



Kenneth Ray Sturgill

April 14, 1956 - June 16, 2025

Kenneth Ray Sturgill, 69, of Kermit, West Virginia, passed peacefully on June 16, 2025, surrounded by his beloved wife of 50 years, Pauline Sturgill, and their four daughters: Jessica (Shelby) Meade, Sarah (James) Johnson, Alivia Sturgill, and April (Michael) White.

Born on April 14, 1956, Kenneth was a man of quiet strength, deep faith, and unwavering devotion to his family. In his final days, he renewed his vows to God and left this world just as he lived in it—peacefully and surrounded by love.

Kenneth was more than a father—he was a steady presence, a teacher, and a helper who believed in doing what was right without needing recognition. He raised his children and grandchildren to respect hard work, honor the land, and live with honesty and compassion. On his mountaintop farm, he raised—most importantly—his family, along with livestock, gardens, bees, always working side by side with those he loved. His life was rooted in the soil and shaped by his faith.

He was a proud “Poppy” to his grandchildren: Kendra May, Karie Robinson, and Kaleb Meade; Caitlin Brighton, Chloe Sartin, and Kinsey Sturgill; Camryn Fletcher, Ethan White, and Lauryn White; and Abram Sturgill. He was also blessed with 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him joy and now carry forward the strength of his name.

Kenneth was one of the last of a certain kind—a true mountain man in spirit. He helped anyone who needed it, held no grudges, and believed in working things out side by side. In a fast-changing world, he remained constant: a reminder of what it means to live simply, love deeply, and serve quietly.

His final words to his family were simple, lasting ones: “Don’t sit around and cry. Get along, and work together.” That’s the legacy he leaves—and one we will carry forward with love and pride.

He was deeply loved. And he will be deeply missed.

Funeral services will be held at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Dingess, WV on Thursday, June 18, 2025 at 11:00am. Visitation will begin at 6:00pm on Wednesday with a services to at 7:00p.m. Services will be officiated by Noah White Jr. Burial will follow in a private family ceremony. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **18**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church
21 Mount Hope Drive
Dingess, WV 25671

Funeral Service

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church
Dingess, WV

Tribute Wall



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

June 19, 2025 at 08:40 AM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of Kenneth's passing. I hold you and the girls in my thoughts and prayers.

St Janet Peterworth - June 18, 2025 at 10:17 PM

CL

“ My condolences to Pauline and family. May God bless you during this time of loss. Christopher and Lisa Lawson

Christopher Lawson - June 18, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DF

“ Dwain Vance and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.



Dwain Vance and family - June 18, 2025 at 07:52 AM

DF

“ Dwain Vance and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.

Dwain Vance and family - June 18, 2025 at 07:52 AM

BR

“ Brights purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.



Brights - June 18, 2025 at 12:16 AM



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

June 18, 2025 at 12:05 AM

FK

“ Frances and Kate purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.



Frances and Kate - June 17, 2025 at 01:46 PM

FK

“ Frances and Kate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.

Frances and Kate - June 17, 2025 at 01:46 PM

TF

“ The Downs Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.



The Downs Family - June 17, 2025 at 12:47 PM

TF

“ The Downs Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.

The Downs Family - June 17, 2025 at 12:47 PM

MF

“ Michael Fanning purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.



Michael Fanning - June 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM

GD

“ He was a great Big Brother. He worked hard and helped Daddy to take care of the rest of us. I heard Daddy reminding us of this one day when one of us said something against Kenneth. (You know how kids are always fussing with each other) Daddy said Kenneth helped feed us and we better be grateful to him. He didn't want nobody talking bad about him. Now he gets his well earned rest in Heaven with the Lord he loves. I'm so grateful to God that I got to spend time with you recently and talk and pray with you. Can't wait to see you again. I love you my brother. ❤️



Georgia Downs - June 17, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JA

“ Joetta Eanes (G&P Accounting) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Ray Sturgill.



Joetta Eanes (G&P Accounting) - June 17, 2025 at 12:14 PM

SJ

“ My dad was the greatest man you could ever know. We were blessed to have him as ours and will miss him immensely.



Sarah Johnson - June 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM