



## Kenneth Arnold

December 17, 1937 - August 16, 2024

Kenneth Harris Arnold, age 86, passed away on August 16, 2024, at his home in Riverdale, GA. Born December 17, 1937, Ken, a Delta Airlines retiree, spent his retirement continuing his lifelong passion for automobiles and supporting other like-minded auto enthusiasts.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Harris and Frances Arnold and sisters, Paula Arnold and Carol Burnett. He is survived by his devoted wife, Judith Arnold; his loving children, Jeff Arnold, Keith Arnold, and Denise Cashman.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 11 o'clock in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

5755 Mallory Road  
College Park, GA 30349

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory  
8355 Senoia Road  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
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## Funeral Service

AUG 20. 11:00 AM.

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth Arnold*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - August 20, 2024 at 01:07 PM

JC

“ *Ken was one of my husband, Jim Couch's, best friends. They were "Delta and car buddies" for approximately 50 years. Judy and Ken put-up with Jim's many pop-in visits to ask a question about a car or just to visit.*

*Ken saw me on the road home from Fayetteville one day and noticed that a tire on my car was almost flat, so, he followed me home to be sure that I got home safely, then changed the tire. No doubt, he did the same kind of thing for many other people. That was just the kind of guy that he was.*

*Judy, Keith, Jeff, Denise, and the rest of Ken's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jim, Paulette, Ben and I have had a better life because Ken was there. (Jim passed away 6 years ago.)*

*Love, Jenean Couch*

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**Jenean Couch** - October 27, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DT

“ Kenneth was best friends with my uncle Lamar. He was also a second brother to my mom Rilla. He was always willing to help my mom and I with any situation he could. I will always remember him for his smile, funny personality and helping me with my 1965 mustang. My prayers to Judith and his family.

David Terry - August 20, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Arnold.



August 19, 2024 at 12:05 PM

DG

“ Dean & Judi Gemberling purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Arnold.



Dean & Judi Gemberling - August 18, 2024 at 10:26 PM

JA

“ The smile displayed on the photo of Ken says it all. He was that kind of guy. Corvair Atlanta members will dearly miss him, especially those of the older Club faction. May you have a smooth ride home. My condolences to the family, Jack Allison

Jack Allison - August 18, 2024 at 03:23 PM

TF

“ Ted Fahrenthold planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Arnold.

Ted Fahrenthold - August 18, 2024 at 02:05 PM

TF

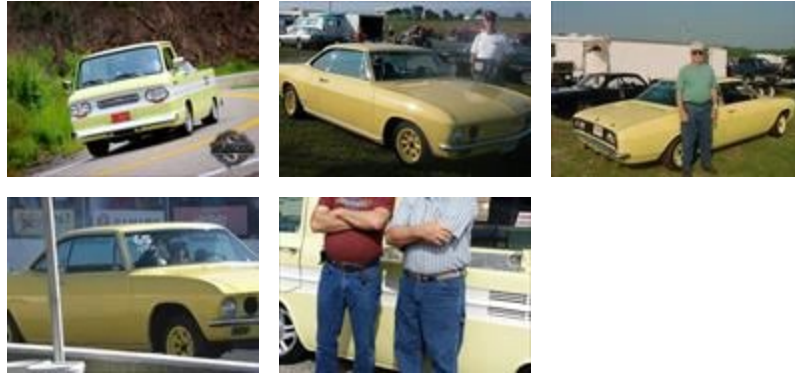
“ Ted Fahrenthold purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kenneth Arnold.



Ted Fahrenthold - August 18, 2024 at 02:05 PM

“ I met Ken in Helen, Georgia during the annual Corvair Springfest event in 2012, if I remember correctly. He was driving his baby, the 1963 Corvair 95 Rampside V8 pickup truck. I thought that truck was just the coolest Corvair I had ever seen with that 305 V8 in the bed along with the two-tone yellow & white paint scheme. He offered to take me for drive in the Rampside but for some unknown reason, I declined. Four years later, Ken tracked me down at the Cruising-To-The-Oldies Car Show in Senoia to invite up to his home because he was trying to downsize his collection of Corvair parts. When we spoke on the phone to finalize my visit, I told him "I'm coming up to visit you on one condition: I want that ride in the V8 Rampside!" To which he replied "OK, we'll drive to lunch in the yellow truck!". We had a great visit as I loaded up on Corvair parts and took the "nickel tour" of his shop as he recounted his many Corvair exploits. Driving to lunch was a real treat because everyone was waving at Ken and giving the thumbs-up seeing such a neat classic truck driving down the street. Then Ken floored the V8 Rampside from a stoplight and I got my first taste of that fast little truck. After lunch as I was preparing to head home, Ken said to me "I'm thinking about selling the V8 Rampside". Although I was nearly at a loss for words, I was smart enough to say "Hold it right there! I want first right of refusal, Ken!". Two weeks later, my son, JP, and I drove up to Ken & Judy's place to drive the V8 Rampside down to our home. That was the true beginning of our wonderful relationship. As we grew closer, our phone calls became more frequent and I made many more visits to see him and Judy. My Judi and I just loved meeting Ken and his Judy for lunch at Buckners. Ken loved to tease me about how good the "maters" (stewed tomatoes) were whenever we couldn't meet them to eat at Buckners. I would send him photos whenever I entered the V8 Rampside in a car show because I wanted him to enjoy the shows as much as I did. We affectionately called the V8 Rampside "OUR truck". Ken Arnold was a highly skilled mechanic, well-known Corvair enthusiast, V8 Corvair pioneer and Corvair racer. Most importantly, he was my mentor, my very close friend and my second Dad. My respect for Ken was exceeded only by my deep love for him. I will miss him terribly.

*Dean Gemberling*



Dean Gemberling - August 17, 2024 at 03:00 PM

GL

*I met Ken almost 50 years ago, we had lots of stories to be told. Ken was a very smart mechanic, he will be missed RIP KEN.*

Gerald M. Lamb - August 19, 2024 at 10:24 AM

JS

*Sorry to be so late with a response, but the National Corvair Convention work in Dayton kept me off the Corvair Center Forum and I was unaware of Ken's passing until now.*

*I first met Ken in 1999 when I bought the V-8 Corvair coupe that he helped his friend Jim Green build. Dave Jorgenson was the owner of Jim's car at that time, but Ken got it ready for the drive back to Dayton, Ohio from Atlanta. I asked Ken how he got to know Jim who lived in Michigan. Ken said they were in the army together and when Jim saw the V-8 Corvair Ken built he wanted one too. Ken found Jim a nice rust free GA car.*

*Ken and I stayed in contact over the years discussing the various aspects of the car, mainly the engine details. Several years ago, when Ken started downsizing, he had set of really nice cast aluminum valve for the car's V-8 engine for sale. It took a little bargaining, but we came to an agreed price, and they are now on my car. They came in the most secure box I could ever imagine. I think there was some wood working involved. I wish I had taken a picture.*

*Every time I open the trunk of the Corvair I'm looking at the floor of the upper part of the trunk which is also the cover for the radiator in the bottom part of the trunk made. My Corvair may be the only one in the country with a piece of aircraft honeycomb dividing the upper and lower halves of the trunk.*

*We also had a number of discussions a few months back when the V-8 registry wanted to make a written record of the details of the car's build. My last conversation was a little before the Convention in Dayton when I inquired if he was coming. He said he was not.*

*Ken's friend Jim Greene spent his later years in Georgia and Ken was a regular visitor when Jim was confined to a nursing home. Sadly, Jim passed away not that long before Ken's passing. Jim Stukenborg*

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**James L. Stukenborg** - August 26, 2024 at 04:26 PM