



## Kenneth E. Asdell

July 4, 1927 - January 25, 2016

On January 25th, 2016, a legend passed through the gates of heaven as Kenny Asdell departed his earthly vessel and joined the angels for all eternity leaving behind his family and friends.

Kenny was born on July 4th, 1927, at the homestead of his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Cora (Blackmore) Kern, who resided just north of Scotland, Indiana. His proud parents were Joseph Leland (Drib) and Sophia (Sophie) Asdell. Kenny was the firstborn but was soon followed by Drinae Fae (who passed away soon after birth), Davie Joe (Joe), Benoni (Ben), Doris June (June), and Billy Nelson (Bill). Kenny attended Scotland High School but left early in his senior year to join the war effort by enlisting in the United States Navy where he served honorably in WWII in the European Theater. Upon his return from the war, he engaged in several adventurous endeavors including building silos and grain bins throughout Michigan and Canada while employed by C&B Silo and constructing the very first electric power lines through the Ozark Mountains of Missouri. It was in Missouri where his brother Joe was severely burned in a workplace accident. Kenny was by Joe's side through his arduous recovery, even to the point of pawning his winter coat for subsistence. Kenny loved truck driving and was an independent trucker, his first truck being a 1948 Auto Car. Kenny spent many nights away from home transporting freight and grain throughout the lower 48 states. Being a proud, 50+ year member of Ironworkers Local 22 in Indianapolis, Kenny not only

worked hanging iron throughout the Midwest he also had an opportunity to work on construction of the Alaskan pipeline in the mid 1970's.

Kenny married Vonda Fay Beasley and they had three children, Randall Kern Asdell (Randy), Marsha Dee Asdell (Dee Dee), and Sheryl Nieman (Mike). Kenny and Vonda raised their family on the homestead of Kenny's paternal grandparents, David Samuel and Clara (Stone) Asdell which remains in the family to this day.

Kenny lived an adventurous life that most people can only dream of or experience in the movies. Even so, he always had time for family and friends and was first in line to assist those in need. Kenny was a big man, bigger than life and he feared nothing. A fitting description of Kenny was once offered by his brother Joe: "he is bigger than a skinned elephant, meaner than a striped ass monkey, tougher than rawhide, and all man, from the ground up". This, my friend, is Kenny Asdell in a "nutshell". Kenny was a lifelong member of American Legion and VFW.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents Drib & Sophie Asdell, brother Joe, and sister June. He is survived by Vonda, children Randy, Dee, and Sheryl plus many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A Memorial visitation will be held from 2 to 4 P.M. on Saturday January 30, 2015 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday with Mark Lester officiating.

Online condolences to the family can be made at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield  
421 South Seminary Street  
Bloomfield, IN 47424  
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## Service

JAN 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Jerry lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Asdell*



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**Jerry** - September 17, 2022 at 06:43 PM

JH

“ *I am proud to have known Kenny. And the whole Asdell family. Many are gone, but not forgotten.*

*John "Hugie" Hugunin  
Linton, Ind.*

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**John Hugunin** - January 31, 2016 at 06:31 AM

MB

“ *Randy, Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Praying for you and your sisters, my friend.*

*Mark Bechtel  
Bloomington, IN*

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**Mark Bechtel** - January 30, 2016 at 05:17 AM

HA

“ *Papal, You mean the world to us. You will never be forgotten. Thank you for sharing the magic of Rocky Branch with us. Love, Isaac and Andrew Asdell*

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**holly asdell** - January 28, 2016 at 10:04 PM

HA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



holly asdell - January 28, 2016 at 10:01 PM

HA

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



holly asdell - January 28, 2016 at 10:00 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of *Kenneth E. Asdell.*



January 28, 2016 at 02:29 PM

CS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.kenny was a great guy,he and my dad served overseas together and worked together as Iron Workers, dad thought the world of Kenny.

Sincerely, Cheryl Speer



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**cheryl speer** - January 27, 2016 at 11:49 PM

JA

“ No one ever cries when a hero rides away. This was true for me on that cold January night. For a brief moment it was a warm summer day. Grandpa zipped up his dark blue overalls and walked out to his large horse. Climbed upon and looked back at me. Adjusting his wide brim hat he gave a "Asdell" grin and rode away.....Ride cowboy...Ride.

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**Josh "Buck" Asdell** - January 27, 2016 at 08:34 AM

JR

“ Our sympathies to the family--Bud and Janet (DeVine) Riggins

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**Janet Riggins** - January 27, 2016 at 07:48 AM

DC

“ So sorry about your loss Randy.... prayers and many thought to you and your family.

- David Clodfelder

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**David Clodfelder** - January 26, 2016 at 06:07 PM

Karen Neukam

“ sending all the family my deepest sympathies..... Karen (Waggoner) Neukam

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**Karen Neukam** - January 26, 2016 at 03:27 PM

BU

“ *BHCCU Credit Union purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth E. Asdell.*



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**BHCCU Credit Union** - January 26, 2016 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I have known Kenny since I was a kid.He was friends with my grandparents and my mom.I always loved that man.We talked on the phone every now and then.I sure will miss him..The family is in my thoughts and prayers.. (((HUGS)))  
R.I.P KENNY..I will never forget you.*

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**Donna (Thompson)Vest** - January 26, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *Dee~ Know you & yours are in my thoughts & prayers, Liz Baird Shidler*

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**Liz Shidler** - January 26, 2016 at 09:33 AM

CV

“ *What a beautiful obituary! It says it all. Kenny Asdell was a legend. He was a big man with a big heart. He Will be sadly missed. I want to let you know that I'm thinking of you and that I am here for you. If you need anything please don't hesitate to ask. Sincerely Chris Vosters*

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**Chris vosters** - January 26, 2016 at 09:13 AM

CV

“ *What beautiful obituary! It says it best. Kenny Asdel was a legend. He was everything in one package. He was tougher than nails yet he had a big heart. We are all going to miss him. I Just wanted to let you I'm thinking about you and I'm here for you. If you need anything, please dont hesitate to ask. Sincerely Chris Vosters & family*

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**Chris vosters** - January 26, 2016 at 09:00 AM

JS

“ *Janet Sheetz lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Asdell*



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**Janet Sheetz** - January 26, 2016 at 08:16 AM

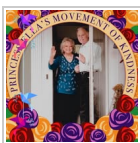
BF

“ *Brad York and Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Kenneth E. Asdell.*



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**Brad York and Family** - January 26, 2016 at 06:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. He was an icon around this area & knew everyone. He will be remembered.*

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**Barbara Mensch** - January 26, 2016 at 12:21 AM

DC

“ Doil Craig sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Kenneth E. Asdell



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**Doil Craig** - January 25, 2016 at 08:59 PM

RA

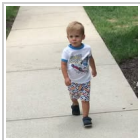
“ Kenny was one of kind. He was always interesting and informative. I  
always liked him and he was good to me.

*My prayers are with the family.*

*Roger Axe*

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**Roger Axe** - January 25, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ Wanda Goad lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth E. Asdell



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**Wanda Goad** - January 25, 2016 at 06:40 PM

CS

“ It was my privilege to grow up with the Asdell Clan, boxcars for playhouses, wild animals for pets, horses to ride, fields to roam. We had it all. My surrogate mother when I needed her was and is Vonda. And Kenneth was a man's man and he didn't apologize for being anyone but Kenneth. I don't apologize for being fortunate enough to call them friends and neighbors. My love and prayers to Vonda, Randy, Dee Dee, and Sheryl.

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**Carolyn Oliphant Suniga** - January 25, 2016 at 03:18 PM