



## Joseph Kenneth "Kenny" DeSpain Jr.

July 21, 1943 - April 29, 2020

Joseph Kenneth "Kenny" DeSpain, Jr., 76, passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at his home.

Born on July 21, 1943 in Louisville, Kenny was a son of the late Joseph K. DeSpain, Sr. and Hazel Carter DeSpain. He was a retired pipe fitter for Globe Mechanical Local 522.

Kenny graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1961 and attended Bellarmine University. He was an Army veteran and a member of the Pipe Fitter's Union 522 where he served as a Union Steward.

Kenny is survived by his longtime companion of 30 years, Carolyn Wimsatt; his brother, David DeSpain; niece, Dana and Scott Veatch and their children, Tatum and Sydney; nephew, David and Shane DeSpain and their children, Korbyn, Deklyn and Landyn.

Visitation and services are private under the direction of Ratterman and Sons on Bardstown Road. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. A celebration of Kenny's life will be held at a time when family and friends can safely gather. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Program. Online condolences may be shared at [www.ratterman.com](http://www.ratterman.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Calvary Cemetery**

1600 Newburg Rd  
Louisville, KY, 40205

# Comments

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“ I met Kenny many years ago at Duffy's on Dixie. He introduced me to my husband Kenny Siegwald (who has since passed) and was also a pipe fitter. Kenny was one of the finest men I have ever met in my life. David, I am extremely sad and my prayers are with you and I hope to see you soon! God Bless!

Robin Siegwald

Robin Siegwald - May 03 at 02:23 AM

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“ I worked at the court house with Ronnie Coffman. Each day after work we would stop ar Sunnydale and meet all Ronnie's pipe fitter friends including the DeSpains. I got to know David and Kenny. Kenny was a great guy. Sorry for his passing. He, his family and all the DeSpains.are in my prayers.

Don Clark - May 02 at 12:39 PM

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“ Davd Bunch lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth "Kenny" DeSpain Jr.



Davd Bunch - May 01 at 07:22 PM

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“ Kenny was my neighbor across the street for over 20 years. Could not ask for a better one. He was friendly, caring and generous. Several years ago I accidentally hit his parked red truck while backing out of my driveway. Even though I insisted, He refused to let me reimburse him for the damages. Will never forget his many years of being a good neighbor.

Suzanne McDonald - May 01 at 06:48 PM

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“ On behalf my husband, Buddy Curtis, Pipefitter retired local 502 ,our sincere sympathy to family and friends.



**Pat /Buddy Curtis** - May 01 at 11:42 AM

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“ Kenny was a great person, Pipefitter and Hot Rodder, I would always see him at Car shows all around Kentucky.. Kenny was a great friend and will be missed.

**Dave Huber** - May 01 at 08:50 AM

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“ Saw in the paper this morning where my second cousin, Kenny, passed away. Sad to see that. I didn't get to see Kenny all that much, but when I did, it was a real pleasure to shoot the bull with him. He had a great sense of humor, and was one of the friendliest guys I've ever been around. Rest in peace my friend.

Henry DeSpain

**Henry DeSpain** - May 01 at 08:02 AM

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“ One of the sweetest men I've ever known. He kept us supplied with salsa and Pop's Reserve wine from Hubers. I'm sure my late sweet husband John Beirne greeted you at the gates of heaven. Rest In Peace my friend. Becky Beirne

**Becky Beirne** - April 30 at 08:33 PM



“ Kenny and I first met when our mothers met each other giving birth to us. I guess therefore you could say "I've known Kenny all my life". Going forward, we went to grade school together had GTO's and when marriage came along and broke up 'that old gang of mine' he was the best man in my marriage. We kept in touch all this time. I'll miss him alot.

**Gary Sutton** - May 01 at 10:40 AM



“ Kenny was always warm and friendly. He will be missed.  
Marilyn Gaddie-Nettles

**Marilyn Gaddie-Nettles** - May 01 at 10:55 AM



“ I went to St. Matthias and St. X with Kenny. I left Louisville right after college and returned to Louisville a couple of years ago. My attempts to reconnect with Kenny were not successful. I missed getting back together with Kenny, he was a good childhood friend. He will be missed, my loss. My condolences to David and the rest of the family. Jim Prentice

**Jim Prentice** - May 01 at 12:50 PM



“ Darrell Redmon  
I met Kenny at Thornton's several years ago he was a good friend we shared the love of hot rods he will truly missed. I always gave him all my Good Guys Hot Rod books he loved those books.

**Darrell Redmon** - May 01 at 05:37 PM



“ David I am so sorry for your loss.

**Linda Reinstedler-McDonald** - May 07 at 12:04 PM