



Kenneth E. Glass

October 9, 1933 - February 3, 2025

Kenneth E. Glass (aka Mayor of Smithville, Indiana) passed away on February 3, 2025, at his home in Smithville surrounded by his family, at the age of 91. Today, and in the future, our family is missing the quiet tug of love that keeps us anchored within the importance of family. Kenny was born October 9, 1933, to William Henry Glass and Lucille (McKelvey) Glass in Anderson, Indiana.

Kenny was a 1952 graduate of Spencer High School in Owen County. He served in the Korean Conflict, PFC in the ambulance company, 24th Medical Battalion, he was stationed near the DMZ line. He was employed for many years with Tom Taylor Foods as sales representative, he became owner of Gib Denzil's restaurant in Bloomington in the mid-1970s. Kenny and Frank Calabrese became the original co-founders of Diamond Dynamics in Smithville. He was a devoted member of the Bloomington Masonic Lodge for over 50 years and a member of the Monroe County Shriners. Kenny owned several antique cars, he loved driving the cars in local parades with a grandchild, he became a long-time member of the Cruisin Classic Car Club. He was a long-time member and attended Smithville Christian and Sherwood Oak Churches. A big honor for Kenny was driving the VA vehicle transporting fellow veterans to the VA hospital in Indianapolis.

Kenny was not one to sit still, an opportunity came knocking on his door and

he jumped right in feet first, a time that defined his role in the small town he adopted. The newly elected Clear Creek Trustee Thelma Kelley Jeffries asked Kenny and Jeannie to assist her in her dream of a Smithville Renaissance. Kenny oversaw the remodeling of the historic Red Men Hall. Was a founding member and held a leadership role in the Smithville Area Association. He cleared four acres of land between Smithville High School and the town and oversaw the park which is now named the “Kenny and Jean Glass Community Park.” He then oversaw the creation of the limestone War Memorial which is placed in the heart of Smithville, the monument was created by his brother-in-law Lew Hill Monuments. Next came the Historical Park which sits on the land owned by a pre-civil war doctor, also he oversaw the moving of Doc Mitchell’s office to the Smithville campus. Kenny was involved in the plethora of events that occur throughout the year, such as Labor Day in the Park.

In 2002, the old Smithville High School was returned to Clear Creek Township, Kenny was instrumental in the renovation of the building and was the facility manager for over 20 years. In August 2024, the old Smithville High School was dedicated to Ken, the plaque reads, “Kenneth Glass has given time, energy, and many resources to the Smithville community on behalf of Clear Creek Township. Therefore, this building is dedicated in gratitude for over 30 years of exemplary service, commitment and dedication to the Smithville Community Center”. Kenny oversaw many projects but what he loved most was the interaction and daily contact of the locals and others that came to assist in the maintenance of the many facilities he managed. At the beginning of this historic growth he called on local farmers, developers, electricians, etc., they all came together to build a place for not only for the Smithville residents but the many quests that come for the annual Smithville High School Reunion, 4-H and children’s events, holiday bazaars, chili & Thanksgiving suppers and Santa Claus. Ken could be seen daily in the area mowing and trimming the many lots in his adopted town of Smithville. We believe because of his daily devotion to the town he was honored with the title of Mayor by an unknown

source and the unofficial title of Mayor of Smithville stuck. Even in his last days he was voicing concerns for his family and the town of Smithville and the old Smithville High School/Community Center.

It was said recently that when Kenny married Jean in 1968, he took on a job with three grown daughters that joined him and his daughter Judy, the Hill family, and the town of Smithville.

In death, Kenny was preceded by his parents, his sister Betty Glass and brother Robert (Bobby) Glass, nephew Donald D. Glass, and his wife of 50+ years Imogene "Jeannie" (Hill) Glass, a granddaughter Suzie Sharp, daughters Linda McCammon and Tamara (McCammon) Sharp.

He is survived by his brother Charles Glass, Charles's daughters Dorothy J. Glass and Lois Ann Farr. Kenny's daughters Judith (Jerry) Hinnefeld and Rozzie (Dan) Gerstman. His grandchildren, Anita Bastin (Chris) Bohn, Chad Richardson, Angela Richardson (Brent) Mayle, Ashley (Matt Bartlett) Hinnefeld and Alyssa Hinnefeld (Michael) Dunn. Ken loved being with his Great-Grandchildren, Addison Mayle, Ava Jane Bohn, Theo Caudell and Pearl Bartlett.

