jake Smerek; brother Mike Smerek and wife Theresa; nephews Scotty Smerek and wife, Charyl, and Rusty Smerek; great-nieces Skylar Smerek and Shiloh Smerek; along with other relatives and a host of friends.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 7, 2015, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a rosary being recited at 7 p.m., at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel at 3900 B F Terry Boulevard, Rosenberg, Texas.

A funeral mass for Kenny will be held Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 2 p.m., at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Damon, Texas, with Father Joseph Phan officiating. Interment will follow in St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Cemetery in Damon.

Pallbearers will include Andy Smerek, Dustin Smerek, Mike Smerek, Israel Enriquez, Butch Smerek, and Steve Smerek.

In lieu of flowers, Kenny would prefer that donations be made for his grandkids college funds, care of Andy or Dustin Smerek: 11527 Boyd Rd, Needville, TX, 77461. Words of condolences and fond memories may be sent to the above address or www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

"Time is priceless, yet it costs us nothing. You can do anything you want with it, but you can't own it. You can spend it, but you can't keep it. And once you've lost it, there's no getting it back. It's just gone." -Patricia Arquette

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I still miss Kenny so much. He truly used his life to make a difference in the lives of others. He was a great man.

Lori Meyer - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Spike, thinking of you and entire family at this difficult time.

Dianne Twardowski VanCleave - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I will cherish the memories and friendship we had over the years that started with car pooling to work. Kenny was always there for any one in need and had the kindest heart of anyone I have ever known. I'm going to miss you buddy.

Gary Smolik - January 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Kenny was my dear friend. He saved my life after my divorce. He would talk to me on the telephone until I cried myself to sleep, and he would be the first one to call me the next morning to see if I was o.k. He truly blessed all those who knew him. His caring spirit instructed me, and I will take what I learned and use it for the rest of my life. On the last day of his life, he sent me a text wishing me a Happy New Year. I will grieve the loss of my friend profoundly.

Lori Meyer - January 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Spike, Andy, Dustin and the all the Smerek family there are never enough words that can help console with your loss. I will always remember Kenny as a gentle person with a big heart and a contagious smile. Although we will miss him dearly, he is now an angel watching over all of us.

Terri & David Wenzel - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Only kind words ever from Kenny to any, a truly genuine kind man. Introduced me with loving gloat to his sons, their wives and his grandkids in a car show at Rosenberg. My wife and I adored him, will miss him, will cherish the memories.

A fellow MOPAR enthusiast, Roland and Christine Rodriguez

Roland Rodriguez - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I was so saddened to hear of Kenny's passing ,, he always spoke to me at church , Kenny was a true gentleman , he went to school with my late son Bubba Ferguson , I'm sure they will have an old fashioned Damon reunion in Heaven ,, may God hold Kenny's family in the comfort of His heart ...

Ann Ferguson - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Kenny was my brother-in-law when he was married to my sister Jenny. During their marriage, God blessed them with two sweet, adorable baby boys named Andy and Dustin. Kenny was loved by our entire family, and those feelings never diminished as the years passed. In my heart, he will always be my brother-in-law. So much of Kenny's character and personality shines through in his sons, who are genuine, kind, and caring young men. Kenny's spirit will live on through his boys and through his grandchildren. Kenny, you will be missed greatly, and you will never, ever be forgotten. May you rest in peace, surrounded by the love of your parents and of God in Heaven.

Debbie Borecky Murrile - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Kenny was the most sincere, caring gentleman I have ever met! He was a true servant of the Lord! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends! He was an amazing friend who will be missed by so many! Its so hard to believe He's gone....

Butch & Dianna Dannhaus - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy

Fred & Eunice Sauer - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Thoughts & prayers are with family.

Liz Stransky Carver - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Words cannot express the heartache we feel for the loss of Kenny. He was such a treasure to have in our lives. He will live forever in our hearts and cherished memories.

Our Blessings, Love, and Prayers to Mike, Andy, Dustin, and their families. You guys were his #1 passion.

Belinda & Butch Smerek - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YW

“ I still can't believe I have lost one of my dearest friends in the world. I miss him so much already and cannot imagine the loss his family is feeling. I worked with Kenny years ago at the phone company and we kept in touch through the years. He was so proud of Andy and Dustin and the grandkids! Devoted father he was for sure. He definitely loved his family and they did come first always. He always knew how to make me laugh and put me in a good mood. I know we will ALL miss him very much. I take comfort that he is with Our Lord and I hope and pray someday I will see him again. Rest in Peace Bratboy - Love you forever...

Yvette Wright - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ The Smerek family is in my thoughts and prayers I'm so very sorry for your loss and that of a co-worker here at Consolidated Communications. Kenny will be missed.

Gloria Eaker - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all.

Rest in Peace KINKY

Buck and Pat Groze - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Kenny was a wonderful friend and will be truly missed. I remember nothing but good times growing up with Kenny in Damon.

Larry Hanzik - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss. He was always so helpful at work. Your family is in my prayers.

Connie Green - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to your family. Kenny has been a loyal friend to Consolidated Communicstions and its predecessor companies for many years. His passion for doing what's "right" will be deeply missed by all of us at the company. May God Bless you and grant you eternal peace.

Bob and Kim Udell - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Kenny was a wonderful friend and will truly be missed. I'll remember all the trips we took to the chrysler nationals in Carlisle PA.

Robert Solis - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ On behalf of Classic Cars of Brazoria County, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Kenny. He always brought a smile and lots of friendly conversation to the car shows and we're going to miss him! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Renee Rape, VP of Classic Cars of Brazoria County - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I met Kenny whenever he and his sons came along with Ken Kaspar to trim a tree in my backyard. From that first meeting which has to be over 6 yrs ago, there was an instant liking for the man. We'd touch base with each other every so often and the last msg just this past week. I just received a msg telling me of his passing and I can't put into words the shock and the lost I feel and I know my loss is nothing compared to the loss of those closest to him. My deepest condolences to all who knew and loved him. God bless and rest in peace.

Sue Fowler - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Kenney was such a awesome and kind person, him and my husband talked and cut up daily. They will always remember the Vegas trip. You will be missed so much and our hearts go out to his family, as his boys and grand kids were his life. RIP Kenney, will be missed but never forgotten.

MICHAEL AND LESLIE MURDERS - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Mother Teresa has been quoted as saying "we can do no great things, only small things with great love." I believe that this describes Kenny Smerek perfectly; I have never met anyone as loving and giving of his time as Kenny. Andy, Dustin and their families are in our prayers as they suffer this great loss.

Kathy Eastwood - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Laina Smith-Gauker - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My prayers are with you at this time...I hadn't known Kenny very long, but will never forget him. He always made me feel like we had been friends all our lives and I especially enjoyed our time at the church bazaar where we would sell the meal tickets together. He will be missed.
May he Rest in Peace

Kathy Krejci Taylor - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I had the pleasure of working with Kenny at the phone company for a few years. Although it's been well over 10 years since I saw him last, the news of his passing has left me shocked and saddened. His kind heart and infectious smile will be what I will remember most about him. I send my condolences to his family and pray for your heartache as you lay him to rest. May your burden be lightened in knowing how many lives he touched with his genuine manners and charismatic personality.

Stephanie Hajducek - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I already miss you so much.

Cathy Svajda - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Kenny you will dearly be missed, we had some great times together, rest in peace my friend.

Deanne Rucker - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My thoughts & prayers to Kenny's family, as Kenny & I were Mopar buddies. We talked many times of family & our similar interest in mopar muscle cars, and it was very clear of Kenny's love & devotion to his boys. He was a super nice person & will be missed terribly. Please accept my sincere condolences and hope you can find comfort during this very difficult time.

Mark Pasqua - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss.

melody brasher - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Sending our deepest condolences. Thoughts and prayers to your family and friends.

Amanda Smith - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Prayers of comfort are being sent to the entire Smerek family. May your special memories bring you peace as those memories you will hold in your heart forever. May God continue to hold the entire family in his comforting arms as HE now holds Kenny.

*With our deepest sympathy,
The Jefferson Family
Elizabeth Kuebler and Randal Jefferson*

Elizabeth Kuebler Jefferson - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I'm going to miss his sweet smile and hugs after church! Kenny was a wonderful example of a great guy and a true gentleman!* ”

Julia Barton - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Our prayers are with the Smerek family and relatives on such a sad loss.* ”

Lorraine Koehne & Bruce Nlemeyer - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *I will never forget the love that Kenny showed his mother when he brought her to Church. He was such a sweet person and will be missed.* ”

Angela Morris - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *My sincere condolence and prayers to the Smerek family. Kenny was the nicest and most giving person I've ever known. I am very shocked and saddened that he was taken so young. He will truly be missed by all his family, friends and loved ones.* ”

Hillary Marek Coleman - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To the entire Smerek family,
Please accept my most sincere condolences! Kenny was an awesome man and his legacy is his family and love of helping others. He was one of my brothers best friends in high school and he always treated us, even though we were younger, with respect and like the gentleman he truly was.
May God bless Kenny and your entire family with His peace which "surpasses all understanding".
Sincerely,
Millie Hlavinka

Millie Hlavinka - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Our sympathy is extended to Andy and Dusty and their families and Mike. The remembrances of Kenney always helping Aunt Margaret and being in church with her will be forever in our minds. He'd take her to the store, mow her lawn or do whatever she needed. He was a very giving, helping person. Peace in Christ.

Eugene and Linda Pavlicek - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of y'all, so sorry for your loss.

Connie Hall - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am deeply sadden by the loss of a truly nice, genuinely kind person. My deepest and most sincere condolences to the Smerek family and all those who loved Kenny. I have a lifetime of memories including the most recent of being at most car shows I've attended. Kenny's love of cars will be remembered as well as his gentle kindness through out his lifetime. Fly with the angels my friend.

Lynn Shifflett - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM