



## Kenneth G. Easton

January 7, 1923 - May 4, 2021

Kenneth Glen Easton, age 98 of Neoga, IL formerly of Mattoon, IL and Joliet, IL passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at Heartland Senior Living in Neoga, IL.

A funeral service honoring his life will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Pastor Brad Brown will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Dodge Grove Cemetery. Military Rites will be conducted. A visitation will be held at 10:00 AM until the service begins at the funeral home. Masonic Funeral Rites will be presented at 9:30 AM by Mattoon Masonic Lodge #260 prior to the visitation.

The eldest of eleven children, Kenneth was born on January 7, 1923 in Mattoon, IL, to the late Omer O. and Inza B. (Reagin) Easton. He married Hazel F. Duncan on August 25, 1946 in Humboldt, IL; she preceded him in death on October 31, 2008. He is survived by four brothers: Harold Easton of Mattoon, IL, C. Dean Easton and wife Rebecca of Bloomington, IL, Robert Easton of Coal City, IL, William Easton and wife Meriul of Hermitage, TN; two sisters, Virginia Driskell and husband James of Neoga, IL, Sharon Dalton and husband Ronald of Gilbert, AZ; and over one hundred nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wendell Easton; and three sisters, Margaret Cox, Charlotte Lawyer, Marilyn Janes, four brothers-in-law, Elmer Ground, Ralph Cox, Howard Lawyer, Wayne Janes; three sisters-in-law, Olive Easton, Nancy Easton, and Wanda Easton.

After marrying the love of his life, Kenneth and Hazel lived in Mattoon, IL until 1971 when his electrical trade relocated them to Joliet, IL. In 2018 he returned to Mattoon, IL and resided at Brookstone Estates until he ultimately moved to Heartland Senior Living in Neoga, IL.

Honorably, Kenneth served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Normandy, France just after the invasion and later transferred to England, Germany, and Italy. He was a life member of the VFW Post#4325, and the American Legion in Mattoon, IL.

Kenneth was the author of two volumes of "Richard Easton, His Descendants and Allied Families". He and his wife spent over fifty years in genealogy research.

Kenneth was very active in all phases of Masonry, being a member since 1962 and Past Master of Mattoon Lodge #260 A.F. & A.M. He was an honorary member of Matteson Lodge #175, Mt. Joliet Lodge #42, Elwood Lodge #919, Peotone Lodge #636, and Braidwood Lodge #704. He served the Grand Lodge of Illinois as a Grand Lecturer and was active on the Education Committee and the Illinois Lodge of Research. Kenneth was elected to Holy Arch Knights Templar Priests, Lily of the Valley Chapter of Decatur, IL serving as Commander in 1990. He also belonged to the York Rite College# 81, Ansar Shrine, Joliet Chapter #27, Joliet Council #82, and Joliet Commandery #4. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2000.

Joining the Scottish Rite, Valley of Danville, in 1968, Kenneth was active in several degrees. In 1983 at Milwaukee, WI, He received the high honor of the Thirty-third Degree. The fall, 2002 consistory class was named after him for his dedication to the craft.

An outstanding Christian man, Kenneth was proud of his heritage, and extremely proud of America.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light and candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
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## Service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth G. Easton*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - May 10, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *I am Wayne McDowell's daughter and Kenny borrowed Dad's suit when he married his lovely wife. Dad would visit with Kenny at Brookstone in Mattoon. Dad and Kenny were close and Dad stood with Kenny when he married the love of his life. Plus they both talked making homemade root beer when they were young. I am Kenny's second cousin and he is and will always be missed. Marcia McDowell Harmon*

Marcia McDowell Harmon - May 08, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Easton.*



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May 07, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Kenneth's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with your family and all of Kenneth's friends.*  
*Nadine and Cathy Boyer*



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**Cathy Boyer** - May 07, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Will & Shirley Cross lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Easton*



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**Will & Shirley Cross** - May 07, 2021 at 06:59 AM



“ *We have lost a brother not only masonic but life. Kenny and Hazel traveled the state of Illinois with my wife Jean and I for years. Not only Illinois but other states on vacation and visiting cemeteries looking for members of his extended family for his books. A light has gone out in our life. Rest in peace good and faithful brother.*

*Bill and Jean Swope*

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**Bill and Jean Swope** - May 06, 2021 at 09:38 AM

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*Blessed was Kenny in life, now blessed by returning to his beloved wife & family who've gone on before.*

*What an amazing, steadfast man who I'm blessed to have been a close kin with.*

*A couple times, we clashed due to our mutual persistence & willfulness. Kenny told me that if he & Hazel had a child, she would be like me.*

*Our mutual love of family history research is where we initially connected, it's a treasure beyond measure. Grateful for Kenny's investigative determination & follow through with publishing the 2 beautiful volumes of Easton Family History. I'm happy for his graduation into life everlasting, and sad for our loss. Go in peace dear Cousin!!*

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**Mary Sue Mueller Amas** - May 06, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Kenneth. I enjoyed visiting with him and sharing our love of genealogy. Prayers for the family. Eloise*

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**Eloise Dalrymple** - May 06, 2021 at 09:01 AM