

## Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.

May 1, 1951 - February 10, 2014

Kenneth 'Cork' Leroy Herrmann, Jr., 62, of St. Robert, MO, passed away Monday, February 10, 2014 in his home.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Fort Leonard Wood Main Post Chapel on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Burial will be held in Stockton, Kansas.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2014 at the Memorial Chapels and Crematory located in Waynesville, Missouri.

Mr. Herrmann was born in Stockton, Kansas and throughout his childhood and adult life, lived in various places all over the world including Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Oregon, Kentucky, The Netherlands, and Germany.

In his personal life, Mr. Herrmann was an avid motorcycle rider. Mr. Herrmann was often seen riding his beloved Harley Davidson motorcycle "Pearl" on the back roads of Pulaski County and on Fort Leonard Wood; sometimes, he could also be found riding "Pearl" on the back roads of Louisiana (with brother Tony) and mountain roads in Colorado as well.

Mr. Herrmann treasured his family and the time spent with daughters Kenna and Kelsi, as well as his granddaughters, Issabella and Helaina. He enjoyed

old time Gospel music, collecting kerosene lamps, acquiring walking sticks and just admiring the simple things in life like playing his guitar.

In his professional life, Mr. Herrmann spent nearly all of his adult life as a member of the US Army Chemical Corps, as both a Soldier and Civilian. Mr. Herrmann (known as "Smoke 1" to many, many Soldiers) personally trained thousands of Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, and Soldiers throughout the Army while stationed with the US Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Explosive (CBRNE) School at both Fort McClellan, Alabama and at Fort Leonard Wood. Prior to retiring from the Army as a Staff Sergeant in 1999, Mr. Herrmann served throughout the Army in numerous units, to include the 82nd Airborne Division and the US Army CBRNE School, 3rd Chemical Brigade. Throughout his military service, he was stationed in various locations to include Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Germany; Fort McClellan, Alabama, and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After retiring from active duty, Mr. Herrmann continued to serve the US Army and country as a civilian employee with the 84th Chemical Battalion, 3rd Chemical Brigade, US Army CBRNE School, US Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence for over 15 years, right up until his passing.

Mr. Herrmann is survived by two daughters, Kenna Herrmann and Kelsi Lyon, both of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two granddaughters, Issabella Dorra Herrmann and Helaina Rhae Cook; by brothers Gary (Mary) Fowler of Keswick, Iowa; James 'Beau' (Jessica) Fowler of Montgomery, Louisiana; Terry (Rita) Fowler of La Claire, Iowa; Danny (Mona) Fowler of Sigourney, Iowa; and Tony (Kellie) Fowler of Dry Prong, Louisiana; mother of Kenna and Kelsi: Dorothy Sizemore of Lampasas, TX. His infant twin sister, Georgia Lee; his father and mother, James and Dora Mae Fowler of Montgomery, Louisiana; and his biological father, Kenneth Leroy Herrmann of Palisade, Nebraska, preceded Mr. Herrmann in death.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Service

FEB **15**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Main Post Chapel  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *My grandfather was such and impact in my life. I remember the summer bike rides we shared and when we went to visit him he welcomed us into his home. I will miss him forever. I'm giving him some sunshine because he always said that me and my sister were his sunshine. Miss you PawPaw!!*



*~Bella Herrmann*

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**Bella Herrmann** - October 20, 2016 at 04:34 PM



Douglas  
Fowler

*Love it.*

**Douglas Fowler** - December 10, 2022 at 10:08 AM

RO

“ *Rose lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



**Rose** - August 09, 2014 at 02:54 PM

RO

*Truly a blessed person. Had outstanding values. Believing in God, family and country. Will forever miss you.*

**Rose** - August 09, 2014 at 03:03 PM

BB

“ *Ken and I were stationed twice together while in The U.S. Army, Ft. Bliss Texas and Bad Kreuznach, Germany. We hooked up again at Ft. McClellan, Al., where I went to school for a few months, he was an instructor there. Ken was a great, great friend and will be greatly missed!!!*



**Bob Brien** - May 01, 2014 at 05:27 PM

KH

“ *Reading these stories about my father is amazing. I am so proud to be his daughter. The over whelming support I received from the military said it all. Daddy I will miss you every day. Love you ~Kenna*



**Kenna Herrmann** - February 20, 2014 at 11:33 PM



“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



**Cindy** - February 18, 2014 at 10:23 PM



“ *You will be missed smoke you took me on my first ride in a Stryker and I won't forget your jokes of the day. The army will sorely miss you. You have done your country proud training her warriors to the last of your days. We will miss you. -SGT Prouty Joshua class 3-13*

**Joshua Prouty** - February 18, 2014 at 06:29 PM



“ *R.I.P. "Smoke1". Great instructor and man. Condolences from Stryker Class 03-13 L6.*



**Suni Muhammad** - February 17, 2014 at 11:43 AM



“ *Lorraine Ireland-Frye lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



**Lorraine Ireland-Frye** - February 16, 2014 at 09:12 AM

JL

“ *Joe & Sherry Ladely lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



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**Joe & Sherry Ladely** - February 15, 2014 at 11:51 PM

SF

“ There was a large number of family and friends attending Mr Ken 'Cork' Herrmann's memorial today. In my opinion Ken was one of the greatest trainers the Chemical School has ever had.

Personally, 'Cork' and I clicked immediately. He had already been a DA Civilian when I started my position 13 years ago. He and Mr Ray White provided the civilian continuity and expertise for the battalion's smoke and flame instruction. Smoke training is dirty and grimy; flame weapons training is hot(or freezing) and dangerous. But does anyone recall a time when MR Herrmann did not have a smile on his face while training Soldiers? Training Soldiers came naturally to him and he devoted his life's career to ensuring Soldiers were getting the best of his training abilities.

Cork wasn't a very big man with big muscles, but he had a big heart and willingness to get his work done and help others. He put everyone around him before himself. In fact, when I had seen him in early December, he wanted to get back to work so that others wouldn't have to cover down on his duties too. Although I knew him as an Army Civilian, he was a superb example of what an NCO should be in the military. Mr Herrmann always kept morale up, was a good leader and was as a great follower. Now those of you who knew him well would know that his bike "Pearl" was his prized possession. After work, it was the source of countless hours of joy. He spent weekends riding with family and friends. Cork was very humble and had simple goals: to help the battalion's mission to train Soldiers; to love his daughters and love his precious little grandchildren and family.

Ken Herrmann sudden illness and death is a tragedy, but he will continue to serve as a model for others to emulate and appreciate. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten by those who have met him. God speed my friend and I hope you will rest in peace forever.

Scott Farrar

**Scott Farrar** - February 15, 2014 at 03:13 PM

KR

“ *Kurt Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



**Kurt Rutherford** - February 15, 2014 at 10:04 AM

RU

“ *Cork was a wonderful person and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I am very blessed in having known him. God bless his family in this time of loss.*

**Ruth Ussery** - February 15, 2014 at 06:47 AM

BF

“ *RIP SMOKE-- I will truly miss your beautiful spirit and all the advice you gave me!*

*I first met Mr. Herrmann in Ft McClellan, Alabama where he taught me. Then when I joined the Chemical Corp here in Ft Leonard Wood, there he was. :) When I told him I was thinking of getting a bike & learning to ride--He told me Well do it girl! When I got my Honda and everybody laughed and called it a "rice burner" he told me "It don't matter you riding!! Then he said :) come on out and ride in this Poker Run with me & Bullock. Which I did. Had fun--Will miss him. Always encouraged me to do it!!!*

*MSG (R) Beverley P. Finley*

**Beverley P. Finley** - February 14, 2014 at 04:41 PM

SR

“ *SFC. Alvin L Taylor RET lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



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**SFC. Alvin L Taylor RET** - February 14, 2014 at 12:32 PM

S2

“ *SMOKE 2 lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



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**SMOKE 2** - February 14, 2014 at 07:14 AM

