



## Kenneth Wayne Phelps Jr.

December 3, 1950 - August 6, 2021

Kenneth Wayne Phelps Jr., 70, died at 4:24 a.m. Friday, August 6, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony's Healthcare Center in Alton. Born December 3, 1950 in Macomb, IL, he was the son of Kenneth W. Phelps Sr. and Artie Barnell (Herron) Phelps. Mr. Phelps retired as a teacher for the East Alton-Wood River school system. Surviving is a son, Wayne (Julie) Phelps of Lakeway, TX, two grandchildren, Hunter and Kai, a sister, Carol (George) Baxa of Aledo, IL, and his fiancée, Trish Sylcox of Alton. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Candice Brady. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Alton.

Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Wayne Phelps Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Kenneth Wayne Phelps Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I have so many memories with Ken. He wasn't just a teacher or mentor, but was like a father to me, and I'm sure to many others. We didn't always agree, but he always had my best interests at heart and wanted me to just succeed. He loved to tell the history of his house and how it had changed hands. I helped bust out the floor in the back area to make the stairwell that went down to the garage, which I believe he said was the old carriage house. The house was a constant project he enjoyed working on.*

*I will miss his advice, stories, debating with him, his encouragement and support, and spending an entire day sitting on the porch when I could visit just catching up. I learned so much from him, not just how to do some minor house repairs and fun demolition, and will always cherish those memories. I'm thankful that he was in my life.*

*My heart breaks for the family, and I offer my deepest sympathies to you all.*

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**Angie Crew** - August 09, 2021 at 12:18 AM