



Kenneth Northern

September 3, 1939 - April 2, 2026

Kenneth D. Northern, 86, passed away April 2, 2026. He was born September 3, 1939.

Kenneth lived a full and meaningful life grounded in service, education, and family. He proudly served in the United States Army, and that sense of duty stayed with him throughout his life.

He went on to earn his master's degree in education, something he was especially proud of, and spent 30 years teaching. Kenneth taught in several schools over the years before finishing his career with Dallas ISD. He loved history and took pride in helping his students understand it, often in ways that stayed with them long after they left his classroom.

Kenneth was also known for his love of politics. He enjoyed a good debate and never hesitated to share his thoughts. Whether you agreed with him or not, you always knew where he stood, and he wouldn't have had it any other way.

He was a proud Baylor University graduate and carried that pride with him throughout his life. More than anything, Kenneth loved his family and valued those relationships deeply.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Kathleen Chapman Northern and Thomas Ersell Northern.

He is survived by his brothers, Darrell Northern (Carolyn) of Blooming Grove, Tommy Northern of Junction, and Benny Northern (Aurora) of Red Oak; his sisters, Jan Curry (Johnny) of Waco and Debbie Gantt (Bobby) of Blooming Grove; as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Kenneth will be remembered as a man who valued education, stood firm in his beliefs, and cared deeply for his family. His life left a lasting impact on those who knew him.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Nephews will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Cemetery Details

Dresden Cemetery

13500 Farm to Market 744
Barry, TX 75102

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
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Funeral Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met Kenneth at a neighborhood party while visiting my grandmother in Blooming Grove when we were in high school. That friendship continued for many years through our time at Navarro into years after he graduated from Baylor and I graduated from North Texas. Have not seen him in many years but have such special memories of our long friendship. He will not be forgotten. To his family, I am sorry for your loss. Joy Littlejohn Roberts

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Thinking of your family and sending love during this time of loss.



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