



Ken Oliver

August 27, 2010

Ken Oliver passed away on August 27, 2010 while helping a friend get up hay. He was a native of Smith County and has lived in Murfreesboro for the past 36 years. He was a member of Belle Aire Baptist Church and worked for UPS for 32 years. Ken was a devoted husband and father. He loved the outdoors and he had a passion for horses. He was a devoted Christian and loved the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Lynn Oliver, sons; Joshua Ryan Oliver and wife Ashlie, Mathew Thomas Oliver and wife Amy, daughter, Kristi Oliver Grubbs and husband Russ of Wartrace, parents; Kenneth Oliver Sr. and Dorothy Ann Oliver, brother, Paul J. Oliver and wife Molly of Lascassas and children Jaylee, and Eli, mother-in-law, Connie McGill, granddaughters; Addie Grace Oliver and Averie Rose Oliver.

Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 29, 2010 at Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home. A chapel service will be 11:00 A.M. Monday at Jennings & Ayers with Brother Dean Sisk officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Active pallbearers will be Tommy Roddy, Jarrett Pistel, Ken Oldham, Ken Murray, Paul Oliver, and Dan Oliver. Jennings & Ayers, 820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. www.jenningsandayers.com

Book Travel to Services

Events

AUG **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home

820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

AUG **Interment**

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Roselawn Memorial Gardens

5350 NW Broad Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37129

AUG **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Becky,
Teresa and I were saddened at the news of the loss of your husband. Although we haven't kept in touch since high school, we remember both of you and your families. I remember Ken as a gentleman who was always nice to me.
May God grant you peace and comfort in your time of loss.
In Christ,
Kevin Petty
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church
Mt. Vernon, IN

Kevin Petty - Mt. Vernon, IN - high school friend - September 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken and Dot,
My heart was saddened to hear of my friend passing, but I was reminded of his testimony given at our church in Pleasant Shade. He said he had never rode in an airplane, but that someday he would take that Great Airplane Ride to Heaven. It has been many years ago, since we played together in the creek, and they remain fond memories to this day. My prayers are with you and your family.
Your friend, Jim

Jim Carter - Aubrey, TX - childhood friend - September 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of Kenny's family. I love each and every one of you. My heart is still aching and I really can't believe Kenny is gone. You are all in my prayers and on my mind all the time. I feel sooo blue and I just can't imagine what all of you are going thru. Kenny has always seemed like the little brother that I didn't have. We both stayed with Mammy and Pappy when we were small. He said I broke his arm(lol) while showing him how I could ride a bicycle with no hands with him on the back. I should have been whipped. Mammy was really upset with me. I loved him sooo much. He and I could always talk and I felt so close to him. When he came turkey hunting he would stop by and we had the best visits. He was a precious person. I had no doubt he loved me and all our family. Kenny always showed his love and was so friendly. I can just see that sweet smile. I just wanted all of you to know how much I loved him and that each one of you are in my prayers. I know God will get you thru. The preacher at the funeral said it well I really thought. We are really all just a vapor and gone so quiiickly and need to be ready when our time comes. I know Kenny was and I sure plan on seeing him in heaven. I know Pappy, Mammy, Uncle Vestal and my daddy were all so proud to see him when he got to heaven. I thank God for such a wonderful family that truly believes iin heartfelt salvation that you can really feel. I thank God for all of you Uncle Kenneth, Aunt Dot, Becky, Josh, Matt, Kristy, Paul any Molly. This has helped me in times of trouble hope it does you. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I know he will help you through.

God Bless all of you,
Janie

Janie Gregory Owen - Carthage, TN - First Cousin - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Becky, Bro. Ken and Mrs. Dot,

We were shocked and saddened by hearing of the loss of Ken. He always had a smile on his face when you saw him. He delivered to Reeves-Sain when I (Tammy) was working there and of course, this is where he was when he had his first heart attack. He also delivered to our house and when my dad (Jim Ashford) was living, he would often stop and talk to him if he saw him outside.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Even though we know that we will get to see him again in heaven, our hearts ache over the loss. I am sure that he and my dad have already met each other and are discussing how things are in Woodbury, TN. May God give you all His special peace. God bless you!