His nieces and nephews: the Thomas S. & Rita Hill family, Jimmy Ray & Connie Hill family, Denise & Rick Crose & family, Lean & David Blum and family and Brad Wisley.

Ken attended many sporting events to support his grands as they played little league and performed in musical plays, the kids loved seeing Papaw at their events.

Ken's family is so grateful to the following people that became part of our family journey this past year: Southern Care Hospice Services Staff made this journey bearable with their caring natures and guidance and answering so

many questions and concerns. Amber Carpenter and Tammy Sipes, his daily caregivers. Members of the Smithville Christian Church. His special friends Wayne Smith, Danny Blevins, Nancy Crocker, and Barb Bartlett.

Kenny's funeral service will be held Friday, February 7, 2025 at 1:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. He will be laid to rest next to his wife Jeannie in the Smithville Cemetery after the service.

Visitation will be held on Thursday February 6, 2025 from 3:00PM to 8:00PM and on Friday from 12:00PM Noon until the time of the services at 1:00PM also at Allen Funeral Home and Cemetery.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Smithville Cemetery

Bloomington, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Visitation

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ 4 files added to the album Cruisin' Classic pictures



Michael Piskos - February 07, 2025 at 08:32 PM

LR

“ We became great friends with Kenny and Jean when we moved into our house across the road from them. They both spent a lot of time with my sons. We shared a lot of laughs together. Kenny had a lot of fun watching my son Travis ride his small Indy motorcycle when he was just 4 years old! When my sons Toby and Tyler were born, he enjoyed them as if they were his own. He was such a wonderful person. Just like his antique cars that he loved so much! You could say "they just don't make them like that anymore"!! Family, Friends, and the town of Smithville will miss him so very much.

Linda Deckard Reeves

Linda Deckard Reeves - February 07, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CA

“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Mr Glass personally, but I'll miss seeing him as I pass by his house with him sitting inside the garage watching traffic, as was mentioned in the obituary. I always wanted to stop and just say hello, and just visit. I won't have that chance now. I'll miss seeing him sitting in the shade of his garage as I drive by from now on. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and the many friends he had.



Cathy - February 06, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth E. Glass.

February 06, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth E. Glass.



February 06, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JM

“ Kenny was a wonderful neighbor. He and my husband spent time together sitting in Kenny's garage watching traffic go by and shooting the breeze. Soon they would be on Kenny's golf cart headed out for a ride or with weed eaters or chain saws to take care of a mess somewhere in Smithville. Kenny will be greatly missed.

Julie Morron - February 06, 2025 at 03:23 AM

CF

“ Charlotte Sowders Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth E. Glass.

Charlotte Sowders Family - February 05, 2025 at 07:03 PM

CF

“ Charlotte Sowders Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kenneth E. Glass.



Charlotte Sowders Family - February 05, 2025 at 07:03 PM

SC

“ Sean and Rita Compton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth E. Glass.

Sean and Rita Compton - February 05, 2025 at 04:59 PM

SC

“ Sean and Rita Compton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth E. Glass.



Sean and Rita Compton - February 05, 2025 at 04:59 PM

BR

“ *He was the best neighbor. He will be greatly missed.*

My favorite memories happened outside my office window after the grandkids moved next door. I loved seeing him beaming with smiles with his grandbabies riding along with him or following him with their tractor picking up the yard. It was so sweet and special to watch them together. Always put a smile on my face during the workday.

Brenda

Brenda - February 05, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DC

“ *Judy, Sincere sympathy to you and your family at the passing of your Dad. He did so much for the town of Smithville. My Jacobs Grandfather lived across the road from the Smithville School in the farmhouse up on the hill. Great memories in Smithville. May your many great memories comfort you and your family. Diana Jacobs Choate*

Diana Choate - February 05, 2025 at 09:39 AM

MR

We loved Kenny, so good everyone. He was the best applesauce and cottage cheese server we had for taco night at SCC!!! Rest in peace Mr. Mayor. Mike n Rita Ramey

mike n Rita Ramey - February 05, 2025 at 07:31 PM

MP

Knew Kenny through the Cruisin'Classic Car Club and the Smithville Car Show. He was a regular at our meetings at Redman Hall and our annual Christmas Party. He will be greatly missed.

Michael Piskos - February 06, 2025 at 07:13 PM