

Kenneth Thompson

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Kenneth Lamar Thompson, 62, of Chattanooga, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2023, at his residence. He was born on May 17, 1960, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was next to the youngest of ten children born to the late Rev. Charles William and Ida Mae Thompson. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age, while attending Philadelphia Baptist Church with his parents. He later joined New United Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastorate of Bishop William M. Holloway and everyone at New United loved him. Kenny was educated in the Chattanooga Public School System. During his high school years, he served on the athletic training team under the leadership of Coach Robert High during the 1976-1978 basketball seasons. Kenny was a proud graduate of the 1978 Class of Brainerd (Rebels) High School. He continued his education at Chattanooga State Community College excelling in Auto Mechanics. Kenneth's parents were very instrumental in ensuring he was well-equipped to support himself. They even bought him a car and his dad customized it to fit him perfectly. Kenny learned a great deal from his father, who could build and repair almost anything. Kenny worked in construction, mechanics, and like his father, was often referred to as a jack of all trades. Kenny's remarkable ability to repair just about anything resulted in numerous and various types of jobs. He was a natural born salesman and entrepreneur – oftentimes observing and finding something that needed fixed and successfully convincing others that they needed 'him' for that job. Kenny's excellent construction work was known throughout Chattanooga it even landed him a full-time job with a construction company in Virginia. Upon returning to Chattanooga, Kenny continued his work in auto mechanics and construction. He was always on the go. Oftentimes you could find him under the hood of a car, on top of a roof, or riding with others as they worked on various jobs throughout Chattanooga. One such job that Kenny took great pride in was assisting (the late Bishop) W. C. Hunter Construction Company as



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they built homes throughout the community. KT was proud to be a resident of the Eastdale community. Kenny always managed to find his way back to Rockway Drive no matter where he was even if he had to walk. He was often referred to as the “Mayor of Eastdale.” He was very helpful during election times at Eastdale Recreation Center as a poll worker. Kenny was most proud of the fact that he could cast his vote for the candidate of his choice; it meant a lot to him, and he never missed an opportunity to vote. Kenny enjoyed playing Solitaire when he was home and sitting on the porch to wave at everyone who passed through. Kenny was very well connected throughout Chattanooga, and he was loved even more by all who spent time with him. His favorite pastime for decades was sitting on the Through Street curb waving at everyone who passed. The “Mayor of Eastdale” never met a stranger and it was important to him that everyone at least gets the signature salute type wave from him. Truly, Through Street, Moss Street, and Rockway Drive will never be the same, but the memories of Kenny, a.k.a. KT, the beloved mayor of Eastdale, will last a lifetime! Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Charles W. Thompson and Ida Mae Thompson; grandparents, Savannah Rutledge, Charlie Thompson, and Rufus and Mozelle Anderson; aunts, Minnie (Eddie) Wilkerson, Mary (Ba’Ruth) Anderson, Ruby (William) Hall, Sylvia A. Leslie; brothers-in-law, Theodore Parks and Terry Parks. Survivors include his sisters, Sharon T. Parks, Gloria T. Parks, Carolyn T. (Bishop Dr. Mark) Sandilands, Rhonda J. Jackson, Pamela T. Jackson, Cynthia Thompson (Ward), all of Chattanooga; brothers, Michael (Betty) Thompson of Chattanooga and Charles (Sharon) Thompson of Newport News, VA; uncle, Alonza (Lil Bro) Anderson; aunt, Valerie Anderson of Chattanooga; 21 nieces and nephews, Kimberly Thompson, Darryl (Faith) Thompson, Kelvin (Tyenece) Parks, Yolanda (Robert) Finney, Demetrius Scott (Tiki) Carter, Stephen Jackson, Timothy (Tekail) Williams, Antoinette Lynn Frye, Geanno (Magnolia) Thompson, Dextric (Trace) Thompson, Corey L. Thompson, Terrence (Catrice) Parks, Shauniqua Jackson, LaTasha Jackson, Tremayne Parks, Mandel Jackson, James Darrell Ward, Jr., Anesha Thompson, Marcus High, Mario Sandilands, Megan Sandilands; a host of great nieces; great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Wilson will serve as the eulogist.




Events


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Lie-In-State


 **Thursday**, January 26, 2023


 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET


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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411

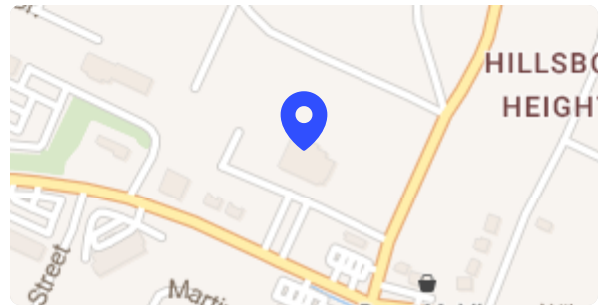


Service


 **Friday**, January 27, 2023

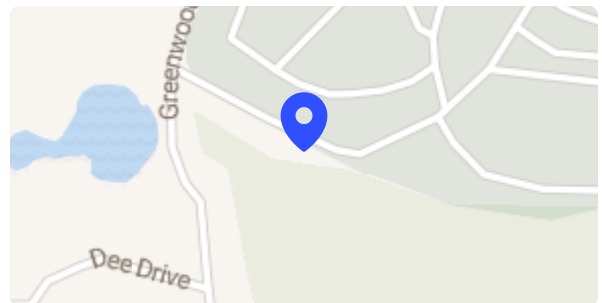
 12:00 PM ET

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Cemetery Details

 **Greenwood Cemetery**
1954 Greenwood Road, Chattanooga TN 37406





Tribute Wall

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ST

Sharon Turner lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

He became a close friend he would sit on the curbside waving at you when you pass through and I would pull over and we would talk sometimes I would take him to the store and then drop him off he was always smiling he was genuinely a sweet person and I will truly miss him. Rest In peace Kenny ❤️❤️❤️

