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Kenneth V. "Kenny" Sidle, 90, of Hanover, Ohio died Tuesday morning, September 14, 2021 at his home of natural causes.

Born July 30, 1931 near Toboso, Ohio he was a son of the late David Vernon and Velva Viola (Victor) Sidle and he attended Hanover-Toboso High School. Kenny proudly served our country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War and he was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. He retired in 1986 from the maintenance department of Owens-Corning Fiberglas of Newark. Kenny was a devout Christian and for many years was a member of the Toboso Church of The Nazarene and more recently he attended Toboso United Methodist Church.

With the exception of his Lord, and his family, Kenny's greatest love was music. He began playing the fiddle at age five, having been taught by his father. In the years since he became a champion, and highly recognized, fiddle player throughout the Midwest and Canada. From the stage at Hillbilly Park near Hanover to the halls of Capitol Hill in Washington, DC his music has been enjoyed by thousands. Among his many accomplishments: Ohio Country and Western Music Association's Entertainer of the Year for eight years; multiple State Championship's in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee; playing in the staff band at Hillbilly Park, Frontier Ranch, WWVA Wheeling Jamboree, WMNI North American Country Cavalcade and Paint Valley Jamboree as well as numerous shows and square dances at Flowers Hall in Hanover; National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship Award, named him "a national music treasure," in 1988; Ohio Heritage Fellowship Award in 2012 and many other awards throughout the years. Kenny also received great enjoyment teaching his talents to young students. He became an instructor and taught many students through the Ohio Arts Council. He was a loving source of encouragement to his violin students and enjoyed watching their many accomplishments.

Surviving is his loving wife of 66 years, Evelyn L. (Wright) Sidle whom he married April 23, 1955; a daughter, Becky (David) Finckel of Newark; two sons, Kenny Dale Sidle of Newark and Gary David (Penney) Sidle of Lusaka, Zambia Africa; eight grandchildren, Brian (Vera) Finckel, Kris



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(Ron) Lohrman, Jr., Sara Finckel, Michael Sidle, Coleen (Darren) Warren, Lindsay (Kevin) Robinson, Alyssa Sidle and Josiah Sidle and four great grandchildren, Taylor and River Warren, Alexis Sidle and Naomi Grace Robinson. Also surviving is one brother, Wayne (Myrna) Sidle of Newark; three sisters, Mildred McKenzie of Gratiot, Ohio, Marge Schmitt of Newark and Verna (Carl Dean) Smith of Newark and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Roy, Dale and Chester Sidle and a sister, Eleanor Robison.

Calling hours will be 4pm to 8pm Monday, September 20, 2021 at the Frazeyburg Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 110 West Third Street.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Vanover and Pastor Rob Turner officiating. Kenny will be laid to rest in Hanover Cemetery where the Licking County Veterans Alliance will conduct Military rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to Toboso United Methodist Church, 2364 Gratiot Road, NE, Newark, Ohio 43056 or to the Nazarene Missions at bit.ly/donate-gpsidle.



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DS

Dave & Phyllis Schaller posted:

Our condolences go out to all of Kenny's family & friends. We saw him many times at Flowers Hall & other places in Newark. He was great & may he R.I.P.

December 4 at 3:41 AM

HU

Herb Sharfenaker Usmc posted:

God Bless and a Heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in "The Never Forgotten" Korean War..... And Semper Fi. Solider.

September 18 at 7:16 AM

MA

Marty And Don posted:

We will never forget Kenny; he was a rare American treasure! It was such fun when he and Troy Herdman would come to see us at Wildwood Music. He would share his songs and great stories of his happy travels and times, and would treat us to some of his WONDERFUL fiddle-playing! On one occasion he played at Coshocton High School with the Southeastern Ohio Symphony. All the cello players were struggling to keep up with Kenny, and one asked him where his music stand was...they were amazed that he could perform all his music by heart, while they needed complete music scores. We all know Kenny put his whole heart into all the songs he played!With sympathy,Marty Rodabaugh and Don McKayWildwood Music

September 18 at 6:48 AM

CH

Cheryl Hickman posted:

Dear family, so sorry for your loss. Lifting you all in prayer.

September 17 at 6:25 PM

RP

Ron Priest posted:

Kenny was one of nicest people who ever lived. He always had a smile and a pleasant word. He will be missed and I pray for all of his family. I know there are enough memories to always have a smile on your faces.

September 17 at 4:37 PM



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GT

Graden (Hoppy) Thomas posted:

Thanks for the memories.

September 16 at 11:16 PM

GT

Grade (Hoppy) Thomas posted:

Kenny was a very Talented musician, and friend and Im Blessed toHave known Him We Listened to alot of Music over the Yrs. Thank you for Sharing your precious Gift with all of us..... Prayers and Thoughts to the family at this Difficult Time. fly High Ole Friend

September 16 at 11:15 PM

RS

Rodney & Phyllis Swigert posted:

We enjoyed Kenny's playing several times over the years . . . I hope all the good memories will help ease the pain of his passing.

September 16 at 5:22 PM

PW

Pat White posted:

Sending prayers of comfort to the family. I listened to Kenny play at Flowers hall when just a child.

September 16 at 12:58 PM

DN

Debbie Richardson) Norris posted:

Kenny could play the fiddle like no one else. Best ever. Made Toboso proud.Condolences, prayers and sympathy to his family during this difficult time. I was reared in Toboso.

September 16 at 12:32 PM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the Sidle and Robison families , sorry to read of your loss. Your families are in our prayers. God will put Kenny to work with his fiddle.

September 16 at 12:12 PM



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Rick And Becky Martin Priest posted:

Our sincere sympathy to your family

September 16 at 11:29 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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