



## Kenneth Ray Monk Sr.

May 1, 1932 - March 5, 2022

Kenneth was born on May 1, 1932, to John Naith and Opal Pearl Monk at their home beside the Pecos River bridge east of Dexter, New Mexico. He left his earthly body to claim his new eternal body on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at his home in Artesia, New Mexico, in the company of his wife and children.

Kenneth lived all but a few years of his life in the Pecos Valley and often claimed to be a true Pecos River Rat. He graduated from Dexter High School in May 1951. On October 28, 1951, Kenneth and Nellie Lucille (Gill) Monk began their seventy years of marriage. Ken was the head of family-run businesses for thirty-eight years, with Nell as his office manager. He was an active community member as a volunteer fireman, Lions Club member and Deacon of the Church of Christ. Kenneth enjoyed building and flying model airplanes and later owning and flying the real deal.

Kenneth is survived by wife, Nell of the family home in Artesia, NM; daughter, Judi Thomas of Artesia, NM; sons: Kenneth Monk Jr and wife Neita of Artesia, NM, John Monk and wife Shelly of Roswell, NM, and Keith Monk of Rutherfordton, NC; eleven grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren as well as sister, Cheryl Douglas of Knoxville, TN.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his father, John Naith Monk; mother, Opal Pearl (Bizzell) Monk, and his granddaughter, Shayla Rae Monk.

The family is planning no formal memorial but requests that each recall your fondest memories of our dear loved one.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home or the charity of your choice.

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Kenneth's family at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com). or visit us on Facebook.

Kenneth's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Ray Monk Sr.*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of our cousin, Kenneth. Please accept our sincere condolences as you mourn his loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ron and Becky Bizzell*

**Ron and Becky Bizzell** - March 18, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *My clearest memories of Kenneth are of him always pulling my leg every time I saw him. He was always putting me on and trying to get the best of me and almost always did. It was all in good fun however and that is the way I did and will remember him.*

*Rest In Peace Kenneth.*

*Jack Lewis*

**Jack Lewis** - March 11, 2022 at 05:42 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss but Kenneth is celebrating his perfect body in the Heavens above! No more suffering and lots of love! We send comfort and caring to each of you as you adjust to life without him. God will take care of you.*

**Marilyn Fletcher Cole** - March 10, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *Love and hugs for all of you.* ”

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**Pamela Dewitt** - March 10, 2022 at 11:03 AM