

## **MANDRELL, Kenneth Wayne**

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On July, 30, 1994, Kenneth Wayne Mandrell was laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Known to his friends and family as Kenny, he had a characteristic that is rarely found in adults much less in a young man of 16 years. He made whoever he was around feel special, whether they were his brothers, sisters, a school mate, or an elderly person. Kenny took the time to let people know how he felt and he never really had to say anything, it was something in the way he handled people.

As an elderly member of his church recalls, Kenny was a born leader.

His school mates lined the funeral home steps to pay their last respects to a friend they will never forget.

Kenny Mandrell has left. His brief stay here on earth is over, but we all know that he is with God, and in this we find comfort.

On the trophy case at the home of his mother and father you will see the boy growing up. Awards for tennis, football photos, of him and his team mates, soccer trophies, honor society awards, spelling bee awards and the list goes on and on.

Kenny accomplished what he set out to do, and in today's society, that is saying a lot.

Kenny died the day after his 16th birthday as the result of a traffic accident.

Surviving relatives include: his mother and step father, Paula and John Bounds of Hugo; father and step mother Kenneth and Carolyn Mandrell of Hugo.; brothers; Michael Doane, Jordan Bounds, and Kyle Stinson all of Hugo, sisters; Kendra Mandrell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Heather Bounds of Norman, Oklahoma, Kacy Bounds, Caitlin Bounds and Kirsten Bounds all of the home, maternal grandparents Paul and Sue Williams of Hugo, paternal grandparents Tom and Louise Mandrell of Hugo.

Kenny would have been a Junior at Hugo High School this year.



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Think about it. Kenny was never your average kid. He was a big ball of life shaped into a human formation with an unlimited supply of enthusiasm trapped in his tiny body. Kenny always wore a bright smile. His smile was special, different from all others. His smile could light up the darkest of all places. In the sixteen years Kenny spent here on earth, he lit up more lives than a million people could light up in a million years. Kenny was sent here from the Heavens to enrich our lives with a joy that we never knew before. Now that he has done this, he must move on. God is now enjoying Kenny's bright smile and exuberating personality. We cannot be selfish in these lonesome times. We must not wish to confine Kenny to our world. He is needed elsewhere. We should consider ourselves lucky to have been touched by Kenny's whimsical powers of love. Kenny will never really be gone. His memory will live on in both our minds and our hearts. Besides, if you ever feel down, you can always look upon Kendra's beautiful face and you always see a part of Kenny her. Kenny is in all of us. He touched everyone's life in a magical way that can never be forgotten. We must not be sad. Kenny was never fit for our dull world. Kenny was always Heaven bound. Did you really believe that his "piece of tile sky blue eyes" and his radiant glow was normal? No, Kenny was always an Angel in Disguise.

