



Kenny Newsome

June 8, 1938 - March 11, 2021

Kenny Newsome, one of the last of the Russell High Wildcats of East Point, (Kenneth Duran Newsome, 82, of Sharpsburg, Ga), went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Kenny was born and raised in East Point, Ga, graduated from Russell High School in 1956. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from Ford Motor Company- Hapeville Plant in 1994 after 31 years of service. Kenny was an avid golfer and Georgia Tech fan, but his main passion was his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife and Sweet Pea of 27 years, Lauri Leake Newsome; son, Tommy Newsome (LaDon); daughter, Toni Fuller; stepchildren, Steven McKown (Tabitha), Missy White (David), 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; sister, Vicki Alley (Ronnie); sister in-law, Greta Newsome; beloved nieces and nephews; and cherished pets, Zacchie and Miss Blue.

He is preceded in death by his parents Thomas & Addie Newsome and his brother Gene.

A funeral service will be held Monday, March 15, 2021 at 2 o'clock at Crossroads Church, 3260 GA-16, Sharpsburg, GA 30277. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service at the church. Pastor Ken Adams

officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in College Park. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

5755 Mallory Road
College Park, GA 30349

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Crossroads Church
3260 Hwy 16
Sharpsburg
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Crossroads Church
3260 Hwy 16
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenny Newsome*



Parrott Funeral Home - March 13, 2021 at 02:16 PM

DB

“ *Lovely tribute video. I'll never forget his comment about doing less push-ups than he used to do (still doing push-ups in his 80's!)*

Darla Balas - March 18, 2021 at 09:13 PM

WM

“ *Kenny was a good friend..you have my deepest sympathy. He will be missed by all.. Wayne Mcwherter*

Wayne J Mcwherter - March 14, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenny Newsome.*



March 14, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kenny Newsome.*



March 14, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenny Newsome.*



March 14, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenny Newsome.*



March 13, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Father, Give the family peace as they walk this path.*

William and Verna Steele

Verna Steele - March 13, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - March 13, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kenny Newsome.



March 13, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenny Newsome.



March 13, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ There was a biscuit throwing incident. Still makes me laugh

Debbie Edwards - March 13, 2021 at 11:19 AM

WK

“ In our first Community Group, Ken and I were the two who always had the questions, the two without the answers. Praying for Laurie, the family and for Zach and the cat.

Wanda Kelley - March 13, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JB

“ Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of Kenny Newsome



Jayne Bennett - March 12, 2021 at 10:27 PM

RB

“ I'M NOT READY FOR THIS. I'M NOT SURE THAT I CAN LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND. TALKING GOLF, POLITICS, OR LISTENING TO HIS ARMY STORIES TODAY AND THEN HE'S NOT THERE THE NEXT DAY. THIS OLD MAN WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF MY LIFE UNTIL I JOIN HIM ON A GOLF COURSE IN HEAVEN. ALWAYS SMILING AND LAUGHING EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES. COULDN'T WALK ON WATER, BUT WOULD HOLD YOU UP WHEN YOU NEEDED IT. THE HOLE IN MY HEART MAY NEVER CLOSE, AS I STILL FEEL THAT I CAN PHONE HIM AND HEAR HIM LAUGH; WHEN HE SAYS; "WHAT DO YOU WANT DICKIE BELL, BROWN HIGH QUARTERBACK"? WILL NEVER FORGET HIS TALE ABOUT STEPPING OF A MILITARY SHIP IN NEW YORK DURING HIS ARMY TOUR. HE SAID HE WAS SO HAPPY HE PUSHED OVER A "PORT-A POTTY" AND OUT CRAWLED OUT A MARINE MASTER SERGEANT IN A "DRESS BLUE UNIFORM" SLIGHTLY MESSED UP !!! YEP; THEY TOOK HIM TO THE "BRIG"; BUT ONLY DISCHARGED HIM TO GET RID OF HIM !!!!! SEE YOU IN A LITTLE WHILE KENNY !!!

