



## Ken Ray Lafferty

September 6, 1939 - November 5, 2016

Ken Ray Lafferty, born September 6, 1939 in Dry Ridge, KY, passed away at the age of 77 on November 5, 2016 in Houston, TX. He is survived by his loving wife Betty Lafferty; daughter Barbara Reynolds; son Harold Smith and wife Carol; grandson Heath Preston and wife Bridget; niece Cheri Fultz; nephews Gary Lafferty and Terry Lafferty; and cousins Donna Willen, Garry Beach and Larry Beach. Ken was preceded in death by parents Carl Lafferty and Katie and Newt Anness; grandson Ryan Allison; and brother Wayne Lafferty.

Ken served his country in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years. He was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, and was an auditor and accountant for Texaco/Star Enterprises for 32 years. Ken met and married the love of his life Betty in 1979 when they both worked at Texaco. They loved to travel and cruise, and visited all 50 states plus 9 countries in Europe, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Fiji, and numerous tropical islands. Ken tried to never pass a casino on his travels without stopping to try his luck. He was such a generous man and many times took other family members with them on vacations.

Ken was an active member and treasurer for First United Methodist Church in Willis. He was a co-founder of the JOY Club, the 55 and over group that meets once a month for a meal and fellowship. The JOY Club not only stands

for Jesus, Others, You, but also for Just Older Youth, just how the club lives!

Ken was truly a one of a kind, caring, generous and loving man. He fought a long, courageous battle with leukemia. The family would like to thank the many doctors, nurses and hospital personnel who took wonderful care of him. Ken had many longtime friends, neighbors, and church family who meant so much to him. He will truly be missed by all.

Visitation with the family is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 from 6-8 PM at the First United Methodist Church of Willis. Funeral Services officiated by Dr. Nathan Hodge will be held Thursday, November 10 at 1 PM at the First United Methodist Church of Willis, with burial the following day at 2 PM at the Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas, TX. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Willis  
200 N. Thomason St.  
Willis, TX 77378

## Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Willis  
200 N. Thomason St.  
Willis, TX 77378

## Interment

NOV **11**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Laurel Land Cemetery  
Dallas, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ken Ray Lafferty*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Ruth H. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ken Ray Lafferty.*



Ruth H. - November 09, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Condolences an prayers are sent your way . We always enjoyed our visits with you guys. God be with you. Erv an Carol kunz*

Carol kunz - November 09, 2016 at 07:35 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ken Ray Lafferty.*



November 08, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Ken Ray Lafferty.*



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November 08, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ken Ray Lafferty.*



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November 08, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ken Ray Lafferty.*



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November 07, 2016 at 11:16 PM



“ *My deepest and sincerest sympathy to the family. I pray God carries you through this difficult time. May God bless you today and always.*  
*Marie Gaby*

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**Marie Gaby** - November 07, 2016 at 02:00 PM