



## Kenneth "Ken" Maurice Mackey

June 5, 1944 - August 9, 2021

Kenneth "Ken" Maurice Mackey, age 77, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Monday August 9, 2021 at Communities of Wildwood Ranch in Joplin, MO.

Mr. Mackey was born in East Purdy, MO June 5, 1944. He was the son of Hurshell and Marie (Walters) Mackey. Mr. Mackey grew up on the family farm and graduated from Purdy High School in 1962. He met Lorene (Hamilton) of Pierce City on a blind date and they married on November 16, 1962 at Morningside Baptist Church. They lived in Kansas City, Monett & Pierce City before moving to their farm where they would raise a family and call home for the next 55 years just 3 miles north of Pierce City. Kenneth worked maintenance for MODOT from 1968 until he retired in 2006. For years Kenneth enjoyed training his dogs and quail hunting, he later joined the Dry Valley Fox Hunter's Association & enjoyed the fellowship of other hunters while watching & listening to his dogs in full pursuit of the coyote. He was a big fan of St. Louis Cardinal baseball & following Pierce City High School athletics. Kenneth not only attended all practices, home & away games for each of his kids in each of their sports during their time in school but continued to support the Pierce City High School programs for many years thereafter. Kenneth got pleasure from many extra-curricular sports activities, but he would tell you that the best thing he ever did was marry his wife Lorene and was so proud of his entire family!

Surviving wife/children/grand & great-grandchildren are the following: his wife, Lorene of Pierce City, MO; son, Randy Mackey of Kansas City, MO (Randy's family: Kristin Mackey Kirton married to Devon Kirton and their 2 children Zion & Alanna of Knoxville, TN; and Laura Mackey of Kansas City, MO); daughter, Rhonda Mackey Duff of Sarcoxie, MO (Rhonda's family: married to Mark Duff; son Travis Duff & wife Annie of Joplin, MO; son, Trevor Duff of Reeds Spring, MO); son, Steve Mackey of Republic MO (Steve's family: married to Becky Mackey; son Drew of Manchester, CT; son Dylan of Republic, MO).

Surviving siblings: one brother, Dayton Mackey of Monett, MO & two sisters, Doris DeCarlo of Dunwoody, GA & Phyllis Harper of Irving, TX.

Mr. Mackey was preceded in death by his parents: Hurshell & Marie Mackey, & brother James Mackey.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 10:00 AM until service time. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 AM with Rev. Arnold Ray Evans and Rev. Tim Steely officiating. Burial will follow at Arnhart Cemetery Purdy, MO. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pierce City Senior Citizen's Center or Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Arnhart Cemetery

Purdy  
Purdy, MO 65734

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home  
501 N Elm St.  
Pierce City, MO 65723  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Ken" Maurice Mackey*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *I have worked with Rhonda over 25 years, I know how Ken's family cared for him. He will be missed. While it is a big loss for them, it is a big win for him and he will see them again.*

**Joyce Frazier** - August 12, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Thank you for allowing us to care for Kenneth in his final months at Communities of Wildwood Ranch. He was a wonderful guy and had quite a personality! Praying for you all.*

**Michele Cox** - August 12, 2021 at 12:21 AM



“ *Lorene, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. Will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

**Mary McMaster** - August 11, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. We worked together at Mid-Am back in the late 60's. I can remember those good times very well.*  
*Gary Ball*

**Gary Ball** - August 11, 2021 at 04:19 PM

GG

“ I was very saddened to hear that my Dear Friend Randy's Father had passed. I still remember what Mr. Mackey told his family the morning we returned from Iraq in 2004. He said they were leaving at a certain time and if they weren't in the car, he was leaving without them since he wanted to see his son come home from War. A great man of integrity and I know he will be missed by so many. My prayers are with you. Gerald Green

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**Gerald Green** - August 10, 2021 at 09:14 PM

AH

“ Mackey Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our prayers.

Ken and Ann Hall

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**Ann Hall** - August 10, 2021 at 09:04 PM

JL

“ Jo And Al Landoll lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth "Ken" Maurice Mackey



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**Jo and Al Landoll** - August 10, 2021 at 06:01 PM

RB

“ Lorene - So sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Praying that God will give you peace and comfort at this time. Your high school friend, Ramona (Taunton) Bullington.

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**Ramona (Taunton) Bullington** - August 10, 2021 at 04:35 PM

GM

“ Duane and Kenneth worked together at MO-DOT for many years. This family was very special to so many. We lift all of you up in our prayers.

*Gail and Duane Maphies*



**Gail Maphies** - August 09, 2021 at 10:51 PM

DJ

“ My prayers are with you.



**Dorothy Jones** - August 09, 2021 at 08:23 PM

BL

“ I am sending my condolence to all of the Mackey family. We grew up together in the Arnhart community and have many good memories of our time together. May you have the Peace that only God can give during this time of sorrow. You are remembered in my prayers.

*Bonnie Hemphill Long  
Maumelle, Arkansas*

**Bonnie Hemphill Long** - August 09, 2021 at 05:45 PM

GS

*Lorene and family our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. He will suffer no more. Edgar and Glenda*

**Glenda Schoen** - August 09, 2021 at 10:39 PM

TB

*So sorry for your loss and prayers for peace and comfort in the coming days.*

**Tom and Sue Balmas** - August 10, 2021 at 02:12 AM

Charlie Ferguson

*Kenneth and I were lifelong friends from the Purdy area. The family friendships began with our older siblings and continued with us. We shared lots of memories through 12 years in Purdy Schools and we stayed up in touch through many class reunions over the years. Rest In Peace Dear Friend!! My prayers are with the family during this difficult time. God Bless each of you. ❤️❤️*

**Charlie Ferguson** - August 10, 2021 at 10:58 AM

SC

*So sorry, Lorene. Sending my deepest sympathies.*

**Sharon Meyer Kleine Curtit** - August 10, 2021 at 10:58 AM

BW

*Lorane & family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I remember you if helping my Grandmother when styling her hair, & I remember your husband of when he & his MoDot crew would stop by Moss Super Market in Monett to get some food supplies to take with them on an assignment in their service trucks. Especially seeing everyone get supplies during a snow storm that was soon to be coming to the Monett & surrounding area towns. We would always know how bad it might get out there on the highway, by what they would be telling to us. I'm sure that my brother, Danny Woods has many fond memories of him too. Danny was more in touch with sports growing up in Monett, & had sold many auto/truck parts while working @ the NAPA Auto Parts store. Many memories of you both, & now my condolences to your family. God Bless each one of you. Brenda Woods*

**Brenda Woods** - August 10, 2021 at 12:28 PM

CP

*Lorraine you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Cindy Peck*

**Cindy Peck** - August 10, 2021 at 06:46 PM