

Kenneth J. Paulus

April 1, 1935 - November 9, 2019

Kenneth J. Paulus, 84, of Perryville, died peacefully Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Independence Care Center in Perryville, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born April 1, 1935 in Perryville, MO to Leo B. and Mildred (Claussen) Paulus.

He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Zoellner on June 29, 1957. She survives in Perryville.

Kenneth was a 1953 graduate of St. Vincent High School and a 1964 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University. He was a teacher and coach at St. Vincent de Paul High School in Perryville and Chester High School in Chester, IL. He was loved and respected by the many lives he touched as a school teacher, coach and friend.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, American Legion, and St. Vincent Alumni Association. He was an inaugural member of the SV Alumni Association Hall of Fame as well as many other honors through his life and career. He was a US Army Veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Paulus-Schremp of Perryville, four sons, Tom (Leslie Cipolla) Paulus of Manchester, MA, Tim (Sandy Ruessler) Paulus of Perryville, Dave (Toni Broeker) Paulus of Fenton and Rich Paulus of Perryville, two sisters, Mary Dyer of Conway, Arkansas, Elta Cattoor of Perryville, six brothers, Roger Paulus, Russell "Rut" Paulus and Albert (Mick) Paulus all of Perryville, Jim Paulus of St. Louis, Harold Paulus and Bob Paulus both of Columbia, MO, seven grandchildren, Stephanie Schremp, Tyler Paulus, Danielle Schremp, Sierra Etzold, Nicholas Schremp, Kennedy Paulus and Ellie Paulus and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard (Booze) Paulus and Oliver (Obie) Paulus and two sisters, Eileen Paulus and Pauline Paulus Tucker.

He was an inspiration and role model to many. His family was his greatest joy.

An avid outdoors man who loved to hunt and fish, he always "caught his limit" and spent many hours enjoying his time in nature with his children and grandchildren, and especially his good buddy, Gene Conte.

Ken loved playing cards with his brothers and excelled at games of Pitch and Pinochle, which were taught to him by his father, but somehow never found a winning hand playing Old Maid, Go Fish or Rummy with his grandkids, who he loved so dearly.

Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 and Thursday from 6:30 AM until time of Mass at 12:00 noon at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville.

Funeral Mass will be at 12:00 noon Thursday, November 14, 2019 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Joe Geders officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery with military honors provided by American Legion and the US Army.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent Educational Foundation and Alzheimer's Association. .

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Funeral Mass

NOV 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth J. Paulus

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Kenneth J. Paulus

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *“He brightens the sky as he dances with the angels”!
Although I never this man his son Tom is like a brother to me and as
it’s said: the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. And Tom couldn’t
become the man he has become without the guidance and support
of his Dad.*

*As we say in Greek: “zois e mas” meaning “Long life to us all” with
emphasis of eternal life in heaven.*

God bless all the Paulos family.

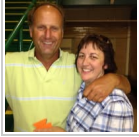
Respectfully, Arthur Nahatis, Midlothian TX

Thanasi Nahatis - November 17, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *A wonderful father can never be replaced, but will always be
remembered. Heartfelt condolences to Tom, Dave, and Rich.*

Kim Sims - November 14, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ *Coach Paulus was a wonderful person! We all had so much fun with him and didn't even realize at the time just how much he was teaching us. I have so many fun memories of him. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.*

Tammi Schroeder - November 13, 2019 at 10:27 AM

TY

“ *I think that every Friday night before Suzie and I would go on a date, we would stop by Coach and Pat's house just to sit down & talk & laugh. We saw what a beautiful marriage was supposed to be. We watched their 5 kids grow up, 4 boys, 1 girl, we now have 4 girls, one boy and are in our 49th year being married...I think Coach & Pat had something to do with that!!! We'll miss you Coach, love to Pat and all of the Paulus family.*

Tom Young - November 13, 2019 at 09:28 AM

D'

“ I have very fond memories of Coach, and think of him often. Every time I have to pick something off the floorboard without swerving, I think of him. When my family is amazed how I can effortlessly parallel park every time, I think of him. I am currently teaching my youngest to drive, and find myself telling her the same things coach taught me 38 years ago. He was a special man - kind and funny. A man who earned our respect, but also respected us. Friendly, and a friend. Joking, but with an unwavering moral compass. He was quite the role model. As one of his former players, we wanted to win as much for him as for ourselves. Fourteen years ago, he came to my birthday party at the K of C's. It meant the world to me and I will always be grateful.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. Know that he touched our lives and made us better people. We are blessed to have had him in our lives.

Coach, enjoy your eternal reward. I picture you telling jokes to a crowd of angels, each hanging on your every word. RIP, and thank you.

David McDonald, CHS '83 - November 13, 2019 at 12:11 AM

DD

“ When I think of Coach, I always remember his smile and just being fun ! He was a major figure for so many students who attended SVHS and will be fondly remembered. Prayers for his beautiful family and for all those who love Coach. He has left a lot of special memories in the hearts of so many.

