

Kenneth Eugene Birlingmair

September 29, 1952 - October 1, 2020

Kenneth Eugene Birlingmair, age 68, of Smithville, Missouri, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2020, at his lake home. He was born September 29, 1952, in Des Moines, Iowa, a son of Eugene and Shirley (Phipps) Birlingmair.

On April 21, 1999, in Grand Cayman Island, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Amy (Currie) Birlingmair.

Ken was a United States Air Force veteran having served during the Vietnam Era.

He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for forty-four years until his retirement.

Ken was a member of the Smithville United Methodist Church and was a Ducks Unlimited Diamond Life Sponsor.

He loved being at the lake where he spent time with family and friends boating, fishing and pulling his daughters, granddaughters and their friends tubing. He also enjoyed playing golf every chance he could.

In addition to his wife, Amy, he is survived by his son, Scott Birlingmair of Liberty, Missouri; daughters, Sarah Leonard and husband Charles of St.


Charles, Iowa and Mackinsey Birlingmair of Springfield, Missouri; granddaughters, Alexanderia and Shannon Birlingmair and Taylor and Trinity Leonard; his mother, Shirley Birlingmair of Indianola, Iowa; sister, Barbara Rasko and husband Frank of Indianola, Iowa; his previous wife, Jean Birlingmair of Des Moines, Iowa; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Birlingmair.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held Sunday, October 25th, at Walnut Woods State Park Lodge, in West Des Moines, Iowa from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. My brother Tim Hartman passed away in July 2020 played ball with Ken. I remember alot of baseball picnics where my mother and your grandmother were friends and we would all play ball at Ewing Park. It was put luck. You brought your own meat but shared your side dishes. Loved those summer picnics especially since I was a little younger and all those good looking boys. 

Ann Hartman Williams - January 09, 2021 at 08:40 AM

DE

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ken's passing. Our family's hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. I had the privilege to meet Ken a few times over the years and he was a great guy to be around. He will surely be missed by many.

Don Erckert - October 27, 2020 at 05:46 PM

VN

“ Condolences to the Birlingmair and extended families. I always had great experience visiting and meeting with Ken every time I went out to the ZKC facility. Ken was always a warm and great person to work with.

Vinh Nguyen - October 13, 2020 at 08:22 AM

RO

“ Very sorry to hear of Ken's death. A lot of great memories water skiing, tubing, and swimming at Lake of the Ozarks. Great times with the Osburn, Griffith, and Birlingmair families. So much fun. To this day, I still love to be on or around the water.

Randy Osburn - October 08, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Ken made FAA a great place to work, I really enjoyed working with him. We are remembering all the fun float trips, camping and get togethers. Amy, our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

Mark and Jamie Marrs - October 07, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Sincere condolences to you & yours Amy. Ken was a huge factor in one of the highest performing districts the FAA has. His devotion to the folks and areas he represented never faltered, an attribute he applied well to life as a whole.

Greg Ingraham - October 06, 2020 at 10:43 AM

Jeanne
Quinn

“ Ken took great delight in popping up over my cubicle and scaring the heck out of me. I really enjoyed working with him, and when I retired last year sent me a sweet email on my last day thanking me for my service. He will be missed and I am so sorry for your loss.

Jeanne Quinn - October 05, 2020 at 08:35 PM

DF

“ So sorry to hear about Ken. He knew how to make our FAA Manager's meetings crazy and fun.

Diana Farthing - October 05, 2020 at 08:17 PM

DR

“ I can't believe Ken is gone. Ken took me under his wing in 1976 when I first met him in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has always been a good friend and coworker. He will be greatly missed.

Dennis J Ray - October 05, 2020 at 07:44 PM

JG

“ It saddens me to hear of your loss. It was great working with him in the FAA when I was in Wichita, Kansas.

John Grabitz - October 05, 2020 at 06:43 PM

DH

“ Ken loved to encourage Bruce in spending money. After Ken encouraged Bruce to buy a condo and boat without me knowing it, I made Ken a deal. The next time he did that, I would quit my job and Ken could help Bruce with the payments. No more encouraging!! I have thousands of great memories of Ken. The entire family is in my prayers. Love to all. DeAnn

DeAnn Hoover - October 05, 2020 at 05:57 PM

AB

Thank so much for making me laugh! Love you both!❤️

Amy Birlingmair - October 05, 2020 at 07:43 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed the time I spent with him working in the FAA. Thoughts and prayers.

Bernie & Mary Ann Weishapl

Bernard Weishapl - October 05, 2020 at 05:23 PM