

William Patrick (Bill) Kenny

0/00/1924 – 12/22/1967

Burial location in St. Mary Cemetery is S6-07-04.

Obit in Sea Coast Echo on 12/28/1967 & Clarion Ledger on 12/23/1967 (see 2nd Obit)

Patrolman Kenny is crash victim

Final rites were Saturday for William Patrick (Bill) Kenny, 43, assistant inspector for the Mississippi Highway Patrol, District 8, who was killed early Friday morning in a traffic accident at Long Beach.

Requiem mass was at Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Msgr. James J. Hannon officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Carver Kenny, and two sons, Michael and David, all of Bay St. Louis.

A 17-year veteran of the highway patrol, Kenny was born May 14, 1924 and was alumnus of Boys Town, Neb., moving here in 1936. He attended St. Stanislaus College and the University of Mississippi and was a U.S. Air Force B-17 and B-29 air gunner in World War II.

Inspector Kenny was a member of the Knights of Columbus; American Legion; St. Stanislaus College Sideline Club; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church; Holy Name Society and the Mississippi-Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Assn.

Out of town dignitaries attending the funeral included Highway Safety Commissioner T.E. Birdsong; Chief of Patrol A.D. Morgan; Administrative Assistant Charles Marks, Director Giles Crisler, state police academy; Inspector Robert Burton, Jackson.

Pallbearers were Marion F. Fulks, chief inspector; Leon Burton, assistant inspector; and Patrolmen Joe Price, Bobby Parker, Pete Pope and Leonard Winstead.

Kenny was killed when his car hit a tree about 12:40 a.m. Friday near the intersection of US 90 and Trautman Avenue, Long Beach.

Originally thought to be a one car accident the incident led to a full scale investigation after an unidentified person reported to Long Beach patrolman J.I. Hooker that an automobile without lights had been observed travelling on Trautman Avenue about the time of the accident.

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After a search of the accident scene netted pieces of a second automobile and officers had received further information, a 1967 Mustang was located and Ronald David Henze, 30, of Long Beach, placed under arrest. He was booked at the Harrison County Jail.

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of manslaughter and leaving the scene of an accident.

A civilian employe at Mississippi Test Facility he was released on \$1,500 bond pending hearing on Jan. 8 before Justice of the Peace Martin P. Coulter.

Kenny, a lie detector machine expert, had been working late in the investigative section of the substation in Gulfport and was returning to his DuBarre Avenue home here at the time of the accident.



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INSPECTOR KENNY'S RITES SET

Gulfport – Funeral services for a ranking Mississippi Highway Patrol officer are scheduled at 10:15 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis.

Gulfport District Assistant Inspector William P. Kenny, 44, was killed early Friday when his patrol car was struck from behind by another vehicle, throwing the patrolman's into an oak tree at Long Beach, investigators said.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

A 30-year old man identified by the patrol as Ronald Davis Henze of Long Beach has been arrested and charged with involuntary manslaughter and leaving the scene of an accident, Patrol Inspector Marion Fulks said. Henze is a civilian employee of the Mississippi Test Facility in nearby Hancock County. He was released on \$1500 bond, officers said.

Fulks said Kenny had worked late and was driving toward his Bay St. Louis home when the accident occurred about 12:40 a.m. Friday. Initially, the patrol officer said, the accident was thought to be a one-car mishap but investigation at the scene disclosed evidence of a collision when debris of another car was located at the scene.

Kenny was a native of Omaha, Neb., and had graduated from Father Flanagan's Boys Home, Boys Town, Neb. He was a member of the

American Legion, the VFW, the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Association, the Knights of Columbus and held a private pilot's license.

The veteran patrol officer had recently attended the Keeler Polygraph Institute in Chicago and was also polygraph operator for the Patrol. He had attended the University of Mississippi as well as various law enforcement schools.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Carver Kenny, and two sons, Michael Walter and David Joseph.

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Note: Additional information from Find-A-Grave states:

Mr. Kenny was an alumnus of Boys Town, Nebraska. He moved to Bay St. Louis and graduated from St. Stanislaus and attended the University of Mississippi. William P. Kenny, a class of 1943 graduate, was inducted into the St. Stanislaus Hall of Fame in 1973. He had also in 1956 been chosen as Bay St. Louis' outstanding citizen.

The Daily Herald, Biloxi, MS

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2nd Obituary provided by Margaret Sarrat/HCHS in April 2021