



Kendal "Ken" Ryan Luther

April 14, 1965 - October 16, 2016

Kendal "Ken" Ryan Luther, 51, of Mulberry, Arkansas, loving son, trusted brother, cherished companion, loyal friend and co-worker, was killed in a tragic accident on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at the home. He was a Network Specialist at SGL GE Carbon of Ozark, Arkansas since 2010. Formerly he worked in IT at Solar Turbines in the DFW, TX area for twelve years with prior stints as Radio Shack owner in Ava, Missouri and Radio Tower Equipment Lineman across North and Central Arkansas through South Missouri. He was born April 14, 1965, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He is survived by his parents, John and Reba Yelton Luther of Mulberry, Arkansas (formerly of Ava, Missouri); a sister, Andrea "Andy" Gully of Springfield, Missouri; a host of nieces and nephews, along with their children; and longtime companion, Nathan McConnell of Mulberry and his family. He enjoyed hiking, camping, shade tree mechanics, all things technology related and spending time with his family, friends and Ranger Hank, his dog. Cremation arrangements were made under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark. Memorial donations may be made to your local SPCA or a charity of your choice. Memorial service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday, October 20, 2016 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Doctor Theresa McConnell and Reverend Rachel McConnell-Switzer presiding. The family will visit with friends from 9:30 until 10:00 AM prior to the service at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kendal "Ken" Ryan Luther*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *I worked with Ken at SGL. He was a friend and always helpful. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God Bless, Steven H.*

Steven Holland - October 22, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *Kendal was a good friend, kind and generous. One memory I have is of a model rocket that he would launch with a count down timer made from an old dial telephone. He would hook this thing up to a car battery and dial it up all the way. This would then count down and at zero as you would imagine it would connect the battery and launch the rocket. He was always very creative and will be sorely missed.*

Quint Paul HS classmate and Friend.

Quint Paul - October 21, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *I have worked with Ken for six years at SGL. We had many good laughs together. He will be missed by all. Rest in peace my friend. See you on the other side.*

Paul Ray Burns - October 20, 2016 at 08:57 AM

LN

“ Rest in Peace Ken. May your loved ones find comfort in their memories with you.

LeeAnn Meador Norman

Fellow classmate from Ava, MO high

LeeAnn Meador Norman - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

ST

“ My best friend. My brother. Many people go through their whole life without having a friendship like ours. I'm blessed to have shared that with you. Words are inadequate to the task of expressing the grief I feel. We had many a late night conversations through the years about this time and what lies beyond, but I never thought one of us would get there this soon. I love you man. May the wind always be at your back. I have been, and always shall be, your friend. Warp speed.

Stacey - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

PM

“ I enjoyed having Kendal in my English classes in Ava. He was such a pleasant person, always smiling and laughing. Everyone will miss him so much.

Patsy Mageehon-Coen - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

JL

“ To all of Kendal's Family: It has been a long while since high school but he was a good friend and a great chess player and founding member of Gamer's Club. My prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time. John Lumb (Ava HS 1984)

John Lumb - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

JM

“ *Uncle Nathan,
We are so very sorry. We always enjoyed seeing and visiting with Ken. He will be missed. Much love to you, and we will be keeping you and the Luthers in our prayers. A special hug for Ranger pup, too.*

Jason, Laney, Merritt and Mary Charles McConnell - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

JE

“ I knew Ken since I started at *****... very helpful and always available to contact- seemed like when everyone else was on vacation, he was there. I enjoyed his company very much.

To me, this is a reminder to me that our days here are not promised, and God may call us to account in a flash. God's Holy Law- the Ten Commandments- are just as binding in this universe as gravity, thermodynamics, and others- reveals our sinful nature, and it applies not to just the act, but the motive behind it. Each one of us are all lacking and must give an account some day.

God is Just and must punish sin they same way a good judge in our civil court system would punish a murderer or rapist. Since there is not a hint of sin or darkness in heaven, we see that we cannot make it no matter how much good we do because we all still have nature that desires to do wrong!

God is also pure Love, and He loves us so much that He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve in the person of Jesus Christ. Since God cannot die, He rose again on day 3- long enough to be considered dead without a doubt in those times.

If we trust in Jesus' payment on the cross and forsake our sinful nature (repentance)- He promises us eternal existence of goodness and joy- no more sorrow or hurt!

I hope Ken knew Him- and even if he didn't, but called out to Him in his last moments, God is NEVER too far away to save us!

Jeriamé - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

BB

“ Ken was a valued co-worker, person and friend. His presence will be missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Bob*

Bob Balentine - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM

SL

“ I had the pleasure to work with Ken for numerous years. I'll fondly remember his well-spoken nature, humor and wit. His willingness to not take the easy road and push technical advances was for the ultimate benefit of his colleagues. His curiosity and competence as we discussed topics like off-grid electrical generation and long-haul wireless stick with me still.

He is sorely missed as a colleague and friend.

My sincere condolences to you and family.

Steve Luckenbill - October 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM