



Kenneth "The Candy Man" Lee Dillard

August 11, 1924 - May 28, 2019

A Celebration of Life well lived will be held at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, on Friday, May 31, 2019. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a celebration following at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery.

He lived a joyful, Christian life. His passion was giving candy to people everywhere, he loved to make people smile. Every day was a gift.

He was a proud World War II Army Veteran serving in the 70th and 91st Division. He was in combat in Italy and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He wore his World War II hat proudly every day.

His working life was spent in the limestone industry, retiring from Fluck Stone Mill Company. As soon as Lowes opened their doors, he started his second career retiring at the age of 88.

He was a devoted member of Clear Creek Christian Church, serving as a deacon, elder, trustee, and on the Board for most of his life.

Welcoming him to heaven was his loving wife, Irene, great-grandson Cody, sisters Edith and Edna, brothers Harry Edward, Robert, Charles, and William, and parents, Harry and Dora.

Continuing on with memories are daughters, Sue (Chuck) May, and Nancy (Rudy) Kaster; son Richard (Pat); grandchildren, Chris (Heidi) May, Trisha (Chip) Lawrence, and Lindsey (Chase) Dillard; great-grandchildren, Marissa May, as well as his sister-in-law, Betty Jacobs; sisters, Jo Arnold and Lois Grossman, and many, many nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Legacy and Heartstone for their care and love for the past three years, as well as The Hospice House for their tender care for the last few days of dad's life on this earth.

Memorial contributions may be made to IU Health Bloomington Hospice in lieu of flowers. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **31**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ Kenny is my great uncle and a great man. He came to see my sister when she was sick and really tried to comfort her. I remember the bees and how he loved to talk about them. I would always run into him at Lowes and get some candy. May god bless and my prayers are with family.

Mike Dillard - May 31, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Kenneth "The Candy Man" Lee Dillard.



May 30, 2019 at 06:10 PM

ST

“ I am so glad we got to know Kenny at Hearthstone. He was such a kind and funny man. Always had a smile. He will be greatly missed. Sherry Turpin and Janice Diekhoff

Sherry Turpin - May 30, 2019 at 05:53 PM

JL

“ Sue, Nancy and Richard - Still not sure why we called him "Uncle Buck" but he was my favorite. Always with big smile and huge hug. There are so many warm memories of our families, growing up and spending time in Bloomington with you and all the various Dillards over the years. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I love your dad and know he will be missed by all that were blessed by knowing him

Janis Lewis - May 30, 2019 at 01:58 PM

CD

“ Was part of a family that was there before I could remember and Bloomington was pretty much the epicenter for family, as that's where our parent's mother Dora lived. Believe we grew up in the best of times, the memories from those shared family moments are too many to recount and some that will never leave me. We would trek from his back yard into the world of quarries that won't leave my memory, the time he took me with him to manage his bees (a memory that resurfaced as I worked with them years later), twilight fire flies, wiffle ball games, and all the other things cousins shared in the 50's/60's (will never forget Sue Ann calling my father Uncle Beaver Teeth). To all gone and all still here thank you for the memories and the foundation they helped to forge.



Charles R Dillard - May 30, 2019 at 01:44 PM

JB

“ Condolences to the Dillard family on this loss. I knew him through family ties and he was indeed a good Christian man. Blessings and comfort to his family. REST IN PEACE, Mr. Dillard.
Janet Branam

Janet Branam - May 30, 2019 at 10:49 AM

DP

“ Nancy, Sue, Richard: I have so many nice memories of your dad when we were teens. Loved his sense of humor. He was a wonderful man. Sorry for your loss. Will be thinking of you and keeping your family in my prayers. Love you all.



Diana H Phillips - May 30, 2019 at 09:54 AM

DW

“ I remember the first time I met Kenny was when I was a little girl. I was in the 6th grade and my sister and I had started going to Clear Creek Church. We didn't have any way to get there and one of the men of the church had been taking us and for some reason was unable to any longer so Kenny started and he was kind enough to come every Sunday until the church bus started. I will always remember Kenny's hugs. He was truly one of a kind and will truly be missed. Rest In Peace Kenny!

Debbie Williams

Donnie & Debbie Williams - May 30, 2019 at 07:37 AM

SE

“ Our condolences - Uncle Ken was an important part of my life for 70 years.

Many, many fond memories of family events and times - throughout our lives.

He will be sadly missed but certainly has earned his reward.

Steve & Marti Elkins

Stephen Elkins - May 29, 2019 at 04:54 PM