GF

“ *We will sure miss you Cork, your big brother Gary and Mary*



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**Gary Fowler** - February 13, 2014 at 10:47 PM

SF

“ *Lit a candle Sara & Payton Fowler*

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**sara fowler** - February 13, 2014 at 09:30 PM

RS

“ Robin Simino lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



Robin Simino - February 13, 2014 at 09:28 PM

TC

“ Tommy & Lisa Copeland lit a candle in  
memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



Tommy & Lisa Copeland - February 13, 2014 at 08:53 PM

JT

“ John Tellez lit a candle in memory of Kenneth  
Leroy Herrmann Jr.



John Tellez - February 13, 2014 at 03:28 PM

JM

“ John & Sharon McCann lit a candle in  
memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



John & Sharon McCann - February 13, 2014 at 03:18 PM

CM

“ *Mr. Hermann has been a familiar face of the Chemical Corps and a friend to my family since 1997. He is one of the people you know will always be at the Chemical School to welcome you home each time you come back. A great inspiration and ambassador to the Chemical Corps, The Moore Family loves you and will miss you dearly. CPT Kristy Moore and SFC Loisel Moore*

CPT Kristy Moore - February 13, 2014 at 02:38 PM

TF

“ *The Boelen Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



The Boelen Family - February 13, 2014 at 02:22 PM

RL

“ *Thank you for teaching me how to teach Smoke a Flame Mr Hermann....Rest easy my friend....*



Robbie Lowe - February 13, 2014 at 02:01 PM



Douglas  
Fowler

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Douglas Fowler - February 13, 2014 at 11:36 AM

PC

“ One of the best Chemical Smoke instructors I ever knew. He will be sorely missed!



Pamela Cook - February 13, 2014 at 07:38 AM



“ Byrd Savage lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



Byrd Savage - February 13, 2014 at 06:05 AM

TF

“ Tony, Kellie, Jonah, Mattie, & Josie Fowler



Tony & Kellie Fowler - February 12, 2014 at 09:15 PM

JK

*john and myra kerger*

john and myra kerger - February 13, 2014 at 04:40 PM

GR

“ My earliest memory of Cork was at 6 1/2 years of age. We were up to no good, I fell out of a tree onto my head. Seems like all of my best memories of Cork was about us, "up to no good". Our childhoods ended in the summer of '69. Woodstock, Neil Armstrong on the moon, expectations of college in the fall. While every other kids enjoyed that historical summer, we were virtual slaves on a pipeline job in Tennessee. Mr. Jim and my Dad made sure that we learned what hard work was all about that summer of '69.

*In the fall we drifted apart, raising families, chasing our careers and becoming adults. Our infrequent contact was when we might both be in Montgomery to see the parents. However, Cork always remained my first friend.*

*I was privileged to see him last month at MD Anderson. He had been in Houston for about two weeks and I was just finding out about it from Beau. I let him know my dissatisfaction of not knowing that he was in town. Cork just gave me that little smirky smile and said "everything is good". And it was. His only worry was to get back home and clean up his military equipment and turning it back in.*

*Corky loved his brothers dearly and wanted harmony. He loved his chosen profession and his bike.. But more importantly was his love for Kenna and Kelsi.*

*Rest peacefully my friend and save a place for me.*

*With loving memories.*

*Greg Rachal*

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**Gregory Rachal** - February 12, 2014 at 07:27 PM

LF

“ 1 file added to the album Pictures



Li'l Bro Terry and Family - February 12, 2014 at 07:13 PM

TE

*Those Good Ole Days In Duke.....*

Terry - February 13, 2014 at 02:06 PM

LF

“ *If your ever in a swimming pool in the Ozarks and a perfect stranger swims up to you and proclaims your it...That my brother Cork  
By the way I don't have you on the phone speaker  
Miss Ya...*

