

Kenneth Keith Morelli

Born: May 04, 1929 Died: June 17, 1988

On May 4, 1929 in Salt Lake City, Utah the last baby was born to Caterina and Gaetano. Kenny's birth was a bittersweet day for the Morelli family, upon giving birth to Kenny, Caterina died from complications during labor and delivery. This left a single father and seven children with a new baby to raise. Gaetano was beside himself with grief after his wife's passing. He could not even look at his new son without sobbing. It was sometime before Kenneth even had a name. Finally, his godmother Ellen Ventura named him Kenneth Keith. Kenny lived until the age of 58 when lung cancer consumed him on June 17, 1988.

Kenny was an active little boy with a somewhat of a mischievous personality. If there was fun to be had, Kenny found it, Kenny grew up on the "Family farm" in SLC and loved to play with his siblings and cousins. Uncle Sue (Ralph) also lived with the Morelli's and Kenny made sure he stayed on his toes. Every time Uncle Sue turned his back, Kenny was pulling a prank on him. Despite Kenny's antics, Uncle Sue was very protective of Kenny, saying in his Italian accent; Leava 'im alone. He'sa orphan."

Kenny and Carl being the youngest of the family, only new Della as a matriarch. When Kenny was three years old, Della was married and moved off the farm. She begged Gaetano to let her take Kenny, as she had raised him since birth, but Gaetano said "no" and without Bill knowing, Della cried herself to sleep nightly because she missed him so much.

Although Kenny was the baby of the family, he was still required to help out on the farm. During the war, he worked as a paperboy delivering the Salt Lake Newspaper and he also shined shoes. One might think juggling three jobs would keep a boy out of mischief, Wrong! There is a long list of Kenny stories to tell, but one of the family's favorites was the time he and his best friend. Dean Collins, "defecated" in a paper bag and lit it on fire right on Uncle Louie's front porch. Uncle Louie came to the door in a frenzy and began stomping out the flames. Meanwhile fecal matter is splattering everywhere. As Uncle Louie ran into the house to phone the police, he was making his tracks know all through Aunt Bernadine's carpet. Uncle Louie had a sure idea of who the culprit was and escorted the police right over to Kenny's house and up to his room, only to find him asleep in his bed and covers up to his chin. Uncle Louie ripped off the covers and lo and behold, Kenny was fully clothed. At the police station the police requested a report and Uncle Louie stated, in his Italian accent, "Iva been in thisa country for many years now anda no one ever shita ona my porch excepta my owna godda damna nephew!" Now at this time, all of the police officers at the station were doing everything they could to keep from laughing, so the sergeant finally asked Uncle Louie if he wanted to press charges and Uncle Louie responded with "I cannota press charges. He'sa my nephew and besides, he'sa orphan."

When Kenny was 12 years old his father passed away of asbestosis. This was very hard on the young boy & the entire family. Kenny & Carl would go and live with Della, Bill & Bill's sons Nick & George. The four boys got along great & considered themselves brothers.

At age sixteen Kenny was working at the former "Hotel Utah" as a busboy and making very little money. When he was eighteen years old, he moved to Montana to work construction with brothers Mike, Frank and Henry. Kenny was too young for the job, but older brother Mike adjusted his transcript for him. Kenny only worked in Montana for one year, but he would meet someone very important that year.

His older brother Mike would introduce him to an exquisite lady by the name of Emogene Ritchie. She was a native of Montana and had legs to die for. Kenny fell head over heels for her. Emogene fell for Kenny as well, but she also felt sorry for him, you see Kenny told Emogene he was an orphan. Now imagine her surprise when she found out he was the baby of ten children! Kenny and Emogene were married in Billings Montana on September 9, 1949 and then moved back to Utah.

The Morelli's established their first place of residency in a motel on North Temple, before moving to their home in Rose Park, (where Emogene would reside until the day she died). The young couple spent most of their time with Kenny's family socializing and of course eating. It would not be long however before March 19, 1950 came and their first child, a beautiful daughter Candace Mary was welcomed into their lives. Kenny had no previous experience with babies, so he agreed to take a course with the Red Cross offered to become more involved, which he passed with flying colors. With little rest in between, they welcomed their second child, another beautiful girl, Debra Dell, (after Aunt Della), on June 3, 1951 into their home. Now Emogene was a very stylish lady, during her pregnancies she was unable to paint her toenails, so Kenny would get down on his knees and paint them the best he could for her. The young family was now expecting for a third time and Kenny just knew this one would be a boy. On March 9, 1954, Sherri Lu (after uncle Louie), was born and Kenny sobbed, but it didn't take long for him to fall in love with his beautiful new daughter. Four years went by and on February 27, 1958, Kenny got his son and he was so proud of his Kim Ritchie.

Kenny tried his hand at so many skills, but had a hard time finding a job that would suit him and provide for his family. Kenny was a risk taker and he had a knack for making money, but had no real stability. He had great personal skills and could carry a conversation with anyone, so he tried his hand at running high-class nightclubs. The first club Kenny had was called the Labor Temple. He was very personable with his patrons and very generous as well. Everybody liked him.

Kenny loved his children very much, which made life even harder when he and Emogene divorced. This was devastating for everyone, but Emogene kept strong and as Kenny would state years later, "She was a great mother and did a fine job raising the kids." Emogene passed away June 19, 2002 and has been dearly missed.

It was December 6, 1969 that Kenny married Barbara Wahlberg, (a lovely girl from Salt Lake City, Utah), in Las Vegas, Nevada. Kenny and Barbara lived in San Bernardino until the day he died. Barbara was good for Kenny and put up with a lot from Kenny, especially his teasing, Barbara loved Kenny and would have been with him forever.

After moving to California, he again opened a club with his sister Lil, called the club Tyro. This worked well for a while, but then caused some friction, so he opened one last club for a short time called the Silver Queen.

In 1974, Kenny was looking through a money magazine and saw a add for the purchasing of window film. He then purchased one roll of this film and sold it out of his car. This brought about Kenny's business, "Sun Cool", which would be his success. As everyone who knew Kenny would say; "He could sell anything to anyone."

Kenny loved his home in San Bernardino and it was open to any visitor, who wanted to take a dip in his pool. Kenny also had a mountain house in Lake Arrowhead, which was such a serene retreat and he spent many a day in its beauty.

Kenny and Barbara didn't have any children in human form, but in canine form. One of his favorite pets was his dog Tiny. Kenny would ask Tiny if she loved Jesus, then he would pinch her leg so she would show her teeth, or smile if you will. Outside of his home, Kenny's greatest love lived miles away in Salt Lake City, where his children "The Perfect Ten." Kenny's only wish was to see his grandkids grow up and in his last year of life, he was planning to move back to Utah to be with his family. Unfortunately, this move would not take place as Kenny was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Kenny was such a fun man to be around. He made everyone laugh. He was a loving father and the "#1 Grandpa" as his grandkids called him. Kenny grew up without a mother and most of his life without a father. It was fortunate that he had many loving brothers and sisters to look after him. "Once Kenny stopped drinking. He started living, said Barbara. There was no doubt about it; Kenny was living his life to the fullest. He left behind four children, ten grandchildren and now, one great grandchild. He would have been so proud to see his family grown up and not a day goes by that his family doesn't wish he were here.

MORELLI - VENTURA FAMILY REUNION



**HENRY ALFONSO KENNETH LOUGI
MORELLI VENTURA MORELLI VENTURA**

Carl

Lillian

Henry



Kenny

Della

Emergy



CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

County of San Bernardino

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS

172 WEST THIRD STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA 92415-0350

90-366878

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

38836004751

STATE FILE NUMBER		1A. NAME OF DECEDENT—FIRST		1B. MIDDLE	1C. LAST	2A. DATE OF DEATH—MONTH, DAY, YEAR		2B. HOUR
		Kenneth		Keith	Morelli	June 17, 1988		1635
DECEDENT PERSONAL DATA	3. SEX	4. RACE/ETHNICITY	5. SPANISH/Hispanic	6. DATE OF BIRTH		7. AGE	8. IF UNDER 1 YEAR	9. IF UNDER 24 HOURS
	Male	Wh/American	NO	May 4, 1929		59	YEARS	MONTHS
	8. BIRTHPLACE OF DECEDENT (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)		9. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER				10. BIRTH NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	
	UT		Joseph Morelli - Italy				Catherine Ventura - Italy	
11A. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY		11B. IF DECEASED WAS EVER IN MILITARY GIVE DATES OF SERVICE		12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		13. MARITAL STATUS		14. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE OF WIFE, ENTER BIRTH NAME
U.S.A.		19 ** TO 19 ** *		529-48-4648		Married		Barbara Walberg
15. PRIMARY OCCUPATION		16. NUMBER OF YEARS THIS OCCUPATION		17. EMPLOYER IF SELF-EMPLOYED, SO STATE		18. KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS		
Sales		25		Self		Home Improvement		
USUAL RESIDENCE	19A. USUAL RESIDENCE—STREET ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION)					19B. CITY OR TOWN		
	579 E. Niles Street					San Bernardino		
PLACE OF DEATH	19C. COUNTY		19D. STATE		20. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT—RELATIONSHIP			
	San Bernardino		CA 92404		Barbara Morelli - Wife			
	21A. PLACE OF DEATH		21B. COUNTY		579 E. Niles Street,			
At Home		San Bernardino		San Bernardino, CA 92404				
21C. STREET ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION)		21D. CITY OR TOWN						
579 East Niles		San Bernardino						
CAUSE OF DEATH	22. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR A, B, AND C)							
	IMMEDIATE CAUSE							
	(A) <i>Adenocarcinoma of Lung</i> 14R							
	DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF							
(B)								
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF								
(C)								
23. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS—CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN 22A								
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION	25A. I CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED FROM THE CAUSES STATED		25B. PHYSICIAN—SIGNATURE AND DEGREE OR TITLE		25C. DATE SIGNED		25D. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE NUMBER	
	ATTENDED DECEDENT SINCE (ENTER MO. DA. YR.)		25E. TYPE PHYSICIAN'S NAME AND ADDRESS		6-17-88		G-10477	
	8-14-70 6-10-88		Arnold M. Stein-355 East 21st St., San Bernardino, CA					
INJURY INFORMATION	26. SPECIFY ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, ETC.		27. PLACE OF INJURY		28. PLURY AT WORK		29A. DATE OF INJURY—MONTH, DAY, YEAR	
							32B. HOUR	
CORONER'S USE ONLY	33. LOCATION (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION AND CITY OR TOWN)				34. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (EVENTS WHICH RESULTED IN INJURY)			
35A. I CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED FROM THE CAUSES STATED AS REQUESTED BY LAW I HAVE HELD AN INQUIRY- INVESTIGATION		35B. CORONER—SIGNATURE AND DEGREE OR TITLE		35C. DATE SIGNED				
36. DISPOSITION		37. DATE—MONTH, DAY, YEAR		38. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY		39. BURIALER'S LICENSE NUMBER AND SIGNATURE		
Burial		June 21, 1988		Mt. Olivet Cemetery-Salt Lake City, UT		6702 <i>Rayna T. By</i>		
40A. NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR (OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH)		40B. LICENSE NO.		41. LOCAL REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE		42. DATE ACCEPTED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR		
Bobbitt Memorial Chapel, Inc.		1133		G. R. Pettersen MD		JUN 20 1988		
STATE REGISTRAR		A		B		C		D