February 27 at 10:58 AM



IL

India Lee lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

February 7 at 10:55 PM



FG

Faye Grissom lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

February 1 at 7:49 PM



DF

Diane Ellison & Family lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 28 at 9:12 AM



CM

Cheryl Jackson-Mack lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 27 at 5:58 AM



PB

Perry L Bates lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 26 at 4:39 PM





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B

Beverly Zuber Sales lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 26 at 4:29 PM



MV

Mary Virginia posted:

My heartfelt condolences to my family. I love you all! Mary Virginia Burton Gray

January 26 at 12:55 PM

AM

Angela Ramsey-Mills lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 26 at 11:48 AM



AM

Angela Ramsey-Mills January 26 at 11:51 AM

Condolences from the Ramsey Family and you Eastdale/Foxwood Heights Community.

KA

Kassandra posted:

My condolences to the family. KT you will surely be missed in the Eastdale area.

January 24 at 5:13 AM

MW

Maxine Ware lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 23 at 4:58 PM



KA

Katrina Alexander lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 23 at 4:03 PM





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JS

Jeffery Smith lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 23 at 4:06 AM



RQ

Richard & Linda Qualls lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 22 at 11:57 AM



KR

Kookie Rollins lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 22 at 3:05 AM



TB

Thomasa Ballou lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 21 at 7:39 PM



CF

Comm. Greg And Pat Beck And Family. lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

January 21 at 7:25 PM



PT

Pamela Toney lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Our sincere condolences and prayers to KT's family. He was very much loved and will surely be missed.....Donald and Pamela Toney & family.

January 21 at 5:41 PM





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MP

Margie Penn lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.



January 21 at 3:36 PM

MP

Margie Penn January 21 at 3:37 PM
Will always miss you and your little corner of the world. RIP

MG

Mary Garner lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

My condolences to Kenny and his family Mrs. Vonzell Smith-Garner and Family



January 21 at 9:02 AM

JT

James Ardis Toney posted:

condolences from the toney family ardis ,cedric, danny,don,greg may god bless the family

January 21 at 8:24 AM

BS

Brenda F Sims lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

My condolences to KT family.



January 21 at 6:40 AM

DP

Dawn Johnson Price posted:

My Condolences to KT family and friends we were neighbors RIP

January 20 at 12:44 PM

KT

Kassandra D Terrell lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.



January 20 at 7:28 AM



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Kassandra D Terrell posted:

My heartfelt prayers and condolences are with his family. KT was such a joy to be around. He was so funny. He kept us laughing and entertained. He looked out for us on Rockway. We (my family)truly loved KT. He will forever be in our hearts. Rest easy KT

January 20 at 7:27 AM



Nettie Wright January 28 at 8:01 AM

Sincere condolences and prayers to KT's family. God will take of you. all   



Cyrus L Carter lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.



January 19 at 3:38 PM



Renee P Sharp lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.



January 18 at 3:55 AM



Gracelia Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of Kenneth.

Condolences to the Thompson family. May he Rest In Peace.



January 17 at 5:39 PM



The Robinson Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thompson family.



January 17 at 7:56 AM



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SM

Silk Moorer posted:

My deepest condolences to the Thompson family for your lost. Rest easy KT you will be missed greatly here in Eastdale!The Moorers

January 17 at 5:38 AM

AM

Alice J. Montgomery lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Cindy, Shirley, Pam, Carolyn and Michael and Families. My sincerest Condolences and Prayers to you all in the passing of Kenny. My Prayer is that"GOD will be to your Family whatever you need HIM TO BE",at this most difficult time in your lives. Just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and I love you all. May GOD BLESS AND KEEP EACH OF YOU. ~ Nita Kilgore-Montgomery



January 15 at 5:43 PM

GM

Gwendolyn V Mcdowell posted:

Sending my condolence to the family Kenneth was my class mate 1978 Brainerd High you will be missed Gwen

January 14 at 9:52 PM

PG

Pamela Griffin lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Sorry for your loss, sending my condolences to the family and pray God will be you all stronghold during this time of bereavement.



January 14 at 7:28 AM

RF **Robinson Family** January 17 at 7:52 AM

Sending prayers, love, and hugs from the Robinson Family. We are going to miss seeing him sitting under our car port and seeing him as we drive up Through St. Our hearts and prayers are with the Thompson family.

VH **Veronica Hunter** January 16 at 3:33 PM

Sending up prayers for the Thompson family, May GOD keep and give you strength at this time with love.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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