RIHARD BELL - March 12, 2021 at 10:26 PM

 Debbie
Holcomb

“ My memory of Kenny was his grin when he was "stirring the pot". He knew the reaction he was going to get, and he just waited for it. Kenny was loyal, a quality that only comes from being a great man. He was loyal to his family, his friends, his fur babies and Lauri. Ohhhhh....the "look" he had for her!! My he watch over her from above...if he isn't stirring the pot up there. Angels....keep him straight.

Debbie Holcomb - March 12, 2021 at 08:06 PM

BW

“ Kenny was the QB of our 1956 Russell football team. We weren't expected to do much that year, the team had just switched to the T formation from the single wing and we only had two starters from the previous year. But we shocked the region, winning 8 games losing one and tying one, and tying for the regions championship...one of Russell's best years ever! Kenny was the heart and soul of our team...his competitive drive and gritty toughness characterized that 1956 group of Wildcats. Kenny was a wonderful friend and his teammates share his loss and express our deepest sympathy with his family. Bob Weaver

Bob Weaver - March 12, 2021 at 07:22 PM

VB

“ Will always remember watching football with Ken, and his amazement that I actually knew a lot about football.

Vicki Leake Beck - March 12, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenny Newsome.*



March 12, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *I will miss my riding buddy. For years I drove Kenny around the course three times a week in the Sligh group. He was a member of the green bandit threesome. I know his Lord has a set of hybrids just for him. Kenny was a competitor and you always got his best. R.I.P. my good friend. I love you and will miss you greatly! Lots of great memories. Now, Bennett will not get any more of your money!!!!*

Andy Pittman - March 12, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Kenny's passing. We are now left with memories of all the times shared with him, and they were great. I know that after overcoming the shock of his loss the family will also enjoy reminiscing the wonderful times they shared with him. I am so glad to have known him and enjoy his companionship.*

Ron Landrum

Ron Landrum - March 12, 2021 at 03:19 PM

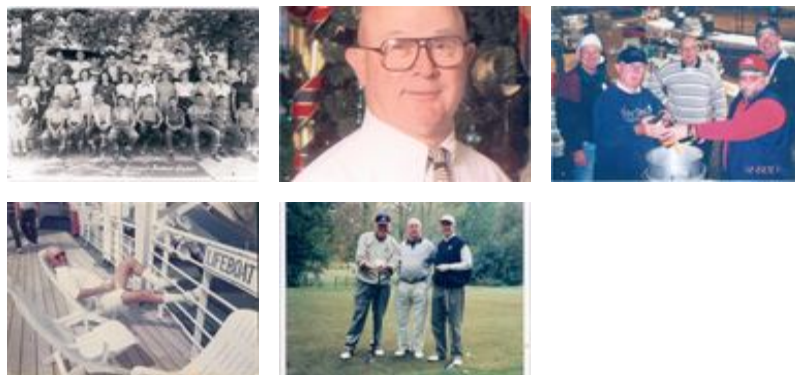
JP

“ Kenny was always one of my favorite people to sign in at Canongate to play golf. He always had a smile on his face a light that shined for Jesus! He will truly be missed. Swinging that hybrid on the streets of heaven! A true friend!

Janice Pittman - March 12, 2021 at 03:10 PM



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Parrott Funeral Home - March 12, 2021 at 03:08 PM

MS

“ While I will miss playing golf with Kenny and his "Green Tee Bandit" friends, I will miss most the times on the range with my friend talking about everything from sports to politics and life in general. He now knows he won't need a hybrid in Heaven.

Mitch Seabaugh - March 12, 2021 at 02:34 PM

AT

“ The family of Hayward Thames send their regrets. Dad thought a lot of Ken and spoke about him often when they worked together at Ford.

Allan Thames - March 12, 2021 at 01:44 PM

FB

“ I offer my heartfelt condolences to Kenny's family upon his sudden passing. All of his golf buddies are in shock at his loss. Today, as we played, several of us commented on how strange it was to be playing without him. I counted him as one of my best friends. We had played regularly together for five or six years and I had played off and on with him for 20 years. He was very supportive of me when I had a difficult surgery and rehab a couple of years ago. I will miss him dearly. I know the Lord will take him into his loving arms.
Freddy Burdeshaw

Fred Houston Burdeshaw - March 12, 2021 at 01:36 PM