In Christ,
Roy and Tammy Freeze

Roy and Tammy (Ashford) Freeze - Woodbury, TN - friend - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sad to hear of Kens passing. Todd was just telling me of pulling up beside Ken in traffic and shelly started waving at him, and then to turn around and hear of your loss. He has now joined his next place of work, in heaven with Jesus. He has earned his wings in this life and now he has gone home to use them. We will sadly miss him at Hayes Bros Auto Care. He could just call in and tell me what he needed and I would squeeze him in no matter what the day had in store. I always enjoyed seeing his smiling face. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family in this time of need. If you need anything please feel free to call. God Bless!

Todd Murfreesboro, TN - friend and personal mechanic - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Gosh a lost for words { Ken } what a Great Person he was to us always the same ole Ken every time he pulled in my driveway we will miss him so much May God be with the family for the coming days and our Prayers are with you God knows best and he will be with you, We have a little Christmas Bell he made us we have sit it on our mantle every year and will for now on to remember him by. SADLY MISSED

Dale & Alice Prater - Woodbury, TN - Friend - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I just now found out about the passing of Ken...such a shock, we just saw him a few weeks ago..Ken would deliver to our home and I remember when he first started coming here, Ken and my husband would get in long discussions of the Lord...We have had alot of laughs together and spoke of each others families often. He was never to busy to say a friendly word or wave as he went by...He was a good man and I would like to think of him as a friend...Although he is no longer with us and he will be truely missed but I take comfort in knowing he is with our father.....My heart goes out to the family and we will keep you in our prayers.....
In Christs Love
Jeff & Tony Bratcher

jeffery and tony bratcher - friend - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry about your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you.

Candice and Jason Smith, Dwight and MaryJane Stone - Murfreesboro, TN - Friends/Co-workers of Famil -
August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We were sadden to hear of Ken's passing. He will be missed by those who were fortunate enough to have him deliver their packages. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Chris & Andrea Emberton - Woodbury, TN - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so shocked to hear the news of Ken passing. He has been our UPS deliver man for years and we shared many a conversation on my porch. He will be greatly missed, but will be remembered fondly for his kindness, and always that big smile.

My prayers and thoughts are with his family during this time.

Shirley Craddock

Shirley Craddock - Woodbury, TN - friend - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Becky and Family,

I heart is heavy for you at this time of your loss, but I know that God is with you to comfort and heal. Ken was such a great guy! Becky, I remember when the two of you

started dating in high school and it was so obvious how much you two were meant to be together. I was so honored to be a part of your wedding and even more honored to still call you one of my very best friends on earth! I know how much you will miss Ken and pray that you will find peace in knowing that he is with our Lord and Savior. I wish that I could be there for you. Please know that you are loved!!!

PEACE!

Nancy

Nancy MacNaughton - Richmond, VA - Friend - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken used to deliver at Dr. Deason's office where I work, then later delivered to my home. He was always such a kind, friendly man. I am so sorry for the family's loss. You all are in my Prayers.

Conswayla Mason - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Becky and family so sorry to hear about Ken he was a wonderful man. He brought several boxes to my house, he was very friendly and a sweet man will miss him dearly Doreen Phillips

Doreen Phillips - Woodbury, TN - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Becky, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver, and family ...my prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. Although we know Kenny is happy and content today in the presence of his precious Saviour, the loss of his companionship is going to sting for those who loved him and are left to face each day without him. May God comfort, guard and guide you as you walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Kenny will always be one of my favorite cowboys ... he and Scott were always so patient to put up with this bratty kid while she was attempting to learn ins and outs of horseback riding. Those were wonderful, carefree days; sweet memories of youth! Heaven is all the more dear now that my friend and brother in Christ is there.

God bless you and keep you and your children, Becky; may His loving arms comfort and shelter you during the hectic days and especially through the lonely night watches. God is good ... all the time and He is your source of strength!

Lorraine Renstrom Brooks - Nashville, TN - Friend - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ken wife and children, your husband and father was a great man and you knew he loved yall all very much by just talking to him.. I meet Ken about ten years ago, as he was the UPS driver at the time where I work. He also made me a swing for my front porch. I wish I could have made it to the funneral. Yall are n my prayers and the memories we all have of Ken well never be forgotten. May God be with yall.

Francine

Francine Francis - Readyville, TN - Friend - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Wendy Luna - Murfreesboro, TN - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kens family. He was a great friend and even though he worked in the high stress delivery business, he always took time to speak with us and ask about our health and family.
It will take some getting used to not seeing his smiling face when we see the local UPS delivery truck.
We apologize for not making it to the visitation but we were late in learning about this tragic loss. It is just like Ken to be helping someone else in his off time.