Li'l Bro Terry and Family - February 12, 2014 at 06:53 PM

LF

“ *Little Brother Terry And Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



Little Brother Terry and Family - February 12, 2014 at 06:43 PM

LF

*Miss Ya...*

Li'l Bro Terry and Family - February 12, 2014 at 06:45 PM

 Douglas Fowler

“ *Kelsi Lyon was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Douglas Fowler** - February 12, 2014 at 06:40 PM

 Douglas Fowler

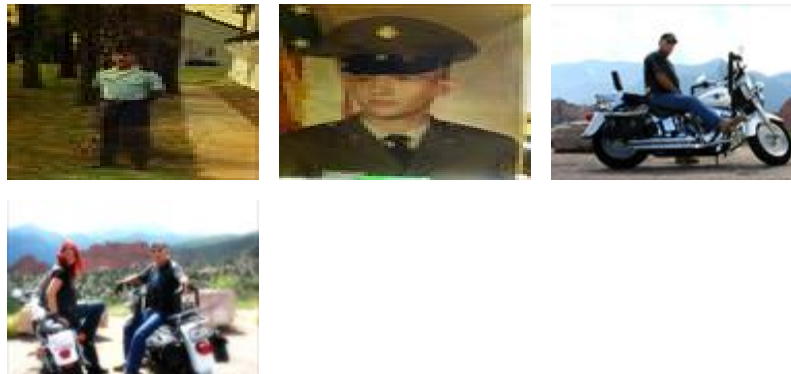
“ *Kenna Herrmann was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Douglas Fowler** - February 12, 2014 at 06:40 PM

 Douglas Fowler

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**Douglas Fowler** - February 12, 2014 at 06:22 PM

 John Moore

“ *What a great man! We are remembered by our legacy...what a wonderful example Mr. Herrmann leaves with us...as he goes on to the other side. Prayers of comfort*

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**John Moore** - February 12, 2014 at 05:24 PM

SW

“ SARA WATERS sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



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**SARA WATERS** - February 12, 2014 at 02:11 PM

BG

“ Barbara Grimes lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



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**Barbara Grimes** - February 12, 2014 at 11:31 AM

KC

“ Keith And Melissa Campbell lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



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**Keith and Melissa Campbell** - February 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

ME

“ Melissa lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.



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**melissa** - February 12, 2014 at 08:28 AM

ME

*I will miss are long talks and your great friendship.*

melissa - February 12, 2014 at 08:32 AM

VB

“ *Veronica Byrd lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



Veronica Byrd - February 12, 2014 at 08:15 AM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Leroy Herrmann Jr.*



MARLIN STEVENS - February 12, 2014 at 07:38 AM



Douglas  
Fowler

“ *1 file added to the album Pictures*



Douglas Fowler - February 12, 2014 at 07:05 AM

Melanie  
Hicks

“ I had the pleasure to meet Cork here in Louisiana.....He was such a sweet, nice, delightful man to talk to and share conversation....I was very very sorry to hear of this loss, only God can give understanding as well as peace and comfort in this time of sorrow.....My deepest sympathy to his family.....Melanie Hicks



Melanie Hicks - February 12, 2014 at 12:12 AM

TF

“ I will miss you so much my brother. You have always been such an inspiration to me all my life. Every time I climb on my bike I will think of you. I sure did enjoy you coming down last summer and the rides we shared. I have have always looked up to you and will continue to to look up to you in the heavens... Love you now and always...Littlest Bro...Tony

Tony Fowler - February 11, 2014 at 07:13 PM

GW

“ I'll never forget the time that Ken (Cork) played his guitar and sang "Amazing Grace" at the Lighthouse Church in Duke, MO.. He was terrified I think, but he showed great courage. His playing and singing was beautiful!!!

This world lost a great person and friend. You were a great listener, we shared many laughs, and tears but that is who you are. You always had that gleam in your eyes when you spoke of your daughters and grandbabies, you were a man who loved! I'm gonna miss you!

You - Old Crow ~ I'll see you on the UP-SIDE!!!

Love you Cork!!!!

gramas\_munchkins (Paula Wyatt) - February 11, 2014 at 03:25 PM