



## Kenneth Edward Fritz

November 21, 1957 - February 6, 2024

Kenneth Edward Fritz, age 66 of Powell, Ohio, passed away on February 6th, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward (Sonny) Fritz and Betty Fritz; grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fritz, and survived by two sons, Kenny (Kelly) Fritz & Eric (Bridget) Fritz; their mother, Terri Fritz, along with grandchildren, Elle, Harley, Ireland, Samantha “Sammy”, and Gretta; fiancée, Robin Carrier; her children, Ryan (deceased), Jordan & Regan; brothers, Richard (Lisa) Fritz & William Fritz; sister, Becky (Tom) Adams along with aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and close family friends. He is also survived by, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Burcham who were like parents to him.

Ken was born and raised in Southeastern Ohio, graduating from Ironton High School known as an exceptional athlete in multiple sports, most known for football. At Ironton High School, he was a 3x letter winner on the football team, named the 1975 Southeastern Ohio Athletic League Co-Player of the Year & Associated Press Ohio Class AA Lineman of the Year.

From 1976-1979 Ken attended The Ohio State University. A member of the Buckeyes football team under Woody Hayes (1976-1978) & Earl Bruce (1979). He received All-Big Ten Honors in 1978 & 1979 and was a consensus First Team All American & Team Captain in 1979.

Following his accomplishments at The Ohio State University, Ken was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 10th round (No. 277 overall) of the 1980 NFL Draft.

Visitation will be held from 1-3pm & 5-8pm on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at the Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065.

We soon will be creating the Ken Fritz Athletic Scholarship Fund. In lieu of flowers, we ask you to consider donating in the future to the scholarship fund that will annually benefit underprivileged youth in sports, paying forward the legacy and sportsmanship of Ken Fritz.

# Previous Events

## First Visitation

FEB 10. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
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## Second Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Another new year without you. I will never get used to the fact of you not being here. Your stories live on. You will forever be a part of me. I promise to carry you in my heart, forever. Always Love, Al

Robin Carrier - January 01 at 02:04 PM

MJ

“ Mylo J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Edward Fritz.

Mylo J. - February 10, 2024 at 03:21 PM

SB

“ Thoughts and Prayers for the Family!



sharon Brooks - February 09, 2024 at 07:08 PM

BH

My name is Bobbie Willis Henry. My Dad was Bob Willis, the sports announcer for Wellston, he also had a morning sports radio show, and wrote for the local paper. My husband was Keith Henry, who was a fullback for the Wellston Golden Rockets. He graduated in 1975. He played against Fritz in football for 3 years. He thought very highly of him, as did a lot of people in Jackson County. My husband and I were high school sweethearts and I heard Kens name quiet often from my Dad and husband. He was spoken about with great respect in our household. Our prayers are with the family at this time.

Bobbie Willis Henry - February 09, 2024 at 09:31 PM

RH

*Rest in peace my friend.*

**Rich Heslop** - February 26, 2024 at 01:07 PM

RC

*Thank you. Anywhere, and I mean anywhere we went, someone knew him! He was respected. To me. He was just Ken. Fun-loving Ken.*

**Robin Carrier** - January 01 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.*



February 09, 2024 at 11:24 AM

MT

“ *Megan & Michael Tindle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Edward Fritz.*

**Megan & Michael Tindle** - February 09, 2024 at 11:24 AM

SF

“ *Scott Campbell & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.*



**Scott Campbell & Family** - February 09, 2024 at 10:10 AM

DK

“ Dottie, Jared and Kaylin purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



Dottie, Jared and Kaylin - February 09, 2024 at 08:04 AM

JH

“ Jess Stahl and David Hardy purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



Jess Stahl and David Hardy - February 09, 2024 at 01:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



February 08, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



February 08, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.*



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February 08, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *Charlie Kitchen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Edward Fritz.*

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**Charlie Kitchen** - February 08, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *Sharon Albatys lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Edward Fritz*



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**Sharon Albatys** - February 08, 2024 at 04:36 PM



*Robin and Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!  
Sharon and Andy Albatys and family*

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**Sharon Albatys** - February 08, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



February 08, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



February 08, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



February 07, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ *East Bridgewater Youth Basketball purchased the Arrive in Style* for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.



**East Bridgewater Youth Basketball** - February 07, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Fritz.*



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February 07, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *The EBHS Vikings Football Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Edward Fritz.*

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**The EBHS Vikings Football Team** - February 07, 2024 at 08:48 PM