



## Kenneth Nees

January 27, 1933 - December 14, 2025

Kenny Nees, 92 of Mt. Carmel, died Sunday, December 14, 2025, at UNMC in Omaha.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel. The Celebrant will be Fr. Terry Roder. Music will be by Nancy Lemker, Sherry Loughran and the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Choir. Lectors will be Kenny's daughter-in-law, Kim Nees and grandson, Paul Nees. Gift Bearers will be Kenny's grandchildren. Eucharistic minister will be Kenny's son-in-law, Randy Blake. Casket bearers will be Kenny's grandchildren: Jason Nees, Kara Nees-Garner, John Nees, Chelsea Koster, Bennett Blake, Bryan Potthoff, Samuel Ainsworth, Ian Kolb, Taylor Nees, and Garrett Nees. Burial will follow at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Mt. Carmel.

Friends may call at Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, 2025 where there will be a rosary at 6:30 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday at the church prior to the Mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. The family invites you to share stories and memories of Kenny or offer condolences at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on January 27, 1933, in Carroll, Iowa Kenneth Francis was the son of Rudolph and Mary (Underberg) Nees. He was the eighth of ten children. He graduated from Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School in 1951. On May 20, 1952, Kenny married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Jeanette Baumhover at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Jeanette and Kenny made the Mt. Carmel area their home where they farmed and raised ten children with unconditional love.

A devout Catholic and beloved patriarch of his large family, he will be remembered for his steadfast dedication, lifelong curiosity, and wonderful sense of humor. A true "people person," he never met a stranger. He was known for remaining "young until the end," and was a familiar and welcome face in Carroll County, especially at "Al's Corner" and Garden View.

A lifelong learner, Kenny embodied the principle that "you should learn something new every day". He was an avid reader and loved sharing his knowledge and thoughts. He enjoyed simple pleasures like a good game of cards and was known for his community involvement, including singing in the church choir and caring for the cemetery grounds. He was immensely proud to be a steward of the Century Farm that had been in his family for generations. His creative outlet was making intricate wooden toys for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include nine children: Dan (Kathy) Nees of Ankeny, Steve (Iris) Nees of Halbur, Joan (Ed) Wehr of Carroll, Chris (Randy) Blake of Wiota, Theresa Potthoff (Jerry Green) of Pauls Valley, OK, Susan Nees (Scott Ainsworth) of Watkinsville, GA, Jill (John) Kolb of Ames, Joe (Mindy) Nees of Breda, and Mike (Kim) Nees of Carroll and daughter-in-law Rosanne Nees of Mt.Carmel; 28 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren; his brother: Duane (Loretta) Nees; his in-laws Virgil (Mary)

Baumhover, Marie Baumhover, Betty (Jerry) Klocke, Lenore (Richard) Fiedler, Anita Fiedler, Lorin (Lorraine) Baumhover, and Roger Baumhover.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jeanette, son Tom, son-in-law John Koster, great-grandson Becker Blake, his parents, his sisters and brothers: Florence Nees, Marvin Nees, Francis Nees, Rita Dentlinger, Rosella Berger, Donald Nees, Elmer Nees, and Mary Ann Brandt as well as his in-laws: Winifred Jorgensen and Jim Baumhover.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Mt. Carmel Faith Foundation in remembrance of Kenny.

# Tribute Wall

MR

“Kenny was an example to me of a man of faith and genuine kindness. He was a pillar of the Church in Mt. Carmel and I really can't imagine Mt. Carmel without him. I remember when he grew a beard for the 150th celebration! He never missed the novena rosary in July. He was a good friend and neighbor to my mom and dad for decades. I will miss seeing him at daily Mass when I am in Carroll. May God give him a fitting reward. “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Michelle Reiff

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**Michelle Reiff** - December 17, 2025 at 10:17 PM

CL

“My sympathies to Kenny's family. Kenny always greeted and talked for a while with us even after Dan and I moved to Fort Dodge and would come back home for visits. While visiting Dan's grave at the Mount Carmel cemetery last year, he saw me and stopped to offer condolences and to chat a little. He never forgot his friends and his community! “May he rest in peace, Amen.” Cheryl (Pudenz) Lychwick

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**Cheryl Lychwick** - December 17, 2025 at 11:34 AM

LB

“To all of you who are Kenny's children and grandchildren, I offer my deepest sympathy. Kenny was Gods gift to the world for sure. It has been an honor to know him. May he rest in peace. Lorraine Schumacher Baumhover

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**Lorraine Baumhover** - December 17, 2025 at 07:11 AM

BH

“ *Kenny was always friendly and interesting to talk too. I am sure he will be missed by many but especially by family. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you.* ”

Barb and Mark Hoffman - December 16, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Nees.* ”



December 16, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Nees.* ”



December 16, 2025 at 02:27 PM

RG

“ *In the short time I got to care for him, Kenny had the best sense of humor and talking about his family. Just seeing him brought a smile to your face. My prayers and sympathy to your families* ”



Renee Greve - December 16, 2025 at 01:20 PM

RM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and love to the Nees family and friends.

Renee Myler - December 16, 2025 at 10:22 AM

CS

“ I just saw Kenny at Mass a few short weeks ago. He always sat close to us, across the aisle, and I loved to hear him sing!!! He had a beautiful strong voice and knew every hymn without even looking at the hymnal. He was the nicest man, always a friendly smile! RIP Kenny, Eternal Light Shine Upon Him.

Carol and Gary Stark - December 15, 2025 at 10:10 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jenny Merthan - December 15, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Nees.



December 15, 2025 at 09:33 PM

KF

“ Kevin and Lori Stork and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Nees.



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**Kevin and Lori Stork and Family** - December 15, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ To the entire Nees family, please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of Kenny. He was a man that loved life and was a joy to be around. He always saw the bright side of things. May he now enjoy eternal peace.  
Paul & Denise Glass

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**Denise Glass** - December 15, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JF

“ My deepest sympathy to the Nees family

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**Jane Ferneding** - December 15, 2025 at 08:10 PM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Nees family in the loss of Kenneth.

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**Jeanette Brinkman** - December 15, 2025 at 06:13 PM

LO

“ Our sympathy to the Nees family.  
Leon and Florence Oswald

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**Leon Oswald** - December 15, 2025 at 04:44 PM

JS

“ Sympathy to all of Kenny's family. I enjoyed visiting with your dad all the years i cut his hair. He enjoyed talking about what was going on with all of his family, but he was always nice and asked about my family too. I vsited with him for the last time at one of the Carroll Merchants games. He certainly had alot of good years.

Joleen Stark - December 15, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SC

“ Steve and Barb Clausen purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Nees.



Steve and Barb Clausen - December 15, 2025 at 01:33 PM

US

“ U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Nees.



U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services - December 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DN

“ Dan And Kathy Nees lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Nees



Dan and Kathy Nees - December 14, 2025 at 08:40 PM