



## Kenneth Lee Hollingsworth

January 29, 1938 - June 9, 2021

Kenneth Lee Hollingsworth, 83, of Bloomington, IN died Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

He was born on January 29th, 1938 in Brockton, Mass., the son of the late Homer August and Mary Bell (Richardson) Hollingsworth. He graduated from Bloomington High School (1956) and Indiana University, Bloomington (1969), where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Services and an Associate Degree (Certificate) in Police Administration. He attended the Arlington United Methodist Church.

He joined The U.S. Naval Reserve in 1955 while still in high school and upon graduation, went on active duty where he served aboard the United States Destroyer, USS Sigourney, DD643. He received his Honorable Discharge from the military services of the United States in 1963.

In 1960 he was appointed as a Patrolman with the Bloomington Police Department and served until 1964 when he was appointed to the Indiana State Police Department and assigned to the Bloomington (District #33) Post. In 1975 he was called to Indianapolis to work in the Department's General Headquarters, first as the coordinator of the state's Crime Prevention activities, then in charge of the Executive Security (Governor's) Detail, and then was reassigned to supervise the Department's Public Information efforts.

He later was reassigned to the Investigations Division and retired from the ISP in 1991 as Lieutenant in that Division. While employed with the ISP he attended numerous schools and seminars including the National Crime Prevention Institute, University of Louisville, and the 109th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He was elected and served as the President of the Indiana Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates in 1982.

While employed with the ISP he received numerous awards and commendations including twice being the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash Award presented to him by Governor Roger D. Branigin in 1969 and again by Governor Otis R. Bowen in 1979. He also was designated a 'Kentucky Colonel' in 1984 by Kentucky Governor Martha Kayne Collins. While serving with the ISP he was appointed to serve on the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission representing Indiana law enforcement agencies.

In 1991, upon his retirement from the ISP, he was immediately employed by the Indiana State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA – now the Indiana Department of Homeland Security) to serve as a Field Operations Coordinator, a position he held until 2005 when he retired from state government service.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Norma Jean (Sheppard) Hollingsworth, daughter Kathryn Mary Etienne and her husband, Dr. Jean-Paul Etienne of Bloomington, and son (Kenneth) Mark Hollingsworth (JD) and his wife Rie Noda Hollingsworth and grandsons Michael Kenji Hollingsworth and Matthew Hiro Hollingsworth of Columbus, IN. He is also survived by two sisters, Linda Ann Reagan (husband Kyle) of rural Ellettsville, IN and Kathryn Sue Hollingsworth of Grand Rapids, MI. He is also survived by his loyal companion, his Yorkshire terrier, Parker. He was preceded in death by his

parents.

Services will be held at 1:00pm Monday June 14, 2021 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St RD 37 Bloomington. Pastors Rose and Jon Sparks officiating. Burial will follow in Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11:00am to service time Monday June 14, 2021 at the funeral Home.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial funds be sent in Ken's memory to the Arlington United Methodist Church of Bloomington, IN.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 14.** 11:00 AM - 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>

## Service

**JUN 14.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BA

“ One of my favorite Ralph Waldo Emerson quotes:

*The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.*

*You fulfilled your purpose and more.  
Rest in Peace*

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**Beverly Sheppard Arnott** - June 14, 2021 at 11:06 PM

JD

“ Always a classy gentleman. Made you feel like he was your best friend anytime you would talk with him. What a great example he set for us all.

*Jimmie Durnil I.S.P Retired*

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**Jimmie Durnil** - June 14, 2021 at 10:48 AM

SW

“ Norma, So sorry to hear about Ken. I am just about housebound now so I cannot come but you all will be in my prayers. God bless.  
Shirley Walker

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**Shirley Walker** - June 13, 2021 at 08:28 PM

Jl

“ Ken was my district coordinator when I was director of Monroe County Emergency Management. He was very professional and help me all the time including when the county had a disaster. I will miss him!

On Ken first visit to my office he had a story to tell me. When he was with BPD he was having a hard time getting handcuffs on an individual that he was arresting. He said that he notice a arm coming over his shoulder getting the individual hand so Ken could handcuff him. The individual helping him was my dad who was mayor of Bloomington.

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**John Hooker III** - June 13, 2021 at 07:21 PM

GK

“ I met Ken when he was working with SEMA, as part of his job he would make visits to Harrison County (Corydon) to meet with the EMA Manager Greg Reas. Greg would always call me when Ken was in town and we would have a working lunch. Ken was one of the fineness men I have ever met. He kept in touch with his weekly or more emails he sent out. He gave me and many others lots of smiles and touching times with his emails.

Ken, was "Good People" as good as any you could find here on earth. If you look up to the sky tonight, I am sure, you'll see a new bright star shinning down on us, to help guild us.

You'll be missed my friend,

Gary Kleeman, Harrison County Hospital EMS Manger (Retired)

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**Gary KLeeman** - June 12, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Hollingsworth.*



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June 12, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Kenneth Lee Hollingsworth*

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**Kathryn Hollingsworth** - June 12, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *I first met Ken when I was a new officer on Bedford Police and Ken came to Lawrence County as a new ISP Trooper. At that time I had a little "I want to be like him" in my heart. I later followed in his foot steps and we later would be assigned Monroe Co with him, on different shifts and we remained friends. He and I were in the trooper's "choir practice" (poker night) and I lost my hard earned salary to him on many occasions but we had fun and got our minds of the job. Rest in peace, Good Friend. Dale Strange*

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**DALE STRANGE** - June 12, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Norma and family,*

*Please accept our condolences for your loss of Ken.*

*Pat and Tom Thummel*

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**Wayne Thummel** - June 11, 2021 at 09:31 PM

FB

“ From Kathy & Larry Barber purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Lee Hollingsworth.



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**From Kathy & Larry Barber** - June 11, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Hollingsworth.



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June 11, 2021 at 03:58 PM

CS

“ So very sorry to hear of your father's passing. My deepest sympathy to you.

*Cathie (neighbor)*

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**Cathie Soudah** - June 11, 2021 at 02:54 PM

JH

“ Ken and I shared many details together he was always dependable and friendly. I could always depend on him to follow through! The other thing we shared was our last names! Another of the good guys gone way too soon! He will be missed! Col. James P Hollingsworth

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**James P. Hollingsworth** - June 11, 2021 at 12:13 PM