



## Kenneth V. Brashaber

January 25, 1930 - October 15, 2023

Kenneth V. Brashaber, 93, of Rushville, passed away October 15, 2023 in Rushville. Kenneth was born January 25, 1930 in Bloomington to Ivan H. & Mary Elizabeth (Edwards) Brashaber. He was a 1947 graduate of Bloomington High School, 1951 graduate of Purdue University with a BS in Agriculture and his MS in Agriculture from Purdue University in 1956. He was a founding member of the Purdue chapter of the FarmHouse Fraternity. He served in the US Air Force in 1952-1953 and was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. He married his high school sweetheart, Catherine “Katie” (Wright) on June 26, 1950 and she preceded him in death on February 2, 2002. Kenneth married Charlotte (Curry) Daniel on August 24, 2002 and she preceded him in death on February 3, 2022.

Kenneth purchased farmland in Rush County in 1961 where he and Katie raised their three children. He taught Ag at Mays High School from 1951-1965 and then went to Rushville Consolidated High School from 1965-1989 when he retired after 38 years of teaching. His vocation of teaching and working with 4-H and FFA youth were his first love and his avocation of farming was his second love. His words, “I felt that I had the best job in the world being the Ag teacher in the Rush County school system”. His love of community, agriculture, teaching, farming, his students, faith and family were of most importance!

During his professional career he was involved in the Rushville United Teacher Assoc., the Indiana Vocational Agricultural Teachers Assoc. where he

served as president, secretary and district director and was a life member of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Assoc.

His awards and honors were numerous and included "Outstanding Teacher of Vocational Agriculture" in 1989, honorary Hoosier Farmer Degree in 1971 and honorary American Farmer Degree in 1978. He was awarded a place in the Rush County Agricultural Hall of Fame as agriculture teacher where he coached several winning judging teams at local, district, state and national levels. He was also a "Circle of Corydon" recipient.

He loved his community and was very active in many local organizations. He was involved in the Mays Lions Club, member of the Rush County Fair Board, 4-H leader and Council for many years. He served as Rush County Commissioner 3 terms where he was instrumental on steering committee of the Flat Rock River project, Member of the Center Twp. Advisory Board, served on the Boards of RMH, ICAP and three Rivers Solid Waste District. Kenneth was also active at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rushville where he taught Sunday school.

He will be missed by his son, Philip (Karen) Brashaber of Rushville, his daughter, Susan (Terry) Barnett of Lebanon, his sister, Carolyn (David) Smith of San Antonio, TX. His grandchildren, Keith (Debbie) Brashaber, Julie (Adam) Dunigan, James (Anna) Brashaber, Meredith (Jake) Federle, Chase (Andrea) Barnett and Ashley Howell and his great grandchildren, Benjamin Federle and Jack & Emma Barnett. He was preceded in death by his parents, his two wives, a daughter, Deborah Howell and a sister, Joanna B. (Everett) Smith.

Services for Kenneth will be held at 11 AM Saturday, October 21, 2023 in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rushville, with Pastor Lonnie Goen presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 4-8 PM Friday, October 20 in St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Rushville's East Hill Cemetery. The Rush County Veteran's Honor guard will provide military rites at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community

Foundation; choice of any Brashaber scholarship fund, the Rushville Chapter of FFA, Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation or St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
426 North Morgan Street  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-3777

## Funeral

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
426 North Morgan Street  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-3777

# Tribute Wall



“ *One of my favorite teachers. He and Mr. Ritter. RIP.*

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**Greg Cameron** - October 23, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ *Sympathy and praying for the family of Mr.Brashaber.*

*He was an amazing teacher that left a huge impact on many lives in Rush County. He was both mine and many others Advisor at all our FFA meeting. Not only did he play the part, but he was huge life mentor that was full of wisdom. The memories of seed sales trips, judging trips, and trips to Paveys to restock the vending machine in the Ag Building, will always be cherished.*

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**Chuck and Debbie Spaeth** - October 21, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth V. Brashaber.*



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October 20, 2023 at 03:58 PM



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

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October 20, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kenneth V. Brashaber.*



October 19, 2023 at 01:31 PM



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

October 19, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Ken was a great help to me as I started my 4-H career in 4-H in Rush County. I will always remember his acts of kindness. Thank you Ken! Mike McKinney*

**Michael McKinney** - October 19, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth V. Brashaber.*



October 19, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *One of the very best persons I've ever known.*

**William Schwein** - October 19, 2023 at 06:15 AM

MB

“ *Mark Bills lit a candle in memory of Kenneth V. Brashaber*



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**Mark Bills** - October 18, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Thank you for your service to our country 🇺🇸 & Rush County 🌽*

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**Greg Raike** - October 18, 2023 at 10:49 AM

JB

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the family*



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**J.C. Bogan** - October 17, 2023 at 08:27 PM

JN

“ *Jane Niccum lit a candle in memory of Kenneth V. Brashaber*



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**jane niccum** - October 17, 2023 at 10:56 AM

DR

“ Donald Rolfe lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth V. Brashaber



Donald Rolfe - October 17, 2023 at 09:48 AM

CS

“ Cindy Vandeventer Sever sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Kenneth V. Brashaber



Cindy Vandeventer Sever - October 17, 2023 at 03:08 AM

BA

“ Bill Alsman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth  
V. Brashaber



Bill Alsman - October 16, 2023 at 11:13 PM

WM

“ Wayne And Penny Marlatt lit a candle in  
memory of Kenneth V. Brashaber



Wayne and Penny Marlatt - October 16, 2023 at 09:34 PM

BB

“ *What a great fellow he was . Not only did he command respect at school , he deserved it . Boys , you’re going to have to feed the world someday ! He was right . Not only a Gentleman, but a Gentle Man . Always seemed to be in good spirits . Rest well Mr . Brashaber you have earned it ! Brett Burge*



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**Brett Burge** - October 16, 2023 at 09:02 PM

GM

“ *Gary N Jan McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Kenneth V. Brashaber*



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**Gary n Jan McDaniel** - October 16, 2023 at 07:13 PM

JB

“ *Janet (Safewright) Bolan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth V. Brashaber*



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**Janet (Safewright) Bolan** - October 16, 2023 at 04:17 PM

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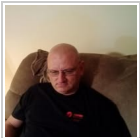
“ Every special memory of school I have involves that ag building and Mr. Brashaber. Judging team events, typing everything he needed typed, winning state parli, traveling for national convention and award trips. Thank you for giving us a place to grow and flourish and for mentoring Blair and I to keep on growing the program for 30 plus more years. We love your family so very much.

Natasha Orme - October 16, 2023 at 03:12 PM

KS

“ Rest in peace Mr. Brashaber. I thank you for all you did for me as a teacher. I sure enjoyed all the FFA judging teams and competitions and thank you for pushing me to attend Purdue.

Ken Schroeder - October 16, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Kenneth V. Brashaber



Jim Walker - October 16, 2023 at 02:29 PM