



Kenneth M. Matthews, Jr.

August 4, 1950 - March 15, 2024

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Preceded in death by parents: Kenneth M. Matthews Sr(Betty C.) , Betty Porter Harbin (Frank M), mother.

Survived by Carole Bomar Matthews, wife of 46 years

Son, Michael Kenneth Matthews (Julie)

Son, Stephen Bomar Matthews (Kristy)

Grandchildren, Briley Kate Matthews, Lennon Stephen Matthews, Leo August Matthews

Sister, Judi Matthews Sutton of Mobile, AL.

Nieces Traci Burnette, Melissa Dees (Eddie) and Alison Harris (Marty) all of Mobile. And Christina Brady (Jabin) of Satellite Beach, FL.

Ken was born in Greenwood, MS. He was a 1968 graduate of WP Davidson High School Mobile, AL and member of the Mobile Youth Symphony. He honorably served in the United States Coast Guard

At the age of 14, he became a sought after trumpeter for popular bands throughout the Gulf Coast. Subsequently, he was known as a powerful

singer/musician and continued to perform as long as he was physically able. Ken's vocal and songwriting abilities were captured on albums he recorded in New York City with noted producer Clyde Otis.

He attended Spring Hill College, University of South Alabama, and proudly the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Ken's love for the Gulf Coast included fishing, boating, and living on the water in Gulf Shores where he and Carole lived for 16 years. During that time they were members of Gulf Shores UMC and actively served several Update

A memorial service will be held at Gulf Shores Methodist Church - Sanctuary 1900 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores, AL, 36547 on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Family will gather around 1pm to greet friends, as possible.

Family and friends will gather in the church auditorium after the service for light food and fellowship.

Service will be live streamed on YouTube @Gulf Shores Methodist

In lieu of flowers, contributions may remade to your local food bank or online at www.DementiaSociety.org/donate.

Thank you for the many, many beautiful comments and prayers. ♥

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gulf Shores Methodist Church
1900 Gulf Shores Parkway
Gulf Shores, AL 36547

Memorial Service

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth M. Matthews, Jr.



Parrott Funeral Home - March 19, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JP

I first knew of Kenny in the late 1960s, through some of my former band members who had added him after I and several others had gone on to be in different groups. I met him the first time when I was with The Dalton Boys and a group he was with, played opposite sets with us on weekends. I was so impressed with his voice and overall talent and exuberance. Fast forward and many years later I was honored to visit with him, talk over old times and become genuine friends. This is a loss to all who knew and loved him. Sadly missed but never forgotten!

Jerry Powell - March 24, 2024 at 04:25 PM

MM

“ *Ken and I were friends for many years. There were times he would call just to shoot the bull or other times we would talk about the old days and how music had changed. The last 20 years I always made it a point to go by where he was playing in OB or Gulf Shores just to say hello and see how he was doing. Ken will be truly missed by all that knew him. Mickey McGill*

Mickey McGill - March 23, 2024 at 09:36 AM

JB

“ Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth M. Matthews, Jr.



Jayne Bennett - March 19, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - March 19, 2024 at 11:42 AM

DB

What wonderful pictures for you all to remember him

Dee Dee Brandt - March 20, 2024 at 03:54 PM