



Russell Carl Eastham

Russell Carl Eastham, 60, of Kenova, WV died Saturday, April 21, 2012 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV. Born December 6, 1951 in Wayne County, WV he was the son of the late Russell and Bernice Irene Burt Eastham. Russ began his career at WLKY TV and WOWK TV having earned his 1st class FCC License. He retired from Marathon Petroleum as a No. 1 chemical operator. Russ was a member of Kenova United Methodist Church and also loved attending Torah Class every Saturday at Christ Temple Church. He was a member of Buena Vista Lodge No. 60 AF & AM, Whites Creek, whose members will conduct graveside rites. In addition to his parents, Russ was preceded in death by one sister, Judy Adkins and his father-in-law, Auvil Cole. He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Sandra Cole Eastham; one son, Rusty Eastham, Jr. of Kenova; one daughter and son-in-law, Nickie and Bryan Littlejohn of Huntington; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dottie and Charles Cyrus, Janet and Bill Janes and Patsy and Brady Gaunt; his mother-in-law, Joanne Cole; his sister-in-law, Wanda Napier and her husband, Ed; his brother-in-law, Dan Cole and his wife, Kim and brother-in-law, Bobby Adkins; his two constant companions, José and Roxie and a host of family and friends. The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Kenova United Methodist Church. The funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jim Richards officiating and Alan Spitz assisting. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gratefully Grafted Ministries, P.O. Box 1007

Cedar Rapids, IA 52410. Please write on the envelope "Suggested for Simcha" (not on your check) or to Kenova United Methodist Church Building Fund, 503 15th St. Kenova, WV 25530. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com. Rollins Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BC

“Sandy I am so sorry about Rusty's passing. I am in Florida or I would have been there. I have had you on my mind and lots of prayers have been said for you and your family. Growing up across the road on Docks Creek with Rusty and the family was fun playing tag with Rusty and Patsy and the girls and riding sleds in the winter. Rusty was a great guy and will be missed. God Bless You Brenda

Brenda Elkins Copley - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“Grew up with Rusty, went all the way thru school with him. We even went away to electronics school together. Had a lot of great times with him. Had a ton of laughs together. I really will miss him. Prayers for all the family and friends. Shalom! He was a great friend, and a great guy to everyone.

Bernie J. Workman - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VB

“I was so sorry to hear of Russ's passing. It is never easy losing a loved one and I pray that God's will guide you through this sad time. I am thinking of all the family!

Vickie Church Burroughs - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“Sorry to hear about your loss. I know what it is like to lose your husband and friend. The way I looked at it when Donald, my husband, died in 2009 was that he was in a much better place and having no pain and suffering.

Lois Nichols Moore - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My name is Tom fuller of Ironton, Ohio. Russ was a very good friend of mine while working at the Ashland Oil Refinery. Russ, myself, Tom Johnson, Brian Grimm and Connie Nemo all hired in together as a group in 1978. That is where I first met Russ. When work assignments were handed out in the labor gang, it was Russ and I that were paired up to tackle day to day jobs. Then we both were awarded bids and went into Operations. Russ worked the P-chem and I went to the Dubbs area. Russ was a top notch worker and Operator. He was admired by his co-workers for his talents at understanding the interworkings of his Operational area and people skills. Everyone liked Russ and he was missed when he retired. Russ treated folks with respect and loved Refinery work. Russ has and always will be in my memories of work there in the early days of my Ashland oil career. He will be in my prayers and thoughts.

Tom Fuller - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Sandy,
My thoughts & prayers are with you now. If I can be of help to you in any way, please call me. I know you will find comfort in your memories & the devotion of your family, may God Bless You my friend..

Vanessa - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM