



## Michael Kenneth Jenkins

April 15, 1955 - July 24, 2023

Mike was born April 15, 1955 to Billie and Kenneth Jenkins in Joplin Missouri. He grew up in Duenweg, Missouri where his childhood was filled with playing outdoors with brother John and sister Michelle. The family was involved with church and you could find them every Wednesday and Sunday at Atlas Christian Church, now known as College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, where his parents Kenneth and Billie were founding members. Education began at Duenweg elementary, then Junior High and graduated Parkwood High School in 1973. He then attended Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri. His younger years were filled with activities such as, Boy Scouts, target practice with his BB gun and playing the saxophone. He worked at Shotgun Sam's, a local pizza restaurant in Joplin and saved enough money to buy his first car, a 1963 Impala SS. On September 15, 1979 Mike and Deb were married at St. Dominic Church in Bolingbrook, Il. They made their first home in Jefferson City, Missouri where Mike was employed as a Zales store manager. A transfer with Zales sent them to St. Joseph, Missouri where their first child, Amy was born on April 12,

1982. The next transfer was to Kansas City where their second child James was welcomed into the world on February 3, 1984.

In 1988 Mike began his career with Citizen Watch. He developed long lasting friendships with customers and fellow sales and marketing representatives. He was driven to succeed, which lead to earning many awards and trips with the company. He later figured through-out his career he had spent three and half years in hotel rooms while traveling throughout the Midwest. Mike retired May of 2023.

He loved cars and music, family and friends and get togethers where ever he could tell a story. He had the art of conversation and never knew a stranger. He was smart, kind, caring and onery with one-liners.

His heart went out to his two grandchildren Harper and Declan. They loved playing board games and cards, but water balloons were their favorite. He had a Corvette that he named "The Bat Mobile".

Music was a passion of Mike's. His favorite, the blues and rock and a great guitarist would make the top of his list. Mike was a lifelong Kansas City Chiefs fan; a love that he passed down to his children and grandchildren.

Mike had been treated for AML leukemia. He received a donor stem cell transplant in March 2023, it was successful and he planned to continue life with zest. On July 23, 2023 he was hospitalized and sadly passed on July 24, 2023.

He was preceded in death by father Kenneth Jenkins and sister Michelle Carpenter.

Mike is survived by wife Deb, children Amy (Joseph) Getz, son James (Christie) Jenkins, grandchildren Harper and Declan Jenkins all of Omaha, Nebraska, mother Billie Jenkins and brother John (Kim) Jenkins of Joplin, Missouri. He will be missed by friends, brother in-laws, sister in-laws, and many nieces and nephews.

He remains forever in our hearts.

Memorials to The Leukemia Lymphoma Society or [Bethematch.org](http://Bethematch.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com  
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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael Kenneth Jenkins*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - July 31, 2023 at 09:50 AM

MB

“ *Mike was a great friend of mine while at Citizen. We always sat next to each other at dine arounds to share all the different food. I will truly miss him.*

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**Marty Block** - August 04, 2023 at 10:45 PM

HB

“ *Mike was a very special person to me in both my business life and personal life.  
He will be missed by all who knew him.*

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**Harry Block** - August 04, 2023 at 12:14 PM

RH

“ *We always enjoyed visiting with Mike when he came to our store as our Citizen rep, and we will greatly miss him. Sympathies, Rhonda, John, & Heather from Lloyd's of Leavenworth Jewelers.*

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**Rhonda** - August 03, 2023 at 11:44 AM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss. Carol and Rick Russell

Carol and Rick Russell - August 02, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.



July 31, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.



July 30, 2023 at 09:33 PM

AB

“ Andrew B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.

Andrew B. - July 30, 2023 at 02:56 PM



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

July 30, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.*



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July 30, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.*



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July 29, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Loved Mikes stories!! He told me about how my Uncle Joe asked to be driven home from Dan and I' s wedding because he had too much to drink. Mike offered to drive him home. They get in the car and he lives two doors down. Of course the way Mike told him it was hilarious.*

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**Vicky Baughman** - July 28, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.*



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July 28, 2023 at 06:03 PM

CH

“ Carey and Kathy Hobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.

Carey and Kathy Hobson - July 28, 2023 at 03:01 PM

CH

“ Carey and Kathy Hobson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.



Carey and Kathy Hobson - July 28, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.



July 27, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.



July 27, 2023 at 01:37 PM

SJ

“ Deb, we are so sorry to hear about Mike. Your friends and colleagues at New Horizons are sending their thoughts, prayers and love. Much love, Sue Ann Jawor

Sue Ann Jawor - July 27, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.



July 27, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.



July 27, 2023 at 12:22 PM



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July 27, 2023 at 12:22 PM

BB

“ *Debbie, my prayers go out to you and your family. Mike was one of my true friends. I will miss our talks about your family. He was so proud to have you as his wife. You always made him feel young. His love for his children and grandchildren was so obvious during our talks. I could feel him glowing every time he spoke of his family. While I know he will be deeply missed please find comfort and peace in knowing he is resting in peace. I will keep you in my prayers.*

*God Bless,  
Bill Bruno*

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**Bill Bruno** - July 27, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.*



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July 27, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Kenneth Jenkins.*



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July 27, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Deb thinking of you and your family. Condolences and prayers.  
George & Larry Koom.*

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**Georgine Koom** - July 27, 2023 at 10:32 AM

BM

“ Our prayers are with your family. Mike was an amazing person and always made me laugh, he was one of the best reps I knew and he will be missed.

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**Bradley Mitchell** - July 27, 2023 at 09:00 AM

SS

“ Debbie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this most difficult time. Mike was the sweetest cousin I remember in my childhood days when the family would come to visit in McCook, So caring and loving.

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**Sherry Spangler** - July 26, 2023 at 07:26 PM

MS

*Mike will always be remembered as a great friend, top professional, and a gracious business partner. Equally, he was a strong family man was loved by his family, friends, company partners, and many clients. Sheila and I will keep Debbie and the entire family in our prayers.*

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**Michael Springer** - August 01, 2023 at 03:46 PM