



Kenneth R Balz

February 1, 1938 - September 25, 2025

Kenneth R. Balz, 87, passed peacefully on September 25, 2025, surrounded by family.

He was born February 1, 1938, to the late Edward Balz Sr. and Annabel (Nall) Balz. He retired from the Courier Journal, where he worked as a master pipefitter, and served our country in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Ralph Avenue Baptist Church.

Ken was a storyteller at heart and never shied from talking with everyone he met. An incredible grandfather, he shared stories of each of them eagerly – whether prompted or not. Ken could fix anything and was happiest when he was sharing that talent to help others. He cared for no one more than his wife and devoted his life to making hers the best it could be. Ken impacted the lives of more people than he knew, and his passing will leave a great void in the hearts of many.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, sister Barbara Grant and brothers Edward and John Balz.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Janice (Allen) Balz; sons Michael (Denise), Steven (Brenda) and Kevin (Amy) Balz; grandchildren Mike (Nicki), Josh, Nic, Joe, Jacob and Jordan Balz, Krissy Daniel (Brian) and Jazmine

Keith (Ish); great-grandchildren Wyatt and Cooper Balz, Radley and Kensley Daniel and Eli and Caliee Keith; and sisters Bonnie Downs (Gil) and Jeanie Mason (Bill).

The family would like to extend special thanks to his caregivers: Michelle Bright, Tammi Overall and Kenzi Peyton.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 3, 2025, at noon at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, with burial to follow in Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation will be Thursday from 4–8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ *The Balz Custom Woodworking Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth R Balz.*

The Balz Custom Woodworking Crew - October 02, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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“ *The Balz Custom Woodworking Crew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth R Balz.*



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“ *Susan & Steve Douglas purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Kenneth R Balz.*



Susan & Steve Douglas - October 02, 2025 at 09:24 AM

FA

“ *family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth R Balz.*



family - October 01, 2025 at 02:46 PM

JH

“ Josh, Kristan, and Hayden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth R Balz.

Josh, Kristan, and Hayden - September 30, 2025 at 12:57 AM

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“ Josh, Kristan, and Hayden purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth R Balz.



Josh, Kristan, and Hayden - September 30, 2025 at 12:57 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth R Balz.



September 29, 2025 at 10:13 AM