



Kenneth "Kenny" R. Hewitt

May 27, 1943 - January 27, 2023

Kenneth "Kenny" R Hewitt, 79 of Zanesville, passed peacefully 7:30 AM, Friday, January 27, 2023, at his beloved cottage by the river. He was born Thursday, May 27, 1943, in Zanesville, the son of Harry Hewitt and Geneva (Wheeler) Hewitt.

Kenny enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends at his cottage along the Muskingum River. He operated Howdy's Bait Store as a hobby for visitors of the park for many years. He opened his home to every stray, whether human or canine, that came along, and continued to live with his faithful dogs, Penny and Skye.

Kenny touched the hearts of many in his lifetime, and he will be remembered fondly by everyone who crossed paths with the self-proclaimed "Mayor of Ellis Dam". The family asks that in honor of his memory, you will do as he would, and do something kind for a stranger who may just need a helping hand.

Kenny is survived by four children, Lucinda (Charles) Clark, Dennis (Christy) Hewitt, Dana (Heather) Grimm and Shirley (David) Delaney; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; one brother, Thomas (Brenda) Hewitt; two sisters, Barbara West and Linda Shinn; numerous nieces and nephews; the mothers of his children, Carolyn Hewitt and Cynthia Kessler, along with their families, of which he continued to consider family of his own; his long-

time caregivers and special friends, Wanda Butler and Angie Alexander.

In addition to his parents, Kenny was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly Hewitt; two brothers-in-laws Kenneth West and Robert Shinn, and numerous lifelong friends.

Friends may call from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Monday, January 30, 2023, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville. Funeral Services will be held 1:00 PM, Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at the funeral home with Pastor Jack Harris officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

548 Pershing Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Kenny" R. Hewitt*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

RI

“ To the Family of Mr. Kenny With Love.
My name Russell, but you call me Rebel.
My family and I stayed at Ellis Dam a while
back, this is when I met Kenny. Quite Man
didn't have bad word to say about anyone it
even if he did he keep it to himself. This man didn't let his
disabilities slow him down and loved his beer. I would stop by many
times just to say hello offering to help out around the place. Always
said telling me to take some firewood or need bait ? Didn't matter
every time my 4 daughters would walk over to see his goat I would
tell them come on don't bother him and his guests he would say no
bother no bother at all. Kenny as he told me was an excellent
master welder and a lover of Ellis Dam. Ellis Dam was his home, He
had seen a lot of Fish in his days there and a lot of tragedy because
of that river. Constantly Concerned about the safety of my children
and everyone how visited the campground scared for all. Kenny
would make it a point telling how dangerous the river and the dam
was. Ken told me stories of the times he remembered the Loches
when they worked. He wished they might one day work again. He
wanted the Visitors to come bringing joy and happiness as first time
fishers and novice alike he related and enjoyed and kept his Love
for the park and it's patrons close to his heart . His friends would
gather at the garage and argue about who was better at arguing
going the distance on Beer and Bulls**t .Kenny was Trustworthy,
Honest and Helpful a true Damn Icon down at Ellis Dam. Mr. Kenny
R. Hewitt was my friend and I'm sorry I didn't get to say goodbye.
You'll always have a place in my heart as well as my families .Sadly
missed and revered for ever until we meet again. In Gods eyes you
were the gradian of the falls. Suffer no more and Keep the waters
calm in Gods name .AMEN your friend forever, Russell E. Strawser
II aka. (REBEL)



Russell Emerson Strawser II - March 09, 2023 at 12:48 AM

LS

I came across this as I was looking for my brother Tom obituary. I never seen this before and the man that wrote it was so true about my brother Kenny. I just thought that I would share this with the family because I'm not sure they seen it either. Thank you Russell for your kind words you knew my brother well.

Linda Shinn - July 07, 2023 at 06:43 AM

BB

“ *With Deepest Sympathy, Thoughts and Prayers to the Family
Jim and Betty Yerian*

Bea Bates - January 31, 2023 at 11:18 AM

RT

“ *R.I.P Kenny,
God bless your family friends and loved ones
during this difficult time. Our memories with
you will be forever cherished.*
Love
Beck



Rebecca J Thomas - January 31, 2023 at 05:29 AM

KG

“ *Dana, Shirley and family I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers and love
sent to you all.*
Sincerely
Brian and Kelly Graham

Kelly Graham - January 29, 2023 at 12:15 PM

CB

“ *Linda and family, So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace*

Charles Besser - January 29, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Kenny" R. Hewitt.*



January 28, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Kenny for many years always had a great time around and felt at home . RIP Kenny*



Donna Pierce - January 28, 2023 at 12:56 PM