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Descendants of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli

Kenneth Keith Morelli

B: May. 04, 1929---D: June. 17, 1988

Son of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli



Brother Fortunata, Michael, Della, Emery, Mike, Frank, Henry, Lillian Marie & Carl

Husband of Emogene "Ritchie" Morelli.

Father of Candace, Debra, Sherri Lu & Kim Morelli.

Grandfather of Andrea, Melissa VanderMeyden, Aaron, Adam, Landon & Devin Smith, Emmie Sue, Michael Joel, Nicholas & Thomas Morelli.

Great Grandfather of Lilly Belle, Lydia Mae & Logan Trevor Foust, Colton Smith, Ruby Gene & Bo Douglas Stanger, Dominick, Vinni Kim, Easton & Kenny Morelli.

Gaetano Morelli & Caterina Ventura
B 08-24-1877 M 01-24-1914 B 05-02-1884
D 11-10-1941 D 05-04-1929

Kenneth Morelli & Emogene "Ritchie" Morelli
B 05-04-1929 M 09-09-1949 B 07-14-1918
D 06-17-1988 Div. 1969 D 06-19-2002
4 Children No
2nd wife Barbara Wahlberg M 12-06-1969 Kids

Kim Morelli
B 02-27-1958
M 07-15-1978

Mary Sue
Pilcher
B 03-26-1958

4 Children

Emmie Sue
Morelli
B 05-02-1979
Not Married

Brady Stanger
B 11-30-1981
2 Children

Bo Douglas
B 05-09-2015

Ruby Gene
B 07-13-2017

Michael Joe
Morelli
B 02-23-1981
Crissy Hoopes
B 07-27-1981
Never Married

Dominick
B 10-17-2001

Nicholas
Morelli
B 12-15-1982
No Children

Thomas Morelli
B 08-10-1984
Paige Harvey
M 07-01-2008
3 Children

Sherri Lu
Morelli
B 03-09-1954
M 04-22-1977

Richard Smith
B 01-13-1952
4 Children

Aaron Smith
B 03-13-1980-

Colten Smith
B 01-03-2009

Adam Smith
B 10-06-1981

Devin Smith
B 12-14-1984
D 03-03-2019

Landon Smith
B 08-14-1986
D 03-08-2008

Debra Morelli
B 06-03-1951
M 05-19-1989

Michael
Thornton
B 11-26-1946

Stepson:
Michael Alan
B 03-29-1967

Candance "Morelli"
B 02-18-1950
M 03-26-1970

John VanderMeyden
B 12-18-1941

2 Children

Andrea
VanderMeyden
B 11-09-1971
M

No Children

Melissa Debra
VanderMeyden
B 04-14-1983
M 07-31-2003
Trevor Lee Foust
B 01-16-1981

3 Children

Lilly Belle
B 03-20-2009

Lydia Mae
B 11-21-2011

Logan Trevor
B 08-31-2016

1) Vinnie Kim 2) Easton
B 02-25-2008 B 05-21-2010
3) Kenny B 06-19-2015