



## Kenneth Earl Alber

October 22, 1971 - May 23, 2015

Kenneth E. (Kenny) Alber, age 43, entered into eternal rest on May 23, 2015, after fighting a fierce 12 year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Beloved husband of Darcy Alber (nee: Shaver), cherished Dad of Joshua Alber and Kency Alber, father of Letha Colter, Poplar Bluff, MO, dear son of Teresa (Michael) Welsch of O'Fallon MO and the late Kenneth P. Alber and big brother of Amy (Joseph) DiLorenzo, O'Fallon MO, uncle of Matthew and Mikey DiLorenzo, son-in-law of Dennis and Joan Shaver, Chesterfield, brother-in-law- of Gail (Stevens) Elsner and Autumn Stevens and the late David Stevens, uncle of David Michael Stevens II, Lake St. Louis. He worked in new home construction for the The Jones Company, and was a member of Laborer's Local 110. He was a life-long resident of Florissant, graduating from McCluer North High School in 1990. His dedicated caregivers took charge of him for years: dear longtime friends Robin, Steve, Lindzey and Luke Cima, Carrri Baltas, Rich Schneider, Kim Gallagher, Cecelia and Jay Schaefer, caring professionals Michelle Robinson, Carla Worley, Tiffany Yancey who became his good friends, The family is grateful for their loyalty to Kenny and their capable skills taking care of him as he fought this devastating disease. Kudos also to the West County council of Beta Sigma Phi and North County Divorced Catholics. Both organizations hosted several successful major fundraisers.

Kenny was a great guy to be around...he enjoyed life, was handsome, had a twinkle in his eye, and engaging smile, a hearty laugh, a remarkable wit and

wonderful sense of humor. He made fun for and with everyone! His best friends enjoyed his company...many from his school days are still here with him today. He loved music, loved to dance and was the life of a party. He had a happy childhood with an adoring and wise mother and went through the usual highs and lows of growing up successfully with her devoted guidance. He loved his little sister, Amy, and as usual with big brothers, was her advocate and protector and sometimes (often?) her nemesis and annoyer. Just being siblings, right?

He loved the outdoors, camping and sun tanning. He was the poster boy for "man with a tool belt". He could build, fix, repair just about anything to do with keeping up a home. He found out during his illness he was a pretty good computer nerd, connecting with ALS friends around the globe.

His true dedication was to his family. He loved his wife Darcy and kids Josh and Kency, unconditionally...they were the axis that made his world turn. His unrelenting desire to stay home with them after his ALS diagnosis was the reason for forming The Kenneth Alber Foundation, Inc., established to raise money to combat the unbelievable costs for care of an ALS patient and to keep him at home where caregivers were partially MO State funded, and had to be supplemented with private pay dollars. Many other medical needs were also "out-of-pocket." over 12 years literally hundreds of you contributed and supported fund-raising efforts that allowed Kenny his greatest wish...to stay home with his family. THANK YOU!

And stay home he did. Even when ALS left him paralyzed, unable to speak and reliant on equipment to breathe and eat, he was a presence to be reckoned with. He attended many of Josh's ball games and Kency's dance recitals, the Rascals games, fundraisers, concerts at Verizon, just being outdoors (he supervised all planting of flowers and veggies!) He loved his life. Until May 23rd, when he was taken to Christian Northeast Hospital ICU where he passed away with his cherished wife, Darcy, and dear mom and good friends at his side. He won so many battles, but he finally lost the war. He was much loved, admired and respected. He'll be sorely missed and never

forgotten. Kenny donated his brain stem and spinal cord to Washington University School of Medicine for ALS research. He was truly "one of a kind." Funeral Services are Friday, May 29 at 10:00am at HUTCHENS Mortuary, 675 Graham Rd., Florissant. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation held Thursday, May 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Kenneth Alber Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 492, Chesterfield MO 63006, memo note: ALBER CHILDREN'S FUND, appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

980 Graham Rd.  
Florissant, MO 63031

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hutchens Mortuary and Cremation Center  
675 Graham Rd.  
Florissant, MO 63031  
(314) 831-3100  
[info@hutchensmortuary.com](mailto:info@hutchensmortuary.com)  
<http://www.hutchensmortuary.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

WX

“ *Wth love from Australia Shelly & Tony. xx purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Earl Alber.*



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**Wth love from Australia Shelly & Tony. xx** - May 29, 2015 at 03:45 AM

JU

“ *Many condolences to Darcy, Joshua & Kency along with all who will sorely miss Kenny. I have known Darcy many years but was only introduced to Kenny @ 5 years ago. Although he was already fully disabled by ALS, you could always see the spark in his eyes. I feel blessed to have known such a soldier who fought for himself, his family and the rest of the ALS community. R.I.P. Kenny, because now you can.*

*Love, hugs and prayers  
Julie Gold*

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**Julie** - May 28, 2015 at 04:45 PM

BM

“ *My sincerest condolences to Kenny's family. Teresa shared Kenny's ups and downs with us during his illness so much so that he felt like family. We admired his courage and the courage and loyalty of his family and friends.*

*Barb May  
NCDC Friend*

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**Barbara May** - May 28, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Alber.



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May 27, 2015 at 11:02 PM



“ *Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Alber.



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May 27, 2015 at 05:00 PM

PB

“ My sweet dearest love Kenny. You are still a beaken of light strength and love even in your passing. I heard your name for years through my niece Lauren Farmer then through my brother n law bob farmer. Kenny.... ya gotta meet Kenny. While home from FI I got to meet (the one and only) Kenny. I feel in love with your sweet smile and easy words I was also fortunate to be back in St. Louis for one of the many AlbersFest. Talk about fun. I met your momma your friends and Darcy's dad. Great people.

But you know my most special moment with you Kenny, other then the Barn Fun... Was when my brother n law Bob got sick you where so good to him. He hung with you in your garage and never felt alone while he was with you. Then as Bob was In his final hours Robin brought you up to say good bye to Bob. Tears. You stepped up to a higher level in friendship when I saw you there. Thanks Kenny and Robin

As I cry my heart out for missing you I am proud to say even during your trying times you always had live and compassion for others.

There will never be another Kenny Albers. I will miss you until I see you again. This is not good bye but...until we met again. When you see Bob my brother RICKY let them know they are missed. And my dog York ... Remember my big old yellow Shepard ... Give her some livings and stretch her ears for me. I miss her so much.

I love you Kenny. ALS sucks.

What happens in the garage Stays in the Garage.

Run Laugh Breath Be complete again my friend. You are whole once again.

PEACELOVEPAWPRINTS

Peggy and Hazel baumer.

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peggy baumer - May 27, 2015 at 12:20 PM

JH

“*RIP Kenny. I have kept up with him and his battle through Facebook. Dated high in high school. He was a great guy. Still smile when I remember some of the antics we pulled when we were young and dumb. Was thrilled to see he ended up happily married with a family. He had so much to give and he gave it freely. Anyone who was lucky enough to know Kenny was blessed by having him in their life. My prayers to his family. Just know he will live on in all of our memories. - Jennifer (Drysedale) Heflin*

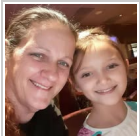
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**Jennifer Heflin** - May 27, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“*Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Alber.*



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May 27, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“*Dear Family and friends, I know you fought a hard fight but I am sure he is in the arms of the angels. I didn't get to know him, only met him at one of his benefits that I was honored to perform at, but I could see all the love you had for him. My prayres and heart are with you all. Pamela Sherwood*

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**Pamela Sherwood** - May 27, 2015 at 09:50 AM

 Christy  
Bradley  
Thorp

“*Only knowing of Kenny through FB posts it was easy to see his drive and determination to live his life to the fullest. The glint in his eyes showed passion and humor. My prayers continue for Kenny's family and friends. Christy Thorp*

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**Christy Bradley Thorp** - May 27, 2015 at 08:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Alber.*



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May 27, 2015 at 07:38 AM



“ *I want send my condolences to Jenny's family and friends. As a former classmate it saddens to see another McClure North star leave the earth,only to get to shine forever in heaven.*

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**Jeff Shelton** - May 27, 2015 at 05:27 AM



*I apologize meant Kenny not jenny. I meant no disrespect.*

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**Jeff Shelton** - May 27, 2015 at 05:29 AM



“ *Te I can only imagine what you are going through at this time my sincerest sympathy to you and to Kenny's family.*

*Angelo caraffa*

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**angelo caraffa** - May 26, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry about your loss! my prayers are with you Mrs. Albers, Amy, and Kenny's family. You are wonderful people and I enjoyed all the good times back in our Angela and Rosary days!*

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**carrie sansone** - May 26, 2015 at 08:54 PM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss Teresa and Kenny's family. You will be in my prayers to help get you through this difficult time.

*Donna (Kitzinger) and Joe Gorman*

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**Donna Kitzinger Gorman** - May 26, 2015 at 05:29 PM



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



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May 26, 2015 at 04:43 PM

JR

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to you Theresa, and Kenny's famiy. You are in our prayers and thoughts. God be with you all. Joetta (nee Morgan) and Gene Royce.

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**Joetta & Gene Royce** - May 26, 2015 at 03:42 PM

JA

“ Kenny used to babysit for us many years ago when we were at St. Angela together. What a wonderful person he was. Our deepest sympathies to the family. Gene and Jane Appal

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**jane appal** - May 26, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Alber.*



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May 26, 2015 at 08:47 AM