Diana Behrle Deneke - November 12, 2019 at 11:52 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Paulus.*



November 12, 2019 at 11:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Paulus.*



November 12, 2019 at 10:40 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies on the passing of Coach. Even thou I haven't seen him in a very long time, the last time I did, he still called me "little peanut". It always made me smile to see him and he always remembered me and always asked about mom. I guess we were about 2nd or 3rd cousins. Sorry again for your loss. Jimmie Killion*

Jimmie Killion - November 12, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Coach was the best as a coach, friend, Father image. There is only one Coach K to me. I learned a lot from Coach and to this day miss playing for him. We enjoyed hunting rabbits for the Football parties and Giggling Frogs at the farm. Lots of memories. My thoughts and prayers to the Paulus family.*

Gene Moore - November 12, 2019 at 08:16 PM

FV

“ To Mrs. Paulus and to all of the Paulus Family,
My love, thoughts and prayers are with you during this time...
It was always a joy to see Coach at the nursing home during the time my mom was there!
Coach Paulus fulfilled his ministry well of being a loving husband, an awesome dad, a good friend and most of all being a faithful child of God! The tributes speak volumes!!!
Without a doubt, I know you will miss him tremendously, but I pray that your hearts may feel much peace knowing that he is now seeing the face of God... and hearing the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"
So sorry that I am unable to be there to Con-celebrate the funeral mass.
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may he rest in eternal peace with you!
Blessings of peace...



Fr. Rickey Valleroy - November 12, 2019 at 06:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Paulus.



November 12, 2019 at 03:13 PM

BM

“ *Bryan and Whitney Montgomery purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth J. Paulus.*



Bryan and Whitney Montgomery - November 12, 2019 at 03:12 PM

PH

“ *Coach was such a phenomenal person! He was a blast in driver's ed - always had so much fun. When my daughters were in grade school Coach kept the books for thee CGS basketball games. I always enjoyed seeing him & catching up at halftime. Always a smile on his face. My deepest sympathy to his family. Coach was one of a kind!*

Patsie Lindsey Hopkins - November 12, 2019 at 02:49 PM

MP

“ *Uncle Kenny always knew how to make us laugh, and was great to talk to at family reunions. I'm not sure how we fell for his, "You've got something on your shirt" trick every single time, but we did! Your family, friends, and former students were all lucky to have you, and you will be greatly missed. I'm sorry that we aren't able to come from Chicago for the services. We've made a gift to the Alzheimer's Association in your memory.*

*Much love,
Morgan, Ben, Sebastian & Irene
Emily, Dan & Baby Valencia*

Morgan Paulus - November 12, 2019 at 01:37 PM

BG

“Coach” was a mentor and friend. He taught a group of boys how to be men in 1965 and he will never be forgotten for instilling in us a sense of pride and responsibility in ourselves and our team. If there is a football team in heaven, God now has a great coach.

Bob Guth

Bob Guth - November 12, 2019 at 11:23 AM

DC

“Coach always had a smile and loved telling a joke or funny saying. The peanut coffee cakes he brought every day were yummy! When you get older you have more time to reflect what shapes your life. Coach left that lasting impression and gave you all the tools you would need to navigate this life. He was always coaching and mentoring, even when he was telling a joke! It was my greatest joy and honor to have played for such a fine man!

Danny Cowell - November 12, 2019 at 11:14 AM

BR

“I always remebered him as Mr. Paulus and Mrs. Paulus. They were our neighbors and friends forever. He was so wonderful to us kids in the neighborhood. Playing ball in their back yard and no matter if you were good or not he always have you encouragement. I will always have found mem of him! You were great!

Becky Fuytinck Ray - November 12, 2019 at 10:51 AM

MM

“ For the longest time I didn't know “Coach Paulus” even had a first name. He taught me how to drive at CHS and was truly the most patient man! He never threw a mint on the floor while I was driving but it was probably because I'm so short he knew I would never see over the dash. He did teach me how to parallel park, which I can still park just about anywhere to this very day. I think of Coach on days like today, when it is raining and the pavement is wet, I look at my rear view mirror to see where I am on the road by looking at my tire tracks. I enjoyed seeing and talking to Coach when I would see him around and about in Perryville and I think I almost had him convinced to teach my son how to drive about 5 years ago. Seriously! You were loved and missed by all those who were lucky enough to know you. Prayers and peace to your family.

Maria Mudd - November 12, 2019 at 12:25 AM

MK

“ Coach Paulus was my favorite teacher ever. He always made me laugh and was a great driver's ed teacher. He always brought us sweet rolls from Hoeckle's in Perryville. I am 51 years old and still think of him when I drive. He was a precious man and I know he has a special place in Heaven. My condolences to his family.