Ken will be missed.

Joe and JoAnn Francis - BRADYVILLE, TN - friend - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Becky, children, Dot & Ken,
Our hearts are with you at this time. We will be praying for all of you. Heaven is Sweet!
Jon and Donna Rice

jon and donna rice - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ There are no words to express how I sorrow with you and your family in this time of great loss. No words will truly comfort you now, but I know from recent experience of the loss of a husband myself that whether or not you can feel God's presence, He is here with you. Those who love deepest and were married for a long time will grieve deeply and for a long time. Allow yourself to do that and don't let anyone set a

timetable for you.

Ken was a gift for you from God.

Most sincerely and with heartfelt grief,
Candy Feathers

Candy Feathers - Murfreesboro, TN - Friend of family - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken, or Kenny as I knew him way back then, and I were very close when we were very young. I don't remember how we managed to get together since my Mom couldn't drive and my Dad worked hard at a sawmill all day but somehow we managed to play together quite a bit. My most vivid memory of Kenny and I being together was when we were with Pappy Oliver and Uncle Kenneth while they were cutting tobacco. They were hauling the tobacco using two mules and a sled. They used the mules because they couldn't afford a tractor and I suppose they used a sled because the hillside on which they grew the tobacco was so steep that if they used a wagon it would be more than the mules could handle coming down the hill and it would run away with them. Kenny and I would put in a hard days work, or at least that's the way I remember it, truth be told we probably spent the day playing while Pappy and Uncle Kenneth did the work, but anyhow at the end of the day Uncle Kenneth would unhitch the horses from the sled and we were allowed to ride them. I guess that was the beginning of Ken's love of horses. You would think we were Lone Ranger and Tonto. We had a great time. To Uncle Kenneth, Dot, Rebecca, the sons and daughter and grandchildren we want you to know that you are in our prayers. I leave you with a passage that means a lot to me and I hope it can give you some comfort. "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face to you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26. With all our love Bobby and Nancy

Bobby Carver - Lafayette, TN - 1st cousin - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I never had the privilege to meet Mr Oliver but I do know the pain and sorrow of loosing a dear loved one in death. You have our deepest sympathy at this sad and painful time. God's word the bible gives us so much hope. Here are some scriptures that gives us comfort; Rev. 21:3,4 ; John 5:28,29; Isa. 25:8,9. Again our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jimmie Muse - Murfreesboro, TN - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Ken and Dot my prayers are with you and all of your family I cant say I know how you feel but I can only imagine . Your friend Ann Towns

Ann Towns - Merritt Island, FL - friend of Ken Mom and Dad - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Becky and family....I was just telling my husband, Dwight, today of the first time I can remember you and Kenny together. Our youth group had a "Progressive Supper" and we rode this old school bus to different houses for a different course at each. If I'm not mistaken, we ended up at Kenny's house at the end of the night for dessert...homemade ice cream. I remember this as the night you first became a couple. I'm so sorry for your loss, and wish I could be there for you. Please know I'll be there in spirit. Remember the good times...and even some of the bad as they make you what you are....and cling to each other. You will never forget....and the pain will never go away.....but it will become easier to bear in time. Just know we love you and are praying for you.....Love, Brenda

Brenda Morton Sadler - Rossville, GA - High school acquaintance - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ He was such a good friend. He used to come by our shop everyday and most of the time, he would hang around, and talk about his family and what he was making. At the time, he was doing some woodworking. He was just such a people person. This picture is just the way I remember him. We always looked forward to him coming by.He is going to be so missed, even though it has been awhile since he delivered here. We really hated when his route got changed. UPS visits just weren't the same with someone else on his route. I'm sure alot of people are going to feel that way now. He was definitely one of a kind. We will have the family in our prayers.

Debbie and Spanky Webb - Murfreesboro, TN - Friend - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our daughter has an old Volkswagen and he delivered many packages to us. He was a great UPS man and we will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

James & Cheryl Pirtle - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts are with the family with their sudden loss of such good man. Ken always had a smile on his face and seemed to never meet a stranger. I can tell he touched many people and I am glad I got to know him. Great Man.....he will be missed.



“ Wish we could be there with you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Roger & Boots Hatridge - Uncle & Aunt - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Becky, My heart is heavy for you today as you try to grasp losing your dear husband. I lost my husband 1 year ago and I can say it was the worst day of my life. Hold tight to your family and friends and know that the Lord will surround you with his love. God is so faithful to care for us when we can't seem to go on. I will be praying for you.

To Bro Ken and Mrs. Dot, I love yall and am praying for you to be comforted in a way that only the Lord can. My heart is broken for you and your family. I will be lifting you up in prayer for the Lord to give you the peace that passes all understanding.

Linda Gilley - TN - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dot & Kenneth,

My heart goes out to you & all the family. It wasn't a son, but a husband that I suddenly lost also. If one hasn't experienced such, they have no idea how it is. The Lord know best & we have to accept his work, but it is soooo hard to understand. May the Lord be with you & comfort you in your hours of sorrow. We do have the assurance that we will see them again some day afterwhile. If it wasn't for that, just don't know how we could bare it.

Didn't hear about this until today at church. Sorry I won't be able to be there...but will be praying for you.

With love & deepest sympathy,
Glenda

Glenda Parkhurst Wilmore - 114 Stone Branch Rd Pleasant Shade, TN - Cousin - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Becky,
My heart aches for your loss. Me and the girls will be praying for the whole family through this difficult time. I never knew Kenny not to have a smile on his face, and his kindness reflected his heavenly Father.
I love you and God Bless you,

Jan

Isaiah 41:13 " For I am the Lord, your God who takes hold of your right hand, and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you."

Jan Hayes - Murfreesboro, TN - Friend - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss Him..He delivered to our Business, And we shared comon interest with our Horses...He helped my wife and me many times with our horses....Our prayers are with Ken and his family....I'm sure he's riding in Heaven.....

Hugh & Joyce Cobb - Woodbury, TN - Friend/ Horsman - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken was our UPS guy and later became friends, we all loved our horses, Ken and Jarrett helped us teach one of our young horse, I will always remember how much pleasure it gave him to be with his horses, he was so looking forward to retiring and having more time with his family and just to enjoy his hourse. We will miss his smile, and friendship

Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and children and may God see them through.

Joyce & Hugh Cobb - friend - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ken's sudden death. We got to know him through his UPS job and would talk with him. Had just seen him a couple of weeks ago, he was going to help in hay. We remember him having emus and talking to us about them.

It's so good to know that he is now rejoicing with Jesus.

Prentice & Anna Patrick - Auburntown, TN - Acquaintance through UPS - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sad for your loss, Becky. Please extend my condolences to all your family. This makes Heaven sweeter and the thoughts you will have thinking about what he is doing now will only make you smile when you think of all those gone before us. We'll see him again!

Linda Wells - Murfreesboro, TN - friend - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Oliver as we knew him was a very kind and sweet person. Not only did he deliver our packages to us but he also worked with my son, Tyler at UPS. It was just Thursday that we saw him and he blew his horn at Tyler as he was delivering packages on Lassiter Road. We were saddened when Tyler told us that Oliver had passed away. It was like losing a family member. We saw him everyday delivering packages on Lassiter Road. Our prayers and heart goes out to his family. He will be sadly missed on Lassiter Road in Readyville, Tennessee. He never met a stranger and always had time to chat with you a few minutes when he delivered you a package. In Christian love,
The Reeds:
Tony, Donna, Tyler and Alisha

The Reed Family - Ken was our UPS deliveryman - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family,
So sorry to hear about Ken. You are all in our prayers during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,
Phil & Rochelle Wyatt

Phil & Rochelle Wyatt - Friend - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Kristi, Matt, Becky and Josh and Families, Tommy and Sharon Roddy,

Bill and I are so sorry for the loss of your Daddy and Husband. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Kristi, I came to tell you how well Mason was doing, but didn't see you on Friday. I didn't know about your Daddy until this morning. Tommy Roddy called to tell us. We love each of you and you are in our thoughts and prayers,
Marilyn and Bill Bell

Marilyn and Bill Bell - Murfreesboro, TN - Teacher (OHS) and Friends - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Ken for 21 years. He was a wonderful example for us younger drivers. He was a kind spoken man - an example for Christ--an example to follow!! Ken, thank you; I will miss you, Ken!!!! Jason Kennedy. 2635 Brookrun Road, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. .

Jason Kennedy - UPS Co-worker - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so so sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Vernon & Sue Cook - Milton, TN - Friend - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM