



## Kenneth Alton Cantrell

September 26, 1940 - February 27, 2021

Kenneth Alton Cantrell born September 26, 1940 to William Doc and Ludie (Smith) Cantrell in Beaverton, Alabama. Kenneth Cantrell, a beloved husband, father, uncle and grandfather. Kenneth was best known for his love of playing his banjo and Bluegrass music. Kenneth spent much of his life with his wife Jone and his sons playing at Bluegrass Festivals and having jam sessions with many friends from the bluegrass world.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jone Cantrell; his sons, Bryan Cantrell and wife Angie; Barry Cantrell, and Todd Cantrell and wife Hetherly; daughter-in-law, Sharon Billings. Kenneth has 9 grandkids, Alisha Campbell and husband Danny, Justin Cantrell, Hillary Morse and husband Bryant, Blake Cantrell and wife Jamie, Nikky Pruitt and husband Jake, Kyndle Cantrell, McKenna Cantrell, Makenley Billings and Kristjan Cantrell; 9 great-grandkids, Adyson Morse, Easten Morse, Gunner Campbell, Sutton Pruitt, Kaysen Campbell, Harrison Pruitt, Lawson Pruitt, Cooper Cantrell and Jentri Cantrell. Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents William and Ludie Cantrell; his brothers, James, Harold, Gene, Garl and Kitty; and his son, Brad Cantrell.

A celebration of Kenneth's life will be 2PM, Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randy Ramsey officiating. Interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery with Danny Campbell, Jack Pruitt, Blake Cantrell, Bryan Cantrell, Todd Cantrell and Barry Cantrell serving as pallbearers.



# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

MAR 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403



# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Alton Cantrell*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Alton Cantrell.*



March 04, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Alton Cantrell.*



March 03, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Robby & Kerry Boone purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth Alton Cantrell.*



**Robby & Kerry Boone** - March 03, 2021 at 11:03 AM

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“ It is true that bluegrass music has lost one of the best banjo players we’ve known with absolute impeccable timing. However, for some of us who had the privilege of being his friend and bandmate, the loss gives cause for much reflection. I of course enjoyed the music we made together but my memory is filled with the laughs and good times we enjoyed during those years on the road. Kenny was witty as well as observant. His observations and one liners kept things lively on those long trips. RIP my friend, we’ll miss you.

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**Frank Ray** - March 03, 2021 at 10:30 AM

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*Met Kenny when I was a teenager.. I have always looked up to him as a great person and mentor. RIP my friend*

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**Charlie Hanchett** - March 03, 2021 at 03:57 PM

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“ There was a time in the early to mid 70’s that it was a fact, Kenny Cantrell was number three in the country for best banjo player, following only Earl Scruggs, no.1, and J. D. Crowe, no.2. It was then that I first heard Kenny, and my life was changed forever. The thing was, though, that he was an even better human being. He was a fine man, and the world is lesser for his loss.  
-Irl Hees

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**Irl Hees** - March 02, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - March 02, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Jo Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Alton Cantrell*



**Jo Cantrell** - March 02, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Henderson and Goodnight families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Alton Cantrell.*



**Henderson and Goodnight families** - March 01, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Kenneth Alton Cantrell.*



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March 01, 2021 at 04:45 PM