



## Kenneth Clare Shafer

July 18, 1923 - March 1, 2016

Kenneth Clare Shafer was born in Troy, Missouri on July 18, 1923. He was the son of Mable Annie Clare and Emmett Shafer, who were long-time residents of Troy and who preceded him in death. He had a sister, Dorothy Jean Bendixen (deceased) of Staten Island, NY and a brother, Richard L. Shafer of Troy, MO.

Kenneth married Vera Ellen Rudolph of Troy on August 12, 1949 and she preceded him in death on October 9, 2015. Together they had four children, Michael (married to Debi), who preceded his father in death, Mark, Brian (married to Jill) and Carol (married to Sean Walsh). Kenneth was blessed with eleven grandchildren including Greg Shafer (married to Nicole), Benjamin Shafer (partnered with Jay), Tassi Womack (married to A.J.), Robert Shafer (married to Abby), Tiffani Shafer, Justin Shafer, Sarah Shafer, Shannon Walsh, Jesse Shafer, Iris Walsh and Joshua Walsh. In addition, Kenneth has three great granddaughters, Shelby and Chloe Shafer and Estellise Womack.

Kenneth graduated from high school in Troy and studied diesel mechanics in St. Louis, MO. He served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was a 2nd Class Petty Officer and worked in the engine maintenance group on the ship LST 712.

After the war, Kenneth was a farmer for a few years. Then he spent the

remainder of his time as a maintenance mechanic for various companies including: Mallinckrodt, Conductron, and a division of Monsanto-MEMC.

He was a long-time member of Troy Presbyterian Church and in more recent years a devoted member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Troy. In addition to supporting Christian charities, he was strongly committed to veterans' organizations, such as American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the LST Association. He enjoyed working on the farm he owned with his brother Richard, gardening, snow skiing, fishing, watching the St. Louis Blues Hockey Team and spending time with his family.

Friends will be received from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at the KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM FAMILY FUNERAL HOME/TROY CHAPEL, located 351 Monroe Street, Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016 at the First Christian Church, located at 1302 Boone Street, Troy, MO 63379. Interment will be held at the Troy City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made to the First Christian Church with a designation directing your contribution to the Kenneth Shafer Ministry Fund or Lincoln County Council of Aging Veterans Coffee Talk.

Arrangements are under the direction of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel; P.O. Box 222; Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kempermillardkeimfamilychapels.com](http://www.kempermillardkeimfamilychapels.com) Ph.(636) 528-8221

# Cemetery Details

## Troy City Cemetery

Boone Street  
Troy, MO 63379

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy  
351 Monroe St.  
Troy, MO 63379  
(636) 528-8221  
millardchapel@aol.com

## Service

MAR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
1302 Boone Street  
Troy, MO 63379

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Clare Shafer*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Kenneth Clare Shafer*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Our condolences to Kenneth's entire family. He was one of the best.*

**Bob and Betty Kuda** - March 07, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ *I worked with Kenny at MEMC. He was always a very nice person. I don't ever remember him getting mad or upset about anything. He was nice easy going gentleman and a pleasure to work with. O always enjoyed his company.*

**Mike Ballmann** - March 05, 2016 at 10:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Clare Shafer.*



March 05, 2016 at 01:20 PM

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“ Steve and Susan Stolle and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth Clare Shafer.



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**Steve and Susan Stolle and family** - March 05, 2016 at 01:02 PM

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“ Newman Smith Science Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Clare Shafer.



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**Newman Smith Science Department** - March 04, 2016 at 10:20 PM

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“ your friends in Nashville purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Clare Shafer.



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**your friends in Nashville** - March 03, 2016 at 08:16 PM

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“ We loved getting to know Mr. Shafer through the stories we heard about him from Mark. He is at peace, and will live on in the hearts of the children and grandchildren. And in the wonderful stories they will tell.

*Dana Moore and Jack Isenhour  
Nashville, TN*

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**Dana Moore** - March 03, 2016 at 07:20 PM



“ So many lovely memories from our times with Grandpa Shafer when Justin and Jesse were young. He was always smiling and found exceptional beauty in simple things. One favorite memory was from an afternoon in the late winter in Troy with snow everywhere. There is a little city park with a pond and an island in the middle with a little house for ducks. He was thrilled to take the boys there when they were probably 3 & 5 and show them the bright ducklings that had recently hatched, wandering around in the snow. We are blessed to have known and loved him and he was a wonderful grandpa!



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**Kim Parker** - March 03, 2016 at 01:21 PM