Melissa Kramer - November 11, 2019 at 09:13 PM

MG

“ What a great man, teacher, coach and friend Coach Paulus was to so many students! Loved this man so much! When I was a sophomore in 1968, Barbara McDonald and I had a plague made for him with a poem “To Coach with Love” based off the song “ To Sir with Love”. So many memories with this guy. He once asked me to make up with my boyfriend so he would play the game coming up better. He touched so many with his humor and true caring nature! He will be so missed! God bless him and all his family! My deepest sympathy to you all! Mavis Weber Gross



Mavis Weber Gross - November 11, 2019 at 09:07 PM

LL

“ To me I could never call him anything other than “Coach”. I think as his players became men that he believed the mystique of the football days would diminish, but they never did. We won games for him, not because he pushed us, but because we loved him. We never wanted to disappoint him. No one could have given us more during the two greatest years of our lives. I speak for hundreds of us whose lives were changed for the better by Coach Paulus.

Larry Lauterjung - November 11, 2019 at 08:21 PM

LO

“ He was always sweet and patient when teaching me to drive. He called my mom and told her he didn't think I would pass. Lol I did though, thanks to him.
I ran into him a couple times over the years and always smiling.
RIP Coach Paulus. You will be missed.

Lori - November 11, 2019 at 08:10 PM

NM

“ Coach was my Drivers Ed teacher. Once when I was driving he asked if I wanted a peppermint. I said sure. He threw it on the floorboard by his feet. He said, “ ok peanut pick it up while your eyes are on the road.” He also had me learn to parallel park in the middle of town at lunch time. Scary for a 15 year old, but I can parallel park like a champ and still think of him each time I pick something up off the floorboards. Thank you Coach. You did good Peanut! ❤️

Nikki Malley - November 11, 2019 at 08:05 PM

TR

“ He was my drivers ed teacher too. I was a terrible driver! He had the patience of a saint. Had to while teaching me to drive! Such a great man. He will be missed. My condolences to his family and friends. RIP coach Paulus.

Tracey - November 11, 2019 at 08:01 PM

 Jon Caron

“ Coach Paulus taught so many of us young punks what it was to be a man. He was kind, patient, and always funny. He was a great role model to many. I'm not sure I sat through an entire English class the 1st semester of my sophomore year. He'd be at the door at 9:02am...”Miss O'Conner, I need Mr. Caron for driving instruction.” AKA...we're going to Turkey Bluff to look for deer. I must have had 40 hours of individual driving instruction. Can still remember a few of the Polack jokes he told too. RIP sir!

Jon Caron - November 11, 2019 at 08:01 PM

SM

“ Dear Pat and Family, please accept my heartfelt sympathy on Kenny’s passing. Am so sorry that I cannot attend the funeral as I am in Florida, pat as you know, Kenny and I grew up in the same neighborhood, and attended school together. Pat and I became good friends in high school. We celebrated many occasions over the years. Kenny was an exceptional man, he accomplished a great deal in his life and will be missed. God bless you all and give you comfort during this trying time. Shirley Meyer

Shirley Meyer - November 11, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Paulus.



November 11, 2019 at 07:39 PM

CJ

“ He was a great drivers Ed teacher! He had such a passion for life. Always joking with you. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of having him as a teacher.

Christy James - November 11, 2019 at 07:11 PM

BO

“ Fantastic guy, he was my drivers Ed teacher and a fine individual for young man to be around.

Bill O’Daniel - November 11, 2019 at 07:06 PM

JS

“ I attended Chester High School when Coach was there. He was a favorite among the students....we all loved him!
When I had him for Driver's Ed I was thrilled the first time he called me Peanut!! It felt like an honor to be called that by him!
A wonderful man that I know will be missed by many! Such wonderful memories!!
My thoughts and prayers are with his family!

Joni Searles - November 11, 2019 at 06:49 PM

JE

“ I absolutely loved Coach at CHS. He always had a joke to share and a listening ear. He touched so many lives and was truly a treasure that will be missed. Rest In Peace Coach. We love you

Julie Eggemeyer - November 11, 2019 at 06:48 PM

JP

“ Coach used to get me out of study hall to go drive. We would stop at the DQ for ice cream cones. Daily. I already had my license and been through drivers Ed the year before.
He is one of the greatest people I have ever met in my life.
Simply put He cared about all of us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Most people will never go out and change the world, but Coach changed the world for a lot of people.

Joe Preston - November 11, 2019 at 06:10 PM

PA

Him and his wife Pat lived at Independence Court for some time. He was always so polite and appreciative for anything a person would do for both of them. Such a nice man. He raised a special family. His children came in to see them daily. God bless this family in there time of need. RIP

patty - November 11, 2019 at 06:33 PM

CS

Coach Pauli's was at Chester High School during my high school years. He always had a smile on his face, a joke to tell & had a way of making you feel comfortable. He was my drivers ed instructor, thank goodness for that or I might not have passed. He had us drive over the Chester Bridge, such a scary thing at 15, but he gave me the confidence I could do it. And yes, he called us all, "You little peanut!". Rest In Peace Coach, you were the best influence on so many students 🍷

Catherine Shemonic - November 11, 2019 at 10:46 PM