



Kenneth Murphy Halters

November 21, 1948 - July 24, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Kenneth Halters, affectionately known as “JAP,” a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, proud Marine veteran, and lifelong friend to all. Kenneth passed away peacefully on July 24, 2025, at the age of 76, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty.

Born on November 21, 1948 in Carroll County, TN. He is preceded in death by his parents JC (Cebe) and Alma Lee Halters. He leaves behind two siblings, his sister Angie James (Charles), and brother Kyle Halters. Kenneth lived a life marked by service, hard work, and wholehearted dedication to the people he loved. He served his country proudly in the United States Marine Corps, a chapter of his life that shaped his deep sense of responsibility, honor, and resilience.

Kenneth never met a stranger. He spoke to everyone, making fast friends wherever he went. Whether in a grocery store, on the sidelines of a game, or around a backyard grill, he had a way of making people feel welcome, seen, and heard. Above all else, Kenneth was his children’s and grandchildren’s number one fan. If you were at a game, a school event, or anything involving his family, you knew exactly where he was—he was the loudest, proudest voice in the crowd. His love wasn’t quiet; it was passionate, joyful, and impossible to miss. He was a member of Middlefork Road Baptist Church. He is survived by his beloved wife, Lila Halters, and their children: Rudy Grice (Rebekah), Gina Clark, Wes Halters (Alex), Lila Montgomery (Jason), and

Felicia Simpson (Joe). He was a proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought him endless pride and joy. His spirit also lives on in his extended family and wide circle of friends, all of whom were touched by his warmth, humor, and loyalty.

A celebration of Kenneth's life will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at Reeds Chapel in Lexington, TN beginning at 1PM with burial at Jones Cemetery in Wildersville, TN with military honors. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday 1PM-9PM and Wednesday 10 AM until service.

All are welcome to gather and honor the unforgettable life of a man who gave everything to the people he loved.

Semper Fi, Kenneth. You served with honor, loved with strength, and lived with joy. Your legacy will echo in our lives forever.

Tribute Wall

EB

“ We’re so sorry for your loss. Kenneth was a great man and wonderful family friend.



Edd and Jamie Burke - August 06, 2025 at 08:15 PM

JB

“ Kenneth was a very special family friend. I know his family is hurting right now, but you can find comfort in knowing that he was loved by so many people. Special prayers for Lila, Angie, Kyle and his entire family.



Jamie Burke - July 30, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Murphy Halters.



July 29, 2025 at 11:44 AM



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

July 29, 2025 at 11:44 AM

VA

“ We are sure gonna miss seeing Kenneth at Constructors for Christ each year. We loved aggravating him about his love notes in his suitcase from Lila. He loved you Lila more than anything! Praying for you as you face the days ahead without him. I hope the memories will sustain you until we all meet again. Much love and prayers - Kenny and Valerie Blackford, Calhoun, KY

Valerie - July 29, 2025 at 09:17 AM

DR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the passing of Kenneth. May God give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. With our deepest sympathy, Dennis and Bonnie Ryan

Dennis Ryan - July 28, 2025 at 11:05 PM

GW

“ You will be missed in the Middlefork area. God bless and keep you all.



Gene & Tina W - July 28, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Murphy Halters.



July 28, 2025 at 04:29 PM



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

July 28, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ Paul & all of us at Volunteer Meats purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kenneth Murphy Halters.



Paul & all of us at Volunteer Meats - July 28, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Joey, Jackie & Laney Lester purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Murphy Halters.



Joey, Jackie & Laney Lester - July 28, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Kenneth was my cousin I haven't seen in approximately 15 years since I live out of town but he was a great guy in my book. He was always friendly and kind and may you rest in peace. Loved you, Sandra Tines Grafton

Sandra Tines Grafton - July 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM



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

July 28, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Murphy Halters.*



July 28, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Danny Renshaw lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Danny Renshaw - July 28, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ *Kenneth was a great customer of the Country Side Diner, We will miss seeing his smile and he never met a stranger, he would go from table to table before he decided where he was gonna sit. He always wanted brown, brown, brown hashbrowns two eggs over medium well and sausage links. That was his every morning breakfast.*



Darla Harris - July 28, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ *Kenneth was my friend. Robert McAdams*

Robert McAdams - July 27, 2025 at 10:46 PM

MB

“❤️🙏 for all the family, Lila, I met you when you were a nurse in Lexington, my mother's name was Lila Grice. Brenda Grice Marr, so sorry for your loss.



