



Kenneth Ray Wheelless

September 27, 1939 - March 21, 2025

Kenneth Ray Wheelless, age 85, of Ozark, Arkansas passed peacefully at home, Friday, March 21, 2025. He was born September 27, 1939 in Ozark, Arkansas to William Fielding Wheelless and Ora Jacobs Wheelless. Kenneth was of the Baptist faith. He was a member, a Deacon and Sunday School teacher of the First Baptist Church of Ozark. He was the owner and operator of Wheelless Cattle Company. A member of the Cattleman Association and the Texas Cattle Feeder Association. Kenneth was a doting father, he loved his daughter with all of his heart.

Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents, William and Ora Wheelless; two brothers, William Hoyt Wheelless and Wayne Wheelless; and three sisters, Venice Kirby, Eunice Highfill, and Wanda Faye Wheelless.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 45 years, Martheda Friddle Wheelless; one daughter, Rebecca Faith Wheelless of Prairie Grove, Arkansas; two nieces, Patricia Patterson and husband Ronald of Clarksville, Arkansas and Marilyn Frazier and husband Garvis of Ozark; two nephews, Bob Highfill and wife Liz of Springdale, Arkansas and Don Highfill and wife Flo of Coal Hill, Arkansas; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be 2:00 P.M., Friday, March 28, 2025 at the First Baptist Church, 304 West Market Street in Ozark, with Brother Ben Lairamore and Brother Ted Darling officiating, with burial at Highland Cemetery, Highway 64 West Commercial in Ozark.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Davidson, Joseph Reynolds, Casey Culver, Scott Liggett, Don Highfill, and Dale Wright. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Stevie King, Johnny Trotter, and Ronald Patterson. Honorary pallbearers in memory, Ronnie Askins and Tommy Blevins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Gideons International P.O. Box 97251 Washington, DC 20090-7251.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 West Market Street
Ozark, AR 72949

Burial

MAR 28 (CT)

Highland Cemetery
Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



Byron Lasater V - March 28, 2025 at 11:32 AM

JK

“ John K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Ray Wheelless.

John K. - March 27, 2025 at 03:04 PM

DH

“ Sure enjoyed visiting with Ken when he came to 101 Livestock, he was a great guy. Prayers for the family!

David Hutchins - March 27, 2025 at 02:59 PM

CH

“ Chris Boerjan & Gina Swanson, H|G purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Ray Wheelless.



Chris Boerjan & Gina Swanson, H|G - March 27, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Wheelless.*



March 26, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *I have enjoyed business and friendship with Ken for over 40 years. I have seen him help not only me but anyone who he came in contact with. He was an excellent stockman, cattle buyer, Great Husband, Daddy, and Friend who let his Lord and Savior's guiding light shine through him continually in life's journey. Ken is the best partner and friend anyone could be blessed with. Martheda and Rebecca it is with our gratitude for him we offer you our thoughts, prayers, and most sincere condolences. Johnny and Jana Trotter*

Johnny Trotter - March 25, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *The Fergusons purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Ray
Wheelless.*



The Fergusons - March 25, 2025 at 05:43 PM



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RJ

“ During the 1970’s & 80’s I worked for, Farm Credit in Franklin and Johnson County. While working there many young men came by, too, talk about cattle and real, estate. Ken.s name usually came up. Ken’s work ethic, management ability and honesty was very much respected by all all. Most of the farms in Johnson and Franklin County have some Ken Wheelless influence in their make up. These Farms are a living tribute to, Ken. Ken, you had a very positive influence on all the people you met, including me. Randy James

Randy James - March 25, 2025 at 04:55 PM