



Kenneth Albert Nantz, Sr.

March 23, 1940 - May 4, 2016

Kenneth "Ken" Nantz Sr., 76 passed away on Wednesday May 4, 2016 peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family from a year long battle with cancer. Ken was born March 23, 1940 in St. Louis Missouri, to Albert Mordecai Nantz and Mildred Anna Fischer, and attended Duly school in St. Clair, Missouri. Ken worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator for the School District and retired after 30 years, and continued his career for Erickson Farms and Colf Construction. Ken Married the love of his life, Geraldine "Gerry" Lumos on October 25, 1958 and were married for 41 years until her death in September 1999. Ken and Gerry raised four children, Kenneth Albert Nantz Jr., of Vancouver, David Raymond Nantz (April) of LaCenter, Doris Maureen Nantz-Wright (Bob) of Battle Ground, and Tammy Gay Ford (Daryl) of Washougal, and grandchildren Richard Bultena of Vancouver, Nathan Nantz of LaCenter, Colin Wright of Battle Ground, Adrian Gaerlan of Troutdale, Amber Nantz of Battle Ground, Hannah Ford of Washougal, and two great grand children Cooper Bultena and Amelia Gaerlan. Ken is also survived by his Brother Bob Nantz of St. Clair Missouri and step sister Diane Brades of Mexico. Ken was an honest and hardworking man, loving husband and devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, brother and friend to many, that will be forever loved, respected and missed. His hobbies were operating heavy equipment, restoring antique tractors, lawnmowers and he had a passion for restoring cars as well. After the passing of his wife Gerry of 41 years, he met is significant other Gayle Price of Vancouver. A memorial

service will be held at Tuesday May 10th, 2016 at 3PM with a graveside service to follow, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1101 NE 112th Ave. Vancouver, Wa. 98684 In Lieu of flowers Donations can also be made to: The American Cancer Society in memory of Kenneth Nantz Sr.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:21 PM

SR

“ Sorry to hear about Ken , we live down the street and when ever we saw him he would be working outside and he gave a friendly hello ...We miss seeing himBlessings to all of his family

Sher and Dave Ryel - May 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Missing you so much dad...I love you!

Doris - May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I worked with Ken at the Vancouver School District. He was a great guy, hard worker, and went out of his way to help people. My sympathies to his family.

Kathy Bielas - May 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ When I look back at my childhood growing up on a busy farm, many long-time employees come to mind. Among them is Ken Nantz. Weekdays he would typically get there in the early mid-afternoon, after he had already put in a full day working at the school district. Ken would come into the house and grab a pouch and portable radio and give my dad a call on it, Ken-to-One, to find out what he was to do that day.

Often it was operating one of the field tractors, pulling an implement to till the soil. Other times it was driving one of the old school buses we used to take home all the many strawberry pickers. Ken took many truckloads of produce to the cannery, dug ditches to install pipe, operated forklifts in the zucchini yard, and punched picker cards after accepting flats of strawberries at the truck or buckets of cucumbers at the bins.

Finishing up his day often late in the evening, he would go home to his family so he could repeat the process the next day, working also all day on Saturdays.

After college, I bought some property out in Venersborg, which Ken helped me clear after I had rented a dozer for a month. We had more than our share of equipment issues with that dozer, and I remember when the owner came out once to make repairs, Ken told him about the many issues we had fixed ourselves and pressed him to make it right be me, watching my back.

Ken was a loyal, hard-working employee and faithful friend with whom I was most pleased to be acquainted. He will be missed.

Matt Erickson - May 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Ken was an amazing man and he'll be missed

Teri Cooper - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Ken worked with David Wannamaker at the School District and got him a part-time job at Erickson Farms. That began a very long relationship for David. Thank you, Ken, for doing that. You were always so nice to visit with and always had a smile on your face and a kind word for all. Thoughts and prayers are with your Family.

Diane Wannamaker Tanner - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Ken and I worked many jobs together thru the years. He visited my home and his company was enjoyed. He will be missed.

Dan Hayden - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I love and miss you daily. You're a great man! You and mom will be with me everyday I'm proud to say that you are my dad. I love you

Mean daughter. Nantz-Wright - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm certainly going to miss you dad. Thank you for instilling your devoted family values and strong work ethic. Your were such a hard worker, and for that and many other reasons, I'm proud to call you dad.

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ I worked with Ken at Colf Construction, he was a nice guy and will be missed by all who knew him. My condolences to his family.

Wes Grahnert - May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Karen Bean - May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM