



## Kitchen A. Kenneth

January 16, 2011

Kenneth A. Kitchen, Jr. November 4, 1935 - January 16, 2011 Kenneth Arthur Kitchen, Jr., 75, of Deshler, Ohio died Sunday, January 16, 2011 at his residence. He was born November 4, 1935 in Putnam County, Ohio to the late Kenneth and Edna (Wilson) Kitchen. On November 11, 1956 he married Joanne M. Peterson and they were later divorced. Kenneth was a 1953 graduate of Leipsic High School. He worked as a machinist at Campbell Soup Company, Napoleon for over 40 years; retiring in 1995. He previously worked for the Suber Foundry, Deshler. He was a member of the former Belmore United Methodist Church; UFCW Union; and a former troop leader for Boy Scout Troop #68, Deshler. Kenneth spent a lot of his free time around a motor or an automobile. During the 1950 and 1960's; Kitch was a builder and mechanic of sprint cars. Along with his friends and family; they often raced at Millstream, Findlay; Lima Land and Fremont, Ohio. He also built street rods and antique trucks and attended many cruise-ins and car shows. His passion for racing continued when he assisted his grandchildren with go-carts when they formerly raced in Deshler. Over the years he enjoyed motorcycles and owned both a Honda Gold Wing and Harley Davidson. He is survived by children, Sharon (Scott) Smith, Deshler; Michael Kitchen, Deshler and Bradley (Patty) Kitchen, Deshler; 10 grandchildren, Deena (Faustino) Almanza, Heather (Gary) Rader, Shane (Jane) Harper, Haley (Nick) Schnipke, Patrick Petersen, Ryan (Stephanie) Petersen, Todd (Erin) Smith, Jennifer (Tim) Guelde, Clint Smith and Gregory Smith; 22 great grandchildren, Devon,

Alexis, Joshua, Jacob, Gabriel, Madison, Morgan, Ashley, Kaiden, Mason, Brett, Kierestin, Tori, Brayden, Behnjamin, Thomas, Grant, Jakob, Laila, Jaxson, Sophie and Macy. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Marie Kitchen and his former wife, Joanne Kitchen. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler, with Rev. Bill Patterson. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Deshler. Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to Deshler Fire Department or Deshler EMS. Online condolences can be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to read about your Father, My deepest sympathy to all of you, you are in my thoughts and prayers.Patty##imported-begin##Patty Sugg##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Your Dad was truly one of the nice guys. Life was such a struggle for him in recent years.May your memories of him and that great smile give you Comfort and Peace.Love to you all,Aunt Susie##imported-begin##Karen S. Clausen##imported-end##

January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sharon, Michael, Bradley & families, you have my deapest sympathy and was so sorry to hear about your Dad. George called my Sunday and told me the news. I also did not know your Mother had passed away also, you have my sympathy for both.##imported-begin##Linda K. Waldman##imported-end##

January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.He will be sadly missed but now he is in a better place.Love, Tom and Linda##imported-begin##Tom And Linda Wilhelm##imported-end##

January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sharon, Mike and Brad my prayers are with you all during this time as always as usual. Uncle Jr. was and always will be very special to me. My childhood memories with him are so many but a few to share are the Shaggy Dog story, wisher washer fluid, his twinkling, smiling eyes, his patience with me when I had extra parts left over from the motor he let me take apart and put back together and nicknaming me haus. Never knew why but that is what he always called me. Love to you all###imported-begin##Lindy Chastain###imported-end##

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“ To the Kitchen family, so sorry for your loss, it is a difficult time but you will get through it even though right now you cannot see how. My thoughts and prayers are with you family. Judee###imported-begin##Judee Suber###imported-end##

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“ Mike, Sharon & Brad, Our prayers are with each of you and your families. Your dad was a very special person. He will be missed, but he is in a much better place and is free of pain. We Love you all. Aunt Mary & Uncle Tom###imported-begin##Tom & Mary Wood###imported-end##

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