



Kenneth Alan Phillips

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Kenneth Alan Phillips, 78, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 3 at his home in Millville, Delaware after a courageous five-year battle with cancer.

Ken was born in Cumberland, Maryland on July 24, 1942 to Wayne and Delphia Phillips. As a teenager, he was a gifted athlete—a standout in basketball, track and field, and football at Ridgely High School in Ridgely, West Virginia. Ken was crowned Homecoming King, named Most Popular and Most Courteous, and served as president of both the Honor Society and his high school class. After graduating in 1960, he left Cumberland to pursue a degree in math at West Virginia University. At the urging of one of his professors, Ken changed his major to aerospace engineering, eventually earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1964. During his time at WVU, he was a member of Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity. On June 6, 1964, he married his sweetheart, Sue Carol Chaney. (Their 61-year relationship began with a blind date!)

Ken shelved his plan to pursue a Master's degree in mathematics at the University of Maryland College Park when he was offered a position as an aerospace engineer by the Department of the Navy at the David Taylor Naval Surface Warfare Center in Carderock, Maryland. It was the first and only job of his career. Ken loved his work and was the recipient of numerous distinguished employee awards over the course of his 38-year career. Due to the level of Ken's security clearance, his family was largely in the dark about the nature of his work. (His son remembers cryptic references to propulsion and weapon systems on the F-14 and F-18. He was also on the team that developed the stealth bomber.) He retired in 2003.

Ken was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. In 2017, he and Sue moved from Damascus, Maryland—their home for more than 40 years—to the Delaware shore. In retirement Ken remained active in the Lions Club International, occupying various leadership roles. He enjoyed playing golf, following the WVU Mountaineers, and undertaking a wide-range of home projects.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by his adoring wife, Sue; his children: Kimberly Leggieri (Bob) and Craig Phillips (Erika); his four grandchildren: Drew Leggieri, Tori Konrad,



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Grace and Adelaide Phillips; his two great-grandchildren: Lily and Mason Konrad; his brother, Charlie Phillips (Regina); and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate this wonderful man on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Clarksville Chapel, 34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. A small reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the International Myeloma Foundation in his name. Select “donate and tribute” at www.myeloma.org. Donations may also be made to the Lord Baltimore Lion’s Club chapter, making checks payable to L.B.L.C., PO Box 525, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please include “In Memory of Lion Ken Phillips” in the memo section.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



Events

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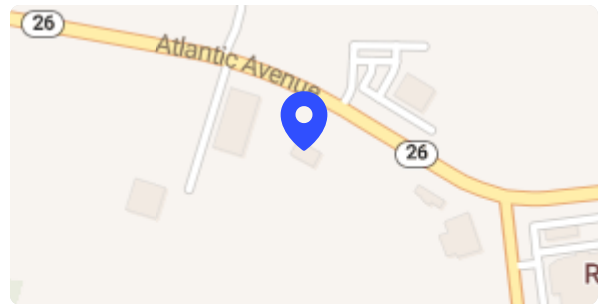
Flowers

Friday, June 11, 2021

8:00 AM ET

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel

34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View DE



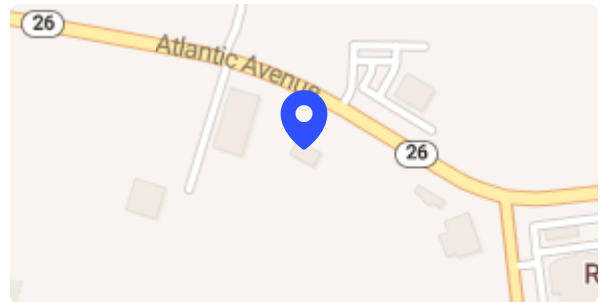
Visitation

Friday, June 11, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel

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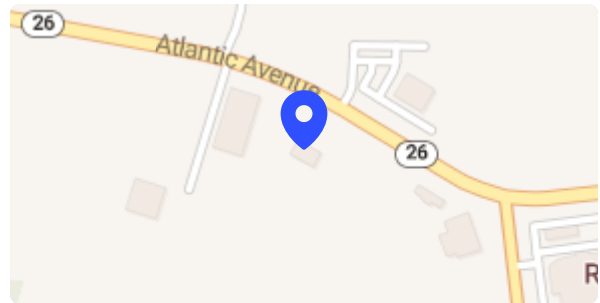
Memorial Service

Friday, June 11, 2021

11:00 AM ET

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Serena Augusto-Cox lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Dear Sue, We are very sorry for your loss and send you love and condolences. We'll always remember Ken as a kind man. We're pleased to have gotten to know both of you as we embarked on the next journey in our new home -- a home you both loved and filled with love. We've happily donated in Ken's honor to the Myeloma Foundation. Peace be with you, Serena, Cris, and Katerina Augusto-Cox Antonio, Pat, and Aaron Augusto



June 22 at 4:02 AM



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared an album called **Memories Album**.



June 14 at 12:05 PM



Brenda Peters posted:

Fond memories of Ken carpooling to Carderock to work....the many times he picked me up in Damascus so I could get work done on my car. My deepest to Sue and the rest of the family.

June 13 at 11:10 AM



Janet Woodfield posted:

I am very sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I worked at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (over 36 years) and lived in Mt. Airy. I met Ken in Damascus and we carpoled for many years. He was always steady and never got upset with all the crazy drivers we encountered. I remember listening to Craig's vocal and musical recordings during our travels, stories of Kim's children and Sue's quilting and sewing projects. My condolences go out to Sue, Craig, Kim and all the grandchildren and family members. I will always fondly remember him. Janet Woodfield

June 12 at 5:41 AM



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Ashley Rivera lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Kenny will forever be missed .. he always had a smile on his face each time I seen him. The way sue and Kenneth greeted me to the neighborhood i could never forget made me feel at home somewhere I should be . Grandparent figures to me. The love he had for sue sure was strong and will always remain . My heart hurts for the family. Kenny will be looking down at his wounderful wife , kids, grandkids and family friends knowing all that have supported him through his journey here on earth . We love you Kenneth and will miss you dearly. Sue I love you to the moon and back l'm just a phone call away.



June 12 at 5:13 AM



Jed Erickson posted:

Sue,Sorry I could not attend the services for Ken . Ever since we lost our only daughter 10 years ago I can not attend funerals.I will stop to see you in the near future and I want you to know that you can call me anytime I am here to help you.With LoveJed

June 12 at 4:09 AM



Candice Moran posted:

Sue,When I think of your dear husband, all I see is his smile and the obvious love he had for you. My heart breaks for you and your entire family. My love and prayers are with you today, tomorrow, and always. Big hugs my friend.

June 11 at 5:56 PM



Mary Beavers posted:

So sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy.Wayne and Mary Beavers

June 11 at 5:32 PM



Mary Beavers June 11 at 5:34 PM

So sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy! Mary and Wayne Beavers



Kay Chaney posted:

Kenny was my gentle, kind, caring & loving Brother in law that I'll miss forever.

June 11 at 1:48 PM



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RI

Richard Imes posted:

Dear Sue and family Jackie and I express our sorrow and extent our condolences. The RHS 1959 football quarterback will be greatly missed. In track Ken and I ran the 440 yards and the mile relay together. In the 440 yard run all I ever saw of Ken was his back and the bottom of this track shoes, he was fast. We shared many memorable times together on the gridiron and the oval track. May Ken forever be remembered for the kind gentle soul that he was. I will miss my friend.Dick Imes

June 11 at 11:52 AM

BS

Barnara Johnson Smith posted:

Sue and family, my deepest condolences and sympathy at this time. Kenny was a great classmate and friend. Always a gentleman.

June 10 at 7:15 PM

BS

Betty Shewbridge posted:

Sue and family, So very sorry to hear of the passing of Kenny. He was a great classmate and good friend. Always a smile and a gentleman, My condolences to all the family.Betty Shewbridge

June 10 at 4:04 PM

SR

Scott Bradfield, Relative posted:

Dear Sue and Family,So sad to read of Kenny's death. Our sincere sympathy to ALL of you.The memories of Kenny are the kind you like to have. Knowing someone as kind and caring as Kenny was heartwarming. His love for you and your family was always evident when we were together. A true gentleman. Heaven shines brighter due to Kenny's arrival. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the precious memories give you peace and comfort in the days to come. God bless you.Love, Scott Bradfield and Bryon

June 10 at 7:58 AM

TT

Tori And Matt Tomlinson sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Phillips family.



June 9 at 12:38 PM



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Tammy And Michael Abdalla posted:

We were saddened to hear of Ken's passing. We have made a donation in his name to the International Myeloma Foundation. Tammy and Michael Abdalla

June 9 at 10:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Phillips family.



June 9 at 6:31 AM



The Leggieri Family sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Phillips family.



June 8 at 3:46 PM



Nancy Leggieri posted:

Ken was one of the kindest men I've ever met. I know from his family that he was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Your loved ones will see you in Heaven. God bless!

June 8 at 3:25 PM



Bob L posted:

Always an awesome father but also a great man to have as a father-in-law! Love that man.

June 8 at 2:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Phillips family.



June 8 at 8:27 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Phillips family.



June 8 at 7:14 AM



Media

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

June 14 at 12:05 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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