



Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson

January 18, 1961 - March 29, 2020

Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson, age 59, of Springdale went to be with the Lord on March 29, 2020. He was born January 18, 1961 to Lester and Marilyn Stevenson in Springdale, AR. He was preceded in death by his father Lester Stevenson. He is survived by his mother, Marilyn Stevenson, his sister and husband, Gweenece and Charlie Walden all of Springdale, two daughters Jennifer and Alisa, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins and a host of friends.

Ken was a member of The Springdale First Church of the Nazarene. He graduated from Springdale High School where he was a star football player. He was a life-long resident of Springdale where he coached and referred kids of all ages in football, baseball, basketball and volleyball. He had a special talent for bringing out the best in every child he coached.

Ken's passion was riding his Harley, it was where he felt free and at "Peace" with the world. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. A graveside service will be held Saturday April 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at Friendship Cemetery in Springdale, AR. Condolences may be expressed at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

1980 E. Friendship Road
Springdale, AR 72764
<http://www.friendship-cemetery.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *RIP Kenny 🎓❤️ SHS 79*



Deborah Allen Uhl - June 27, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *Ken was always the life of the class during high school and at subsequent reunions. He will be greatly missed. Praying for all of you.*

Cyndie (Reed) Lyon - April 22, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ *Sybil Fink More lit a candle in memory of Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson*



sybil fink more - April 21, 2020 at 11:28 AM

ML

“ Kenny was always the life of the party. He knew how to make everyone laugh. I was a classmate of his at Springdale High. I remember him playing football. He put his whole heart into it. He was fun to watch. I live in Cali and I had gotten some bad news about my mother’s health. Ken found out I was in town and he paid me and my Mom a visit. He made us laugh so hard we were almost crying. Kenny will be missed. Rest In Peace my brother till we meet again. Marci McLaughlin

marci lang - April 04, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JM

“ Jeff Mason lit a candle in memory of Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson



Jeff Mason - April 03, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ My Brother Ken Stevenson We met in the mid 1980s and over the next 35 years became team mates on the ball field developed a life long friendship and brotherhood that could not be broken! Started Golfing when the ball-field was getting tuff on the old legs, Then riding our Harley's when the golfing got tuff on the old backs, We discussed Religion, Politics, Sports, Women, Children, Thru all the years and literally hundreds of activities, events, party's, We always had a blast and we never "Divorced" each other, never had a fight, argument, or even a serious disagreement!! Not many friendships can say that. Something I learned over time when we planned on meeting somewhere, be it a party of 10 or a concert of 10,000 Knew i would find you in the middle of the crowd where the people were laughing and having the MOST FUN! Lots of people thought you were ruff and tuff but those close to you knew the softer side of you who loved kids, and kittens 😊 coaching, officiating games, and the love for your Family and friends. So Brother Gosh imma miss you bad but when my time is up and i go thru the pearly gates I will know where to find you, I will just look for the Angels wildly flapping their wings, laughing, and having the best time cause I know You will be right in the middle of it 🙏 Love you bud



Rick Boone - April 03, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson.



April 03, 2020 at 09:21 PM

LT

“ Will always hear you laughing! RIP Kenny!!



Lisa Jo Trollinger-Sisemore - April 03, 2020 at 06:56 PM

PC

“ We were so sad to hear of Kenneth's passing. May God bring you all some peace.

Paul and Linda Cox

Paul Cox - April 03, 2020 at 02:07 PM

MR

“ So sad to hear of Kenny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He was a great teammate and an all around good guy. A Springdale icon- he will be missed. Glen & Melody Rush

Melody Rush - April 02, 2020 at 10:24 PM

SL

“ Gweenece, we are saddened to hear of your loss. You are in our prayers.

Steve & Debbie Loudermilk

steve loudermilk - April 02, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Fly high Kenny, You will be missed I have so many great memories of you and I coaching football for many years. Go Viking !! I remember when you stop by the workout room at Springdale Highschool, and you said out team was special, that we would make it to State and we did that year and won !! Glass of 83. You will never be forgotten RIP Kenny. ❤️



Heather Baker Evans - April 01, 2020 at 09:16 PM



This was a from my husband Billy Baker

Heather Baker Evans - April 01, 2020 at 09:18 PM

RB

Prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

Rhonda Brown - April 02, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson.



April 01, 2020 at 10:46 AM

TR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Tom Reed - April 01, 2020 at 09:58 AM

RF

“ I first met Ken in 1973 when he was a 7th grader at Central Jr. High. Ken was one of those players you wanted to coach. I was blessed to have done that for 5 years.
He will be missed!
Coach Fears

Roy Fears - April 01, 2020 at 09:39 AM

RM

“ Rhonda and Phillip Mallard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson.



Rhonda and Phillip Mallard - April 01, 2020 at 07:11 AM

SP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Gweenece, and your family. We are saddened to hear of your loss!
Deepest Sympathies,
Darla Nash & Sherri Phillips Payne



Sherri Phillips Payne - March 31, 2020 at 11:01 PM

LG

“ Ken was hilarious and a lot of fun. He was always smiling, good for joke. To his family I'm truly sorry for your loss

Larry Goheen - March 31, 2020 at 11:01 PM

AH

“ Aunt Marilyn and family, I am saddened to hear of Ken’s passing. He was always so kind to me with a big smile and a hug. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God grant comfort and strength to each of you.

Anna Harp - March 31, 2020 at 10:59 PM

WA

“ Have many fond memories of Kenny; played a lot of softball together. He was a great guy. He will be missed. We send our love and prayers to the family.
Wolfgang & Rhonda

Wolfgang Albrecht - March 31, 2020 at 09:43 PM

MS

“ I have known Kenny since I was in 9th grade, I think....Since he would have been a senior then; it was really to his credit that he would have even been kind to a lowly 9th grader...But he always was.....many many years, when I had my own children, they played 4 sports, often times Kenny was at games or working games....he took time to get to know every kid could, mine included and always made them feel special, worthy and important.....He will dearly missed....What a wonderful personality he had and the kindest heart.....

Prayers up for his family at this very sad time

Meagan Steele

Meagan Steele - March 31, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LJ

“ To the family, I am sending my heartfelt prayers.

I have known Ken since junior high. He will always be remembered for his zest for life, his crazy loud laugh and his mega smile. He had such a passion for youth and youth sports. It was his destiny and his calling as he had such joy inspiring young children in sports.

In high school, Ken was the epitome of passion for everything " Bulldogs ". He was the SHS Class of 79 true leader for the football team.

Even post graduation, over the years, he was always the one that wanted to have the reunions and wanted to get classmates back together. He was the spark and the fun light of our class.

He treasured his friends and always made them feel important. I am blessed for the friendship I had with him over the years as he always took the time to ask how you were, the family is, etc.

I am thankful we got to see him at our class reunion this past summer.

Ken, your passion, love of life, and commitment to the youth of the community and youth sports will be your legacy.

We will miss you, Ken!

Lisa Phillips-Jahnke, SHS Class of 79, GO BULLDOGS

Lisa Jahnke - March 31, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ A really good dude. Did so much for youth sports in this area. Selfless. Honest. Fun to work with. Our fellow gym rat. Will be missed. RIP brother.

Scott and Gretchen Silva

Gretchen Misener Silva - March 31, 2020 at 07:36 PM

BC

“ Ken was always smiling and giving to the kids of Springdale. This is heartbreaking but he has left a legacy and memories for us all. RIP my friend.

Blair Cartwright - March 31, 2020 at 07:20 PM

ET

“ Marilyn, my sympathy at your loss. Jones Truck lines 1957-58
Euletta Sohl Thompson

Euletta Sohl Thompson - March 31, 2020 at 05:43 PM

SS

“ I knew ken in high school rip to his family may
you Rest In Peace



shelley stjohn - March 31, 2020 at 05:31 PM

BD

“ I'm having a hard time imagining Kenny is gone. Every memory I have of him involves a smile and a laugh. Gweenece I pray you and your family members have a lifetime of those blessings in your heart to keep you going. Kenny would want that. God grant you all peace. Love you, Brenda Davis Dunnam



Brenda Dunnam - March 31, 2020 at 05:13 PM

TP

“ Ken and I coached youth center football for several years together (RAMS), and I am proud to say that he coached all 3 of my sons during those youth center football years. I've known Ken since my freshman year of college at UAM, and he loved coaching and mentoring kids! Debbie and I are praying for the family, thank you Ken for all the great memories with our sons.

Tim Pruitt - March 31, 2020 at 05:06 PM

SJ

“ Oh Kenny what a character!! I don't know anyone that didn't love Kenny. His infectious personality and great smile were always on display. Kenny and I were Bulldog teammates. Ken and I coached youth center football together when we were in college. He put his heart and soul into those kids and taught them much more than how to play the game. He taught them work ethic, discipline, always having your brothers back, the meaning of team and most of all to have fun.

I am very proud to have called him my teammate, friend and brother. Saddened by the loss of such a good friend but knowing Ken he wouldn't want anyone to be sad. He would want us all to remember some of the crazy things we did together and laugh...I can hear him now. Rest in Peace buddy.

Stan Jackson

Stan Jackson - March 31, 2020 at 04:23 PM

DG

“ Where to begin? Kenny & I grew into the teenage years together at The Nazarene Church. His family & mine were friends through the years. In High School we maintained that friendship which led to a few dates & simply hanging out together at his house or mine. We laughed together and cried together. Underneath both his humor & tough exterior there was a tremendous gentleness. Kenny loved his family, loved life, and loved laughter.

My heart goes out to his Mom Marilyn & little sister Gweenece along with other close friends & family. Kenny Stevenson you made a difference & made the most out of what the Lord gifted you with. I personally thank you for all the sweetness & kindness you blessed me with back in those crazy teenage years.

My prayers for peace & comfort upon all broken hearts.

Damita Teague Grigg - March 31, 2020 at 03:31 PM

DG

“ *Damita Teague Grigg lit a candle in memory of Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson*



Damita Teague Grigg - March 31, 2020 at 03:13 PM

JS

“ *Kenny was a good dude. Knew him since Junior High School. We had some fun. Probably too much. Gone too soon, for sure. -James Stillwell Springdale Class of '79*

James Stillwell - March 31, 2020 at 02:05 PM

LL

“ *I will truly miss Kenny. He was a mentor to me as a player, then when we coached together, and when we were involved in baseball. He taught me more lessons than he knew. Springdale community lost a great one. RIP my friend.*

Larry Clinkscales II - March 31, 2020 at 01:34 PM

SP

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of Kenny's passing. So many fond memories of him in high school! My deepest sympathy to all the family.
Prayers 🙏*

Sherri Phillips Payne - March 31, 2020 at 01:23 PM

DL

“ Kenny and I reffed Springdale Youth Footbal and Kiwanis Kids Day together for many years. I will miss his laugh and his love for the kids and the game. He will be missed by so many.

Doug Liles - March 31, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DU

“ Kenny was a inspiration to many people! Always making me laugh. I am so glad I got to see him at our high school reunion this past summer. And it's not goodbye but see ya later . My prayers for the family and friends , I am so sorry for your loss. ❤️

Debbie Uhl - March 31, 2020 at 01:04 PM

MN

“ I will miss him greatly. He and Billy Baker and I coached football together for years. He was a funny funny guy. Made me laugh all the time. He loved winning as did Billy and I. The red dog pride never wavered. (NEVER) Kenny did love his motorcycle although we never got a chance to ride together. I am ashamed about that.Kenny go easy dog keep blowing that whistle stating what in the cat hair were you thinking man! Lol. Love ya bro I'm so sorry.

