



Kenneth Matthews

February 20, 1962 - April 9, 2007

Kenneth Barry Matthews age 45 of Soddy Daisy died Monday April 9, 2007 in his home.

He was born February 20, 1962 in Jackson, MS.

He lived most of his life in Hamilton and Rhea Counties and retired as a Staff Sergeant with the USMC. After his retirement with the USMC he worked with Middle Tennessee Gas Company in Dayton as the office manager.

He is survived by his wife Whit (Briscoe) Matthews, his four daughters, Kellett, Catron, Cantrelle and Cole Matthews all of Dayton, his parents, Jesse and Gwendolyn (Cole) Matthews of Jackson, MS, his sister, Donna Cummings of Reno, NV, four brothers, Alan Matthews of Memphis, Print Matthews of Brandon, MS, Brett Matthews of Ridgeland, MS and Keith Matthews of Dallas, TX.

Graveside services for Kenneth will be held Friday at 11am in Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors.

The family is being served by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Thursday 6-8pm.

Please share your memories with the family on their on-line guestbook at
www.vanderwallfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ To all of Ken's family- Eventhough we have been out of touch for so many years my memories of Ken and Whit are still vivid and full of love and laughter. Words fail me in expressing the loss I know that all of you are going through and I pray to God that all of you find comfort in His grace and compassion.##imported-begin##Mrs. Martha Huch Fleming##imported-end##

April 19, 2007 at 02:14 PM



“ We will miss you and your laughter our Prays will be with you.##imported-begin##Roger and Ena##imported-end##

April 17, 2007 at 07:10 PM



“ Dear Matthews family, We are sorry for your time of loss. Your family will be in our hearts and prayers. - Jason, Cheryl, Alex, Jackson, & Lainey##imported-begin##Jason, Cheryl, Alex, Jackson, & Lainey Fitzgerald##imported-end##

April 15, 2007 at 02:53 PM



“ Dear Matthews family, We are sorry for your time of loss. Your family will be in our hearts and prayers. - Jason, Cheryl, Alex, Jackson, & Lainey ❤️❤️❤️##imported-begin##Jason, Cheryl, Alex, Jackson, & Lainey Fitzgerald##imported-end##

April 15, 2007 at 02:53 PM



“ Dearest Kellett and family,
Amanda and I are praying for you all during this painful time. With much love for you, we trust that God will be close to you to meet your every need today and in the days and months to come. God also uses friends sometimes to bring his healing love. If we can do anything at all to bless you, please call us. (413-7395 susan, 298-6198 Amanda)
Love & prayers###imported-begin##Susan Stinnett###imported-end##

April 15, 2007 at 10:29 AM



“ As Michael's parents, we extend our condolences to Ken's family. We were so sorry to hear of his passing. Ken was a good friend to our son, Michael and Karen. My granddaughter, Tiffany, really loved him, too. Michael and his family are devastated and will miss him greatly. We sent Ken a care package when he was in Iraq. We prayed for his safe return and always checked to see how he was doing. Ray, a former Marine from years ago, met Ken at Michaels house. Ken was extremely friendly and had sent Ray a Marine shirt. Ray will always remember Ken when he wears it. God bless Ken and may he rest in peace. He was loved and shall be missed.###imported-begin##Barbara & Ray Durham, Newark, DE###imported-end##

April 14, 2007 at 07:54 AM



“ Dear Whit and girls,

Phil and I are really saddened to hear of your loss and pray that God will be your Stay and Comfort during this time of grief. If there is anything that we can do for you, Whit, please call on us. We remember well when you and Ken were in our SS class, the fun time we had, and we would love to talk or pray with you at any time.##imported