



## Kenneth R. Blair

February 11, 1953 - July 1, 2023

Kenneth R. Blair age 70 of Dixon passed away on Saturday July 1, 2023 at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford. He was born on Feb. 11, 1953 in Dayton, OH the son of Ottis and Sadie (Stamper) Blair. Kenny worked as a Cila Specialist for Kreider Services for over 25 years. He was a passionate music lover and was a talented drummer performing in many bands like the Lesabre Brothers, Patty and the Panic, and the Resistance. Kenny also worked as a chef at the Brandywine where he met his wife Michele McBride. They married on March 28 1988 in Dixon, IL. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Cathy Starnes. Kenny is survived by his wife Michele, children Sarah (Jeff) Gaither of Dixon, Holly Blair of Dixon, Kenneth Daniel Blair of Dixon, 8 grandchildren J.C. Gaither, Kara Gaither, Jacob Gaither, Jaxson Gaither, Kiley Gaither, Lilliana McCall, Isabella McCall, Braxdyn Blair, and great granddaughter Everleigh Gaither. He is also survived by his sister Donna (Robie) Johnson of Prestenberg KY, two brother in law Jerry McBride of Dixon, Tom McBride of Mexico MO, Robin (Randy) Coleman of Roswell GA, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be on Friday July 7, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be on Thursday July 6, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a scripture service at 7:30 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. A memorial has been established to Kreider Services. Arrangements. by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.



# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon  
612 S. Highland Ave.  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 284-7719  
[office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net)  
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ I met Kenny in my high school days and we became close friends. I had the privilege of playing music with him in a band. My condolences to all of Kenny’s family.

Mark Glass - June 19, 2025 at 01:57 AM

DJ

“ HAPPY BIRTHDAY my Bro, Miss you much. would be calling ya tonight. I know your with Mom, Daddy and Cathy and all the relatives a im sure Cathy is having a big party for you. Love , your sis, Donna

donna johnson - February 11, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ Kenneth R. Blair

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM

MT

“ Growing up , Kenny was the “Cool” Cousin 📍 He played the drums, Really Good 📍 We would play the “Beatles”, of course, Kenny was always Ringo 📍 We Always had FUN when we went to Aunt Sadie’s, Always having FUN with Kenny, Donna & Cathy 📍 We would pick cherries, ride bikes, go to vacation Bible school, go to the park and watch movies and endless summer fun 📍 So many memories 📍 I wish I had lived closer to Kenny, so, I could have visited him & his family 📍 I know he sure was a Proud Papaw, he loved his grandkids 📍 I will Always cherish all the “Great “ memories we had 📍 R.I.P. My Sweet, Dear, Cousin, Kenny 📍 Love, Cousin Madonna, Hal, and Family 📍 📍 📍 God Bless your Wife & Family 📍  
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Madonna Turpin - July 06, 2023 at 05:21 PM

PF

“ Patricia Smith & Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Kenneth R. Blair.



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Patricia Smith & Family - July 06, 2023 at 12:14 PM

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“ Patricia Smith & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth R. Blair.

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Patricia Smith & Family - July 06, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth R. Blair.

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July 05, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Blair.



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July 05, 2023 at 05:39 PM

DC

“ I've known Kenny since high school and he was always a kind and gentle man. I used to see him driving his Kreider clients around and he always took the time to greet me. My condolences and prayers to his family.

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Doug Cleary - July 04, 2023 at 08:43 PM

YD

“ *Your Donna lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Blair*



**Your Sis Donna** - July 03, 2023 at 03:24 PM

DC

*sorry for your loss Donna!*

**Doug Cleary** - July 04, 2023 at 08:42 PM

VE

*my deepest condolences to the Blair family and extended family members that loved Kenny what a gentle loving soul*

**vicki ehmen** - July 06, 2023 at 06:32 AM

PS

*The Blair family have been my neighbors since 1998. Ken was a man of good character, kind, considerate, friendly, and all about his family, children, and grandchildren. Condolences, thoughts, and prayers for the Blair family. Sincerely, Patricia Smith & family*

**Patricia Smith** - July 06, 2023 at 11:53 AM

VR

*I worked with Kenny in the kitchen of the old nursing home in Dixon across from the old Edward's clinic. He was full of fun, gentle, kind, friendly to all and we loved to share our music which helped the work go faster. Whenever I saw him after we both left the nursing home he always had a few moments to say "Hi" and ask how things were going. An angel has gone home to Heaven. Rest in peace gentle soul.*

**Vicki Roland** - July 07, 2023 at 12:21 AM

SM

*I've known Kenny since high school and worked at Kreider also He was a great guy, nice to everyone, no drama, and a very caring person. A great loss to his family and the community.*

**Sue McCoy** - July 09, 2023 at 04:10 PM