Mike Neil - March 31, 2020 at 12:37 PM

GC

“ Greg Culp- I'm so sorry of the loss of one of my best friends in high school, college and through the years. I've spent many nights at his house and felt welcomed by all his family as it was my own. Wish we could go back and spend more time together but I will see you in heaven. Sure gonna miss Kenny and will treasure all the great memories . Class of 79 go bulldogs

greg and carla culp - March 31, 2020 at 12:22 PM



I was hoping you knew Greg, gonna miss him!

Rick Boone - April 03, 2020 at 07:45 PM

ZD

“ *To the family, I want you to know that Kenny was loved by all of us, and will be deeply missed. We pray for your loss during this difficult time.*

Kenny was a great guy who loved the Springdale Bulldogs! His passion for the Red and White was surpassed by no one, and I remember fondly how he always would wear his senior letter jacket. He was always so proud to be a Bulldog!!

He was a very good football and baseball player that I had the honor to be his teammate for several years. He made us laugh all the time with his great sense of humor. He was a great teammate that we will all miss dearly.

Kenny, Dale Jones, and I had great times when we were in auto mechanics together as seniors. Coach Smith allowed us to tear his old Ford pick up truck engine down and rebuild it. I remember several times the 3 of us had to run out of class for parts for the truck that somehow always took us to a convenience store just on the other side of the Oklahoma border in Siloam Springs. Not sure what that was about! :-)

Love you Kenny and you will forever be the epitome of what a Springdale Bulldog should be!

-Zane Drake, class of '79

Zane Drake - March 31, 2020 at 12:04 PM

RF

“ I first remember meeting Kenny in junior high, when we all used to hang out at the Springdale Youth Center on Friday and Saturday nights. Even though we went to different junior highs, I immediately wanted to be his friend. Kenny had such a contagious personality and you always wanted to be around him. You always knew where he was just by hearing his great, and loud, laugh. When we finally became classmates, and teammates in high school, one could not ask for a better and loyal teammate and friend than Kenny. I know Kenny loved being a Bulldog! For anyone who may have thought different, I can tell you, he WAS the leader of our team. Kenny was the first one there and the last to leave, everyday. He led us out on the field for every game and he gave his heart and soul to be a Red Dog. I know he continued with this passion after high school by staying in Springdale and coaching youth teams for years. No matter where or when I have seen Kenny over the years, he was still the same, great, full of life guy, laughing and loving life like he has always been. I am so saddened that you are gone. RIP my friend, my teammate. You are the one and only Red Dog.

Rick Fine - March 31, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Kenny and I met in elementary school even though we went to different schools. My mom was the secretary at Washington Elementary so, during breaks like Spring Break, Christmas break, etc., I would be up there as my mom was still working. Since Kenny lived across the street, he would come over and we would play catch or whatever. We played baseball and then went to junior and high school together. Kenny was always a blast to be around, cracking jokes and having fun. Although we didn't see each other as often over the last several years, we still considered each other friends and talked every time we saw each other. It was great seeing Kenny at a couple of our planning meetings for our class reunion and the class reunion itself. RIP Kenny, I will never forget you. Prayers for the family.

Ken Robertson - March 31, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Mike D Burnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth (Ken) Lester Stevenson



Mike D Burnett - March 31, 2020 at 11:13 AM



Loved by all his laugh and his smile I do not think in 50 years of knowing him that I ever seen him with out one or both. Such a very kind man. God Bless you Kenny until we meet again Love you brother.

Mike D Burnett - March 31, 2020 at 11:17 AM



I am so very sorry! Kenny was a great friend to my brother, Jeff. He was also so kind to my dad and our whole family. God Bless you, KennY!

Katherine Brock Boeckman - March 31, 2020 at 10:09 PM