



Mr. Kenneth Andrew Hood

December 27, 1954 - November 16, 2021

Kenneth Hood, or Kenny to those who knew him best, passed away Tuesday morning, November 16th, in the comfort of his home surrounded by family. Born on December 27th, 1954 in Columbia, SC to the late Werner Glenn Hood Jr. and Carolyn Joan Raines Hood, Kenny was the oldest of three siblings. He is predeceased by a sister, Karen Melinda Hood, and survived by his sister, Joan, niece, Kayla, and beloved dog Lily.

Kenny grew up in Blythewood, SC and even though he lived in Columbia the majority of his life, he always considered Blythewood home. Kenny graduated from Spring Valley High School in 1973 and after attending the University of South Carolina, began his career with Colonial Life Insurance company in 1978, where he worked for 42 years.

Some of Ken's favorite moments were spending time with his friends, enjoying a glass of red wine, and visiting Folly Beach. He especially enjoyed his Saturday lunches at DiPrato's and trips to New York with his longtime friend, Suzette. Whether you knew him as Kenny, Ken, or Uncle Bub, to know him was to love him. This love was expressed in the many cards, calls, and texts he received during his illness.

Many thanks to all of Ken's friends for their encouragement and support during his illness. In honor of Ken's memory, memorials should be made to a charity of your choice.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 o'clock Thursday, November 18th, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Chapel, Columbia, SC.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel

7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - November 17, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ Im going to Miss you Buddy. Love Myriam

Myriam Luyando - November 18, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ Rest In Peace ...

brenda matthews - November 18, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ I'll be missing you...Love Maria

Maria Barbosa - November 18, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ God took you in His loving arms, He saw you needed rest. His garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best. Rest In peace my friend.

Kathy Adams

Kathy Adams - November 18, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ What a beautiful remembrance video. Ken will be truly missed by all who knew him. I feel very blessed to have known Ken.

Sally Lambert Gibbs - November 18, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ The world will miss you, Ken. A real contributor and a great person! God has taken you into his loving arms now. Until we meet again, my friend.

Chris Boyce - November 19, 2021 at 05:17 AM



“ I'm so sorry that I missed Kenny's visitation with the family. Our hearts are saddened and we are praying the the Lord will comfort you all. Kenny was a dear cousin.

Lily - November 20, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ I am so sorry. I'll be missing you.

wendy g napper - November 20, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Ken, you were an amazing coworker willing to go above and beyond for others. Will definitely miss you. Grateful to have met such a wonderful person.

Heather Lozynski - November 22, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ I just learned of Kenny's passing. It is Friday morning and I happened to see the State paper from Thursday. I have not spoken with Kenny in several years. I knew him most of my life. He had a wonderful and generous spirit. My condolences to Joan and family.



Jack Hagood - November 19, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Kathy Adams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kenneth Andrew Hood.



Kathy Adams - November 18, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ Ken, was a legend in my eyes, he always dressed well, smelled great, good looking, had a sense of humor, and such a gentlemen. He greeted me with a smile, kiss, and a hug every time he saw me. He was so kind and compassionate to my husband and I. We have never had a dull moment together, we always laughed until our face hurt. It was such a pleasure working with him over the many years, and getting to know him. I am going to miss his pleasantness. He was just the greatest ever...To his sister Joan and niece Kayla take pride in knowing that Ken was loved by everyone that he crossed paths with. Our Prayers are that God will give you both the strength to endure such a loss as this.

Take Care,

Yolonda Byrd

Yolonda Byrd - November 18, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ Being friends with Joan for many years, I knew Kenny as the loving brother and uncle to Kayla. I heard of the shopping trips and family gatherings the family cherished. When I met Kenny several years ago it was like I had known him forever. He was so welcoming and kind. A big hearted person who knew how to show love to others. He will be missed.

Tracey Fisk - November 18, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Andrew Hood.



November 18, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was always kind and as helpful as anyone I've ever worked with at Colonial Life. Prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

Rest in peace,

Nash and Petrina Skiles

Nash and Petrina Skiles - November 18, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ Ken was one of the first people I met when I started working at Colonial Life. He was always such a pleasure to work with over the past 37 years. Ken's personality was welcoming to all as he was kind, inviting, engaging and helpful at all times. When we faced a family illness in my family- he checked in constantly offering words of encouragement and care. He was the source of laughter injecting his humor at the right time and keeping things in perspective and fun! One of the kindest, most caring and partnering people I have ever known. I will remember and miss him forever.

Peace my dear friend.

Bill Harmon

Bill Harmon - November 18, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ Ken helped create many of my fond memories from my Colonial days ! Such a dear and special man ! May those who mourn his passing find peace and comfort Rest well my dear friend !
Janice Worrall

Janice Worrall retired Colonial Family - November 18, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Ken was such a gentle soul who always greeted everyone with a smile. Having known him for over 35 years, he never met a stranger nor did he have an unkind word. I always enjoyed working with Ken and knew that he was always there to support me. He is truly going to be missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

Susan Whittle

Susan Whittle - November 18, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ I have never known a time that Ken was not there for anyone who needed help. He was so professional and so kind. He always had a big smile every time I saw him. Such a good man. He will definitely be missed. RIP Ken, you are with the angels now.

Cheryl - November 18, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Andrew Hood.



November 18, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ Polly Fanning-Phillips purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Kenneth Andrew Hood.



Polly Fanning-Phillips - November 18, 2021 at 07:17 AM



“ Joan and family, we are so sorry for your loss and praying for your comfort. Love
Connie Hollis Robertson and the Hollis family

Connie Robertson - November 17, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ Ken was a lovely man with a great spirit! He was kind, funny, a hard-worker, a gentle soul and good friend. He will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him.

Tracey Hamilton - November 17, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ I will miss Ken telling me and any woman he ran into how beautiful they were. I will miss him calling me and asking for forgiveness that his favorite pest is calling with another favor. He had the biggest smile. The biggest heart. That beautiful soul will be missed. Fly high Ken! <3

jennifer - November 17, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Ken was a lovely person to be around. A true light. A ready smile. A sincere word of encouragement. He will be missed!

Peace and comfort!
Murfi Lockhart

Murfi Lockhart - November 17, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ It is with much sadness that I write about Ken in the past tense. We became fast friends when we were both working at JB White's Dutch Square, a long time ago. Alas, both of us moved on to better jobs and new responsibilities and new friends but when I retired we began at dizzying speed to make up for lost time. On our many trips to New York City, we would walk and shop and walk and shop until we had just enough energy to make it back to our beloved GEM of a hotel in Chelsea. One of Ken's most favorite things was walking over to the Chelsea Pier and taking the Champagne Cruise out in the harbor at sunset.

I too am envious of his family friends who knew him by 'Kenny', and his many friends at Colonial who got to see him 5 days a week. He was such a special person – you could tell that he deeply appreciated everyone and everything in his orbit. Not long after he would enter a space he would be reaching out, making contacts. It would not take him long before he knew something about everyone in the room!

Yes I imagine it was a band of angels that swept him up when he left us early yesterday morning. May he rest in peace in God's hands, as he will rest in my memory forever.

Suzette Mangan-Bryson

Suzette - November 17, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Ken Hood. I had the pleasure of working with him during my time at Colonial Life and Ken was always the same friendly guy, always willing to answer my questions, and share a laugh whenever we met in the hallway or walking into or out of the building. He will truly be missed and my prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Rest in peace Ken.

O. M. Shiver - November 17, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ Suzette, Tommy, and Stephanie purchased the Divine Light for the family of Mr. Kenneth Andrew Hood.



Suzette, Tommy, and Stephanie - November 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ I knew Ken at Colonial and he was one of my favorite people there. Patient, kind, helpful and, as a special bonus, funny, Ken was someone whose company nourished you and made you happier after talking to him than you were before. I wish I'd been in his “Kenny” circle of friends. My prayers and sincere condolences to his family. I hope it's of some comfort to know how many people really cared about him.

Cindy Scott - November 17, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Ken was a treasure and it hurts to lose him. We had the same role for about 3 years and sat back to back from each other. We would go get coffee every morning and it was rare if he didn't bump into someone and gave them a hug. He touched a lot of people.

It was truly a blessing to build a friendship with one of the kindest people I've ever met. He lifted people up with his bright, cheery disposition, and he would surprise us with his mischievous and playful side.

We'll miss you dearly, Ken.

Aaron West - November 17, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ Did not know you a long time, but long enough to make an impact. Such a kind, gentle soul who put others before himself. Always had a kind word and a compliment. Always being true to himself and always smiling. You will never be forgotten. An angel to watch over us, until we meet again.

Roni Suann - November 17, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ Ken was a dear friend for 60 years. My heart is broken! My husband and children loved him. We shared love for laughter, work, family, plays of all types, passion for travel, and he was example to me of true service as he cared for his Mother. I adored his humor and lunch shared with him everyday at Springvile High..Fritos and a Mountain Dew! When we would share meals together as I visited it was if no time had past. I adore Kenny and our memories . God be with you till we meet again. Be well in God's care!