Marr Brenda - July 27, 2025 at 09:18 PM

NS

“ My deepest sympathies in your loss.

Neasha Smith - July 27, 2025 at 07:54 PM

LL

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF KENNETHS PASSING, I GREW UP WITH HIM AND FAMILY. PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR ALL THE FAMILY. LOVE YOU ALL.
LAWANDA GALE PHILLIPS LEWIS



LAWANDA GALE LEWIS - July 27, 2025 at 05:24 PM

ML

“ Kenneth was a truly special person—kind, steady, and full of quiet strength. I know how much he meant to you, and how deeply your lives were intertwined. The love you shared was evident to everyone who knew you, and that love will always remain, even in his absence.



Melissa Lester - July 27, 2025 at 01:31 PM

KR

“ Kelley And John Rickman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters



kelley and john Rickman - July 26, 2025 at 11:21 PM

TT

“ Teresa Taylor lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters



Teresa Taylor - July 26, 2025 at 09:25 PM

BC

“ Brenda Casey sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters



Brenda Casey - July 26, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters



Cotton Rhodes - July 26, 2025 at 07:02 PM

PD

“ Kenneth was our neighbor sooo many years and then when married Lila we came to know her too. We sure are gonna miss Kenneth. Evertime you looked out across the pasture he was doing something outside. He loved keeping their place looking beautiful! My Dad knew Kenneth and maybe now they can see each other in heaven. You will be missed Our Good Neighbor, gone but never will be forgotten. Chris, Pennie and Kristina Doyle, Brandon McPeake and family



Pennie Dotle - July 26, 2025 at 06:24 PM

TH

“ Tami Hayes lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters



Tami Hayes - July 26, 2025 at 06:24 PM

SM

“ Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters



Sandra Maness - July 26, 2025 at 06:22 PM

JL

“ Our prayers are with you all that God will comfort your broken hearts and be with you in the coming days.

Jamie and Dale Lindsey - July 26, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RS

“❤️



Rhonda Sanders - July 26, 2025 at 05:51 PM

NC

“ *Nancy Connor lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Nancy Connor - July 26, 2025 at 05:35 PM

RE

“ *You will be deeply missed*



Randle Kelly Eobbins - July 26, 2025 at 05:33 PM

SW

“ *I loved the man very much. He used to sit with me and my dad ,
carlton, in the Sunday school office every Sunday morning. He
never failed to share a laugh and brighten my day. He will be
missed by many. Always had a story to share about his family.*

sandra Wilkinson - July 26, 2025 at 05:22 PM



Kenneth helped me so much when I worked at Bluescope. He was great friend. He will be missed. Teresa Anderson

Teresa Anderson - July 26, 2025 at 05:36 PM

RG

“ *ROY GURLEY lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters*



ROY GURLEY - July 26, 2025 at 05:18 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Jerry Stegall - July 26, 2025 at 05:03 PM

PP

“ *So sorry to hear this. He was a fine man! Prayers for all his family and friends!!*



Pamela Parker - July 26, 2025 at 04:50 PM

RR

“ *Rob&Kathy Renfroe lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Rob&Kathy Renfroe - July 26, 2025 at 04:31 PM

EA

“ *Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Eddie & Lori Akins - July 26, 2025 at 04:23 PM

AM

“ *Allan Maness lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Allan Maness - July 26, 2025 at 04:22 PM

SW

“ *Sharon Wood lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Sharon Wood - July 26, 2025 at 04:02 PM

YC

“ *Yoga Carroll lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Yoga Carroll - July 26, 2025 at 04:01 PM

DB

“ *Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in
memory of Kenneth Murphy Halters*



Danny & Shelia Beecham - July 26, 2025 at 03:53 PM