



Kenneth Thompson

May 17, 1960 - January 12, 2023

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 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.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1954 Greenwood Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN 26. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Service

JAN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ 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💙💙💙



Sharon Turner - February 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM

IL

“ India Lee lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson



India lee - February 08, 2023 at 02:55 AM

FG

“ Faye Grissom lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson



Faye Grissom - February 01, 2023 at 11:49 PM

DF

“ *Diane Ellison & Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Diane Ellison & family - January 28, 2023 at 01:12 PM

CJ

“ *Cheryl Jackson-Mack lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Cheryl Jackson-Mack - January 27, 2023 at 09:58 AM

PB

“ *Perry L Bates lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Perry L Bates - January 26, 2023 at 08:39 PM

B

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Beverly Sales - January 26, 2023 at 08:29 PM

MV

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

Mary Virginia - January 26, 2023 at 04:55 PM

AR

“ *Angela Ramsey-Mills lit a candle in memory
of Kenneth Thompson*



Angela Ramsey-Mills - January 26, 2023 at 03:48 PM

AR

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

Angela Ramsey-Mills - January 26, 2023 at 03:51 PM

KA

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

Kassandra - January 24, 2023 at 09:13 AM

MW

“ *Maxine Ware lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Thompson*



Maxine Ware - January 23, 2023 at 08:58 PM

KA

“ Katrina Alexander lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Thompson



Katrina Alexander - January 23, 2023 at 08:03 PM

JS

“ Jeffery Smith lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Thompson



Jeffery Smith - January 23, 2023 at 08:06 AM

RQ

“ Richard & Linda Qualls lit a candle in memory
of Kenneth Thompson



Richard & Linda Qualls - January 22, 2023 at 03:57 PM

KR

“ Kookie Rollins lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Thompson



Kookie Rollins - January 22, 2023 at 07:05 AM

TB

“ *Thomasa Ballou lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Thomasa Ballou - January 21, 2023 at 11:39 PM

CF

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck And Family. lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck and family. - January 21, 2023 at 11:25 PM



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



Pamela Toney - January 21, 2023 at 09:41 PM

MP

“ *Margie Penn lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



margie penn - January 21, 2023 at 07:36 PM

MP

Will always miss you and your little corner of the world. RIP

margie penn - January 21, 2023 at 07:37 PM

MG

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



Mary Garner - January 21, 2023 at 01:02 PM

JT

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

james ardis toney - January 21, 2023 at 12:24 PM

BS

“ *My condolences to KT family.*



Brenda F Sims - January 21, 2023 at 10:40 AM

DP

“ *My Condolences to KT family and friends we were neighbors RIP*

Dawn Johnson Price - January 20, 2023 at 04:44 PM

KT

“ *Kassandra D Terrell lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Kassandra D Terrell - January 20, 2023 at 11:28 AM

KT

“ *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*

Kassandra D Terrell - January 20, 2023 at 11:27 AM

NW

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

Nettie Wright - January 28, 2023 at 12:01 PM

CC

“ *Cyrus L Carter lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Thompson*



Cyrus L Carter - January 19, 2023 at 07:38 PM

RS

“ Renee P Sharp lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Thompson



Renee P Sharp - January 18, 2023 at 07:55 AM

GM

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



Gracelia Moore - January 17, 2023 at 09:39 PM

TF

“ The Robinson Family purchased the Simply Eleg
ant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth
Thompson.



The Robinson Family - January 17, 2023 at 11:56 AM

SM

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

The Moorer's

Silk Moorer - January 17, 2023 at 09:38 AM

AM

“ 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



Alice J. Montgomery - January 15, 2023 at 09:43 PM

GM

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

Gwendolyn V McDowell - January 15, 2023 at 01:52 AM

PG

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



Pamela Griffin - January 14, 2023 at 11:28 AM

VH

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

Veronica Hunter - January 16, 2023 at 07:33 PM

RF

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.

Robinson Family - January 17, 2023 at 11:52 AM