



Kenneth Larry Burgess

February 3, 2010

Kenneth Larry Burgess, 73 went to be with the Lord February 3, 2010. He was born the son of the late Ray and Mary Burgess in NC.

Ken, AKA "coach" was a graduate of East Carolina University where he was an outstanding football player. He continued his education at William and Mary receiving a master's degree. Ken dedicated his life to his family, friends and youth he coached and taught, in the Tidewater area. He served Portsmouth and Chesapeake Public Schools for 48 years, relishing in the accomplishments of those he inspired.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 50 years, Katherine Newton Burgess, his son Kenneth Burgess Jr., twin daughters Trudy Burgess and her husband Jeffrey Bennett, Judy Smith and her twin sons Cameron and Conley Smith who were the apples of his eye.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday February 7th at 3pm in the chapel of Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave, Portsmouth.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Trudy and Judy,

I do not know if you remember me, but I sure remember you all and your dad!! What an awesome man he was. I did not find out about his passing until this past week. I am so sorry to hear it! May you find peace in knowing that he is in a great place. Love to all of you and God Bless!!

*Dawn Andrews Bennington
WBHS Class of 82'##imported-begin##Dawn Andrews
Bennington##imported-end##*

February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family, I just want you to know Mr Burgess was one of my teachers/sponsors at WBHS in the 70s. And I have alot of fond memories of him and his kind spirit, and I have thought of him often. I'm sorry to hear of your loss and may God comfort your family during this time.##imported-begin##Sheila Brown Smith##imported-end##

February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

May God comfort and bless you in this time of mourning. You and your entire family is our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Michael, Bonnie and family

Jeff's brothers family##imported-begin##Michael and Bonnie

Bennett##imported-end##

February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kathy, Kenny, Judy & Trudy, Our deepest sympathies to all of you for your loss. He was a good neighbor and friend in sports.*

Steve, Debbie, Jeremy & Tim##imported-begin##Steve & Debbie Balch##imported-end##

February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kathy, Kenny, Judy and Trudy.*

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. We lived next door to you all for lots of years, and enjoyed your friendship. Ken was always a good neighbor and a good friend. I know you will miss him so very much. May he rest in peace. God Bless You All.##imported-begin##Jerry and Jessie Ferrell##imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Kat, Ken, Tru, Ju, Cam, and Con,
I am sorry you have lost a loving husband, father, pawpaw and most
of all a great friend. I know you are feeling lost right now, but know
he is in a better place pain free and able to walk better than ever!!
You have so many memories to cherish of him. If you need anything
let me know. I wish I could have been there for each of you today. I
know it has been a long weekend. LOVE YOU ALL, Martha aka
Marty###imported-begin##Martha Hill###imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy and prayers go out to the family. Ken and I were
classmates in the class of 54 at Williams High in Burlington,
NC.###imported-begin##Carl Burke###imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear about Uncle Ken's death. I hope you can
cherish the memories and find peace and comfort.
Love, Cindy Myers Daigre###imported-begin##Cindy
Daigre###imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Ken very well. He and I graduated from Williams High
school in Burlington, N.C. in 1954. The family are in my
prayers.###imported-begin##Charles L. Foster, Jr.###imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach was my track coach at Churchland High School in the early 60's. I will always remember him as a man totally dedicated to his profession.##imported-begin##Terry Helms##imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I have known Kenny for many years we worked football as officials together and we sat beside one another at PIT running the clocks for many years.I will miss Kenny my best to all of the family at this time. May God Bless you.##imported-begin##Larry Hollowell##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ As a classmate and teammate in three high school sports with Ken, I was sadden to hear of his departure. Ken will be greatly missed, but has already hear "well done my son, enter into the joy of the Lord". Blessings and celebrate a life that has inspired many.##imported-begin##Bob Roach##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Katherine,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss.
Although we have never met my husband, Jerry Redmon and his mother always spoke very highly of you.
Its going on four years since my Jerry has gone to be with his mom in heaven. But I know that they would want you to know that God is with you and your family and that He will always be there for you to give you stength and guidance during your most difficult times.

Sincerely,
Pat Redmon###imported-begin###Patricia Redmon###imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was lucky enough to get to know the man I knew as "coach" these past few months. Sitting and talking with him would completely make my night. Hours would pass without my even noticing. Not only was he wise and so easy to talk to, he could also make me laugh and feel loved so effortlessly. I'm so lucky to have encoutered him on my journey. He will never be forgotten...###imported-begin###Tina Andrade###imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire Burgess family my sincere and deepest sympathy in the loss of Big Ken. I have so many fond memories of his positive attitude, friendliness, and contagious smile. He could make the smallest job sound like the most important task in the world. I can still hear his southern accent calling out my name on the intercom to this day. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Much love,
Kris###imported-begin###Kris Neumann Rushing###imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *A Message From Heaven*

*I am not so far from you
Just a little way beyond
Past the cares and past the pain
Far past my earthly bonds*

*Take comfort when you think of me
Keep my love alive in your heart
And with the warmth of each memory
We will never be apart*

*Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one.##imported-
begin##Bill and Meme Thompson##imported-end##*

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have many memories; especially when Kenny played
Churchland baseball, and then went on to VMI. Blessings to all of
you, Carl and Kendall Rhodes##imported-begin##Carl and Kendall
Rhodes##imported-end##*

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a member of the 1961 through 1965 track team at Churchland
High School, my memories are of a man that was a mentor to many
young people both on and off the track.
Coach, I'll never forget you.##imported-begin##Billy
McGlaughon##imported-end##*

February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh my sweet Poppy.I love you so much.What am I gonna do w/out you Poppy?Please help me like you always did.Iwant to shave your beard again,hear your jokes,&see your eyes light for me&the boys.I want to feel you hug me &tell me"Baby it will be ok"You are my rock,strength,best man Poppy. Youve guided,protected,provided for me always. Your love pulls me thru. You came to the hospital when you could hardly walk to give me wil when I lost mine. Youve struggled a long time w/your precious heart.Now its working fine!Your feet/legs are no longer swollen but I still wish I could rub them again&cook you a big fat hamburger. You're walking with ease & running fast again. Youre such a tough man but my gentle,kind-spirited Poppy.I'm so blessed youre my Daddy Poppy. Youre Cameron&Conley's hero PawPaw.Me&Tru will take care of Mom&the boys alone now.Dont worry.We'll make you proud.Rest now Poppy.Have a cold one for me&if you can, please let me see you again because I cant let you go. Your best girl,Judy###imported-begin###Judy###imported-end###

February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ God's perfect peace, His all understanding comfort, His compassionate grace be with you all. LOTS of love and prayers.

###imported-begin###Greg and Lisa Barmer###imported-end###

February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Love to all of the family. Our hearts our with you all,

Jessie, Cathy and Lukie Luke###imported-begin###Jessica Bollinger###imported-end###

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“ Occasionally, we are graced with the presence of an earth bound angel.

They are unable to stay with us for long, but while they do, they bring unprecedented joy and happiness to all they touch. Thank you Mr. Burgess for the impact you have made in my life. I will miss you dearly but memories of you will be just a smile away.

God looked around His garden

And found an empty place.

He then looked down upon the earth

And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you

And lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful

He always takes the best.

He saw the road was getting rough

And the hills were hard to climb,

So He closed your weary eyelids

And whispered "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you

But you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you

*The day God called you home.##imported-begin##jeff
bennett##imported-end##*

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