



## Kenneth Gordon Cope

October 14, 1947 - March 17, 2023

Kenneth Gordon Cope, a resident of Sulphur, passed away on Friday March 17, 2023

at the age of 75 years 5 months 3 days. Kenneth was born on October 14, 1947 in

Detroit, Michigan to Gordon and Verna (Beach) Cope.

Kenneth grew up in Michigan, graduating from high school in Melvindale, Michigan.

He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Business.

Kenneth served in the U S Navy during the Vietnam Era. He worked as a U S Postal

Inspector in St. Louis, Missouri where lived until moving to Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Kenneth and Bobbye (Priddy) Brown were married in Sulphur on December 30, 2000.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents.

Kenneth is survived by his wife: Bobbye Cope of Sulphur

3 Sons & their spouses: Greg & Alice Cope of Charlotte, NC

Craig & Shanti Cope of Key Largo, FL

Barry & Lisa Brown of Pueblo, CO

Daughter & Her spouse: Heather & Charlie Summers of Sulphur OK

Sister: Phyllis Marks of Au Gres, MI

2 Grandsons: Brandon & Tyler

Military Services by the U S Navy Honors Team will be held Wednesday March 22, 2023 Graveside at Oaklawn Cemetery In Sulphur,OK Officiated by Rev Bill Leveridge and assisted by Craig Cope and Greg Cope. Interment will be in Oaklawn Cemetery

Arrangements by DeArman Funeral Home of Sulphur.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.dearmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Gordon Cope*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Another St. Louis legend has left us much, much too soon. I knew and worked with Ken during my two tours there (1980 -1983 and 1988 - 2003) and you couldn't ask for a better friend and fellow investigator. You could always rely on his counsel, his willingness to help, and his ability to make you laugh no matter what the circumstance. Rest in peace Crease!*

*Brian Begley*

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**Brian Begley** - March 30, 2023 at 11:11 AM

DB

“ Ken was the first person to introduce himself to me when I transferred to St. Louis as a postal inspector in 1984 and we have been friends since. He had a jaunty attitude and everyone liked him from the start. We worked together on the “Dream Team” for several years and had many exploits we enjoyed reliving. He was an excellent investigator and was a proud Navy veteran. He retired before I did but we kept in contact. He married Bobbye and became an Okie. Bobbye had her hands full but she was up for the task. Ken’s conversation changed to acreage, hay, barns, tractors and tax write offs; always thinking. I was trying to help him find a muscle car for the last few years, and it had to be a convertible of course. We never quite found what he was looking for.

*I was born an Okie but Ken became one by choice. I already miss him.*

*Dennis Berger*

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**Dennis Berger** - March 21, 2023 at 06:43 PM

LH

“ Ken was definitely a legend. I worked with him as a postal Inspector in St. Louis through the 1990s. He was quite a character. I especially liked when we spent time fishing together in Illinois and Missouri lakes. He nicknamed me “mush mouth” because of my southern drawl.

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**Larry Hisky** - March 20, 2023 at 04:44 PM

CH

“ Ken and I were on the External Crimes Team, St. Louis Division, Postal Inspection Service, for several years. Ken, with his signature moustache, acquired the monikers "Shoes" and "Crease 'em". He had a personality you could not miss. He was a jokester, loved to laugh and dance ("Shoes"). Working a case when he was a rookie, he was told to be careful with the subject of the investigation. Ken said if I have any trouble, I will "crease 'em"! Ken was a great guy both socially and professionally. RIP "Shoes", RIP "Crease 'em".

*Corne Huelsebusch*

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**Cornelius F Huelsebusch** - March 20, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JS

“ Dearest sympathy to Ken's Family. I was a classmate of Ken at the USPIS academy in 1980. I have fond memories of Ken during our 4 months of training together, and later incident to national task force investigations. We were a tight knit group during our training together at the academy, as such we developed a unique camaraderie. As a fellow military veteran, I salute Ken. May your memory be a blessing.

*Jeff Sack*

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**Jeff Sack** - March 20, 2023 at 12:44 PM

FD

“ One of the Legends is no longer with us. Ken (The Colonel) was a member of the Postal Inspector Class, January 1980 as was I. A sad day for us all. God Bless and Rest in Peace. Frank R. Davis, Jr., Postal Inspector retired.

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**Frank Davis** - March 20, 2023 at 11:59 AM

HL

“ I am sorry to read of Ken’s passing. Ken was a classmate at our USPIS academy in 1980. My condolences to his family. Assistant Chief Inspector Buddy Lane (retired)

Harold Lane - March 20, 2023 at 10:44 AM

CE

“ Ken and Bobbye shared their beautiful home and prepared a wonderful delicious meal for the entire Elmore family (that is a bunch of people) when Bobbye’s Uncle Gerald passed away. Very thankful for their generosity, love, kindness and what great cooks! Love to all, prayers.

Connie Elmore - March 20, 2023 at 07:52 AM

TS

“ Ken was a valued member of my External Crimes Team as a U. S. Postal Inspector in St. Louis in the 1980’s. Like the other members of our elite team, Ken’s humor, his willingness to work long hours, his dedication to his fellow team members, and his desire to always represent the law enforcement profession in the best possible way, made him an elite member of the A-Team! Rest in Peace Crease’em, and know you made a difference in the world! T. J. Smith

T. J. Smith - March 19, 2023 at 06:37 PM