



## Eugene Albert Kent

April 18, 1931 - July 8, 2007

### OBITUARY

#### EUGENE ALBERT KENT

Eugene Albert 'Pinky' Kent, son of Jesse A. Kent and Florence Nightingale Kent, was born on April 18, 1931 in Sheldon, MO and passed away July 8, 2007 at his home in Bolivar, MO at the age of 76 years, 2 months, and 20 days.

Gene, or as his friends all knew him "Pinky" was an avid sports fan and supporter of local teams. He played high school football and basketball in Bolivar and always kept a special interest in the local high school and college teams. Gene was also a lover of music and was especially proud of representing Bolivar in 1947 at the National Music Competition where his sextet took 2nd place. The love of music continued all his life as he served as Bugler for the local V.F.W. for over 20 years and loved to sing solos of 'Amazing Grace' at his church.

Gene served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from 1952-1954 and shortly after became a Mason. He had recently been honored as a 50 year member at the local Masonic Lodge #195 A.F. & A.M.

In 1962, on July 6, he made Lula Mustain his wife at the First Christian Church in Bolivar.

He and Lula spent many happy years together in Bolivar and had just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Those who know Gene will know that among his interest, other than sports and music, he also loved fishing, hunting, golfing, woodworking, and several years ago, when he took up painting as a hobby.

Gene worked at several jobs over his lifetime, but thought most fondly of his 13 years as custodian at Bolivar Schools. In fact he and Lula started and maintained a fund to insure all kindergarten children would have access to all the milk they could drink. The family would like to ask that in remembrance of Gene, anyone who could help keep that program going, please contact the school. Also, instead of flowers, if you would like to make a donation to the First Christian Church in Bolivar.

Gene is survived by his wife Lula, sons, Michael Kent and wife Aline of Pelham, NC; Kevin Kent of Fair Play; and daughter, Jayne Dobbs and husband Darren of Mountain Grove, MO. Four Grandsons, Michael Kent Jr., Jonathon Kent, David Kent and Allen Dobbs. Three great grandchildren, Chris, Lauren and Brad. Also surviving is his sister, Evelyn Toelle and husband Charles of Oklahoma City, OK. Gene had three nephews, Michael Toelle, David Toelle, and George Rice and two nieces, Vicki Terestigge and Terry Prelgoviski.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Butler Chapel in Bolivar.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 10:00 AM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. John Brown officiating. Music will be provided by Brad Wommack as the soloist and Rose Roweton as the pianist. Musical selections will be "Amazing Grace" and "In The Garden". Burial will be in the Dunnegan Cemetery under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Casketbearers will be J. V. Wommack, Gary Short, Raymond Pursley, Brent Stringfellow, Fran Rebo and Jason Evans.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eugene Albert Kent*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Eugene Albert Kent*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear that Pinky has passed. He cleaned my room when I taught at Bolivar Middle School for 6 years. He was always willing to help in any way possible -- whether it was catching a mouse, or building me new book shelves when I moved to a new classroom. I am certain that he will be missed by many others whose lives he has touched over the years. My heart goes out to his family and my prayers are with them at this time of grief.*

**Sandy (Branstetter) Foster** - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Pinky from our days together in Bolivar schools. We graduated together in 1949. I remember him as a fine young man, good athlete and musician, and a lot of fun. My deepest sympathy goes to the family.*

*Harlan Spurgeon*

**Harlan & Joann Spurgeon** - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Goodby dear buddy and long time friend.

*GOD be with one and all.*

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**Roscoe J Guinn** - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are forever with you...

*Love*

*Connie & Henry*

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**Connie & Henry Lee** - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Unfortunately, I did not get to spend as much time as I would have liked with Pinky and Lula. I always thought they were very nice and down to earth. I married into the family, but have liked Pinky and Lula since I met them. I know that Pinky will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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**Heather Mustain** - July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM