



## Albert Kenneth Melear Sr.

October 10, 1930 - October 27, 2016

Mr. Albert Kenneth Melear, Sr. of Fayetteville passed away on October 27, 2016. Kenneth was best known as the owner of Melear's Barbecue in Fayetteville, GA where he opened his restaurant in 1957. During his time as owner of the restaurant, Kenneth was asked by Governor Jimmy Carter and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich to cater events at the Governor's Mansion and in Washington, DC. An Army veteran, and the Chief Magistrate Judge in Fayette County until 2002, Kenneth had a passion for politics and love of NASCAR. He was the son of the late J.V. and Ludie Melear and is survived by his son, Albert Kenneth (Ken) Melear, Jr. and his wife, Sharon of Fayetteville; sister, Edna Melear Mitchell of Fairburn; brother, Harvey Melear and his wife, Myra of Fairburn; grandchildren , Holly Melear; Albert Kenneth (Bert) Melear, III ; Michelle Melear and Michael Melear. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 31, 2016 at 11 o'clock at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Dr. Gene Tyre officiating. Interment to follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those wishing may send an online condolence at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to Southwest Christian Care, 7225 Lester Rd., Union City, GA 30290. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street  
Fairburn, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory  
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Fairburn, GA 30213  
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## Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Kenneth Melear Sr.*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - October 30, 2016 at 03:32 PM

SL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

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**sissy lewis** - October 31, 2016 at 07:34 AM

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**sissy lewis** - October 31, 2016 at 07:34 AM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - October 30, 2016 at 03:18 PM

SL

*Prayers going up ! Heaven anther great man !!! We had so many good times at the race cookouts ! R I P ! Kenny Melear , we love you ! 🙏 ( Sissy & Speedy )*

sissy lewis - October 31, 2016 at 05:52 AM

RD

“ *Taken under your wing in 1984. Best neighbor anyone could ever have. Harps are playing here and there. Sit back, grab one of those favorite cigars and enjoy the music. You gave far more than you received and so many will forever be grateful. Rest in Peace Kenny.*

*Kaylynn & Rodney Davis*

Rodney Davis - October 30, 2016 at 01:52 PM

DB

“ Many ,Many years were spent @ MELEAR'S BARBEQUE in Fayetteville, GA.

*I had the privilege of knowing Kenneth while serving twelve and one half years in the Kiwanis. Over the course of time many days and years were spent @ the race track both in Atlanta and Daytona. He always had a cigar, & a smile of pleasure on his face.*

*He served his country in the United States Army, and was the chief magistrate of Fayette county. I will forever remember and miss my friend for all those years.*

*My condolences to all the remaining family, R.I.P. Albert Kenneth Melear Sr.*

*Always your friend  
Donald Britt*

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**Donald Britt** - October 30, 2016 at 01:43 PM

RT

“ *Condolences to Kenny's family upon his passing. Besides eating Breakfast and BBQ at the restaurant I was among the group that made the overnight trip to Washington, DC when Kenny served lunch in the National Capitol building for the group from Fayette County who went for Newt Gingrich's installation as Speaker of the House of Representatives. That was one of those unforgettable experiences! Kenny was a 'more than unique" individual and is well-remembered! Rev. Bob Tyler*

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**Robert Tyler** - October 30, 2016 at 01:33 PM

LS

“ *We have so many memories of Kenneth joining our table when we ate at the restaurant. We will always remember his love of NASCAR and especially the wonderful barbecue served with the sweet tea in the big glass. We will surely miss this icon. Lynn & Kaye Stanfield*

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**Lynn & Kaye Stanfield** - October 29, 2016 at 04:45 PM

LH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. We have really fond memories of Kenny and our many conversations at the restaurant. Mr and Mrs. Lee Hicks.*

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**Lee and Joyce Hicks** - October 28, 2016 at 06:57 PM

BR

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**Bob Ruppenthal** - October 28, 2016 at 01:15 PM

BR

*I appreciated Kenny and his kindness toward me over the many years I knew him. I will miss my friend. My condolences and prayers for the family. - Bob Ruppenthal*

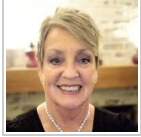
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**Bob Ruppenthal** - October 28, 2016 at 01:18 PM

LC

“ *Love, Johnnie, Richard, DeDe, Richie & Gary Carnes purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Albert Kenneth Melear Sr..*



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**Love, Johnnie, Richard, DeDe, Richie & Gary Carnes** -  
October 28, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May God grant you peace in the knowledge that Heaven has another angel..*  
*Patty O'Hara-Willey*

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**Patty Willey** - October 28, 2016 at 11:24 AM

JG

“ *Jerry Guwin lit a candle in memory of Albert Kenneth Melear Sr.*



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**Jerry Guwin** - October 28, 2016 at 10:34 AM

PM

“ *I would like to extend my prayers & thoughts to the Melear family. A passing of one of Fayette County's best loved citizen & treasures has left us, you will be missed. My Dad, Samuel B. Dixon would take us to eat Sunday Dinners at Melears Barbeque. I personally have know & loved Judge Melear since I was 8 years old & over the years when my husband & I would eat at Melears he would sit at our table & laugh with us. Thank you Judge Melear for being part of our lives & Fayette County History you will be truly missed! Good Speed Kenneth Melear.*

*Patsy Dixon McElwaney*

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**Patsy Dixon McElwaney** - October 28, 2016 at 10:09 AM

BJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kenneth's passing. Prayers for his family.

Becky Privett Jones - October 28, 2016 at 09:36 AM

MK

“ Gordon and I extend our deepest sympathy to all the Melear family upon the death of Kenneth. Although it was expected we are never ready to say the final good-bye. But remember death is only the end of the physical life and the beginning of an eternal life where we all will be rejoined with loved ones in our heavenly home. May the peace of God comfort you today and always.

Blessings,

Margaret Kilgore

Margaret Kilgore - October 27, 2016 at 10:40 PM



AH

“ Sorry, Had the pleasant of meeting Kenny when he opened Melears Barbecue in Fayetteville passing the location we always miss seeing it open now, May He Rest In Peace, God Bless all His Family remember all the good times. Patsy & Alvin Holt

Alvin Holt - October 27, 2016 at 07:56 PM



Jl

“ I saw Kenneth very seldom, but each time I enjoyed the visit! I also loved the food he served, He will be remembered, so long for now, Blessing to all remaining Family!!  
Jim & Barbara Turner

Jim - October 27, 2016 at 02:35 PM

OE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
May you find comfort and peace in the love  
and support of your family and friends.  
Owen and Bobbie Edge



Owen and Bobbie Edge - October 27, 2016 at 02:09 PM

JJ

A Giant of Fayette County has passed away. A friend to all who passed his way. A true friend and counselor to me for over 40 years. Johnnie L. Caldwell, Jr.

Johnnie L. Caldwell, Jr. - October 28, 2016 at 04:35 PM

RW

I am sorry to hear of the passing of Kenneth. He has been a good friend for a long time. Gene always considered him to be one of his best friends and we always enjoyed our time with him whether at Melear's or wherever else we were together. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Ruth D. West

Ruth D. West - October 28, 2016 at 07:13 PM

TD

So glad I had the pleasure of meeting him. He was a great friend that will forever be in my heart.

Teresa Dodson

Teresa Dodson - October 30, 2016 at 07:52 PM

CB

*Kenneth Melear was a caring, generous person, steadfastly loyal to his many friends, and a master of hospitality. He leaves a distinctive legacy of community service rendered unpretentiously from a simple, warm and natural concern for others. Thanks, Kenny, for your example, which for so long branded the community you loved and served. We'd do well to pay it forward in your honor. Charles and Jeanette Ballard.*

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**Charles T. Ballard** - October 31, 2016 at 08:27 AM