Karen Riley - November 16, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ Ken was a great friend to us. He was a very loving and caring person and always thought of others first. Yvette and I both had the great privilege of working with Ken at Colonial Life for 25+ years and he was not only a co-worker but someone that would go out of his way to help you in any way that he could. Ken was also a very funny guy and a great listener and was always there when you needed someone to talk to. We both will miss Ken dearly in our lives going forward, but we take great comfort knowing that he is no longer in pain and celebrating with the Angels!

Tony & Yvette Glenn

Tony Glenn - November 16, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ Amen

jennifer - November 17, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ This post is on behalf of all of the people who love & adore Ken Hood, and there are many. He was gentle, kind, thoughtful, and courageous. He had a wicked sense of humor. We lost him today to cancer - a battle this warrior took in stride. He devoted 43 years to Colonial Life. He loved his family, his work family, his sweet dog, & the many feral cats he refused to let go hungry. I never knew anyone to say a bad word about him, and if they did, they were a damn liar. What a hole his leaving has left. Fly to the angels, sweet Ken. What a difference you made in this world. You will not be forgotten.

Sonja Carnaggio - November 16, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ Amen

jennifer - November 17, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ Friends first, co-workers second for 35 years - that's a long time and today we lost you. I cannot even begin to explain the influence Ken Hood had on me during those 35 years. He taught me how to underwriter, provide top notch customer service but mostly how to torture co-workers, make them laugh and how to have fun in the workplace. He is a legend in the Underwriting department and everyone loved him so. No more Pasta Fresca dinners for us but I'll raise a glass of vino to you! Love and miss you!

Joan and Kayla he loved you both dearly and I am praying for you as I know there is a huge hole in your hearts today.

Ryan Stribling - November 16, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ My heart is broken. Kenny and I were friends for 60 years. His love and approval of me was a joy to me and my husband and children. We shared laughter, school, drama, fashion, love for travel, joy for making jokes, his love for his mother and family was an example to me. Be free good lookin .

Karen Riley - November 16, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ Ken was a dear, dear friend to me. I loved him for his wit and humor, but most of all for his kind heart.

Ken and I met over 25 years ago - I thought he hung the moon at Colonial! We often laughed because I was so intimidated by him at first. But we became fast friends and I quickly learned what a sweet and genuine person he was. We shared many good times, laughs, and even tears over the years.

While he will be missed terribly, I am thankful that he is healed and we can be assured there is an angel watching over us all.

Joan and Kayla, he loved you both dearly and I'm praying for your strength and healing.

With love,

Kristie Lundy

Kristie Lundy - November 16, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ All who knew him loved him. He had the most beautiful sly smile. A sad loss to all of us.

Pamela P Blackwell - November 17, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ My heart is broken. Ken was a very kind person. He would take time to talk with you and was a good listener. I worked with Ken for about 35 Years. He is soaring with the Angels. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Sally Lambert Gibbs

Sally Lambert Gibbs - November 17, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, I was a classmate of his 1st grade forward at Blythewood and later Spring Valley. A few years ago i found him on Facebook, but he got back off. It was good to see him at J B Whites a few times in the past. He was always smiling so I remember the smile everybody is talking about. Praying for God to comfort you his family and friends and give you his peace.

Debbie Loner Sloan

Deborah L Sloan - November 17, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ Kenny and I were friends for as long as I have memories. Our parents were friends and we went to school and church together.

When we were kids Kenny and I would gossip on the phone after school for hours about our day and who did or said what. We lost touch after high school and the last few times I saw Kenny he was working in JB Whites. I heard from his dad that he went to Colonial and had a great job which did not surprise anyone who knew him growing up. To Joan and her family please accept condolences from myself and my brother Dana on your loss. He is with his grandmother Lila, mom Carolyn, dad Glen and sister Karen now -a band of Angels there to meet him.

Cindi Mattox and Dana Mattox

Cynthia Mattox-Smith - November 18, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ Joan and Kayla, My deepest condolences to you. We lost an angel who gracefully filled all of hearts with love and laughter. I know Ken for over 20 years. Every morning he greeted me & everyone who passed his way with a big smile. I called Ken Mr. GQ because he always was styling in his Fashionista attire.. . We had so many laughs and always brought tears to my eyes. But most of all his Kindness and his Love is what made Ken special in everyone's heart. May the Lord comfort you and Kayla in this time of sorrow as the Gates of Heaven Open and gain a Beautiful Angel..Going to Miss You My Friend. Rest In Peace My Mr. QG..

Maria Barbosa - November 18, 2021 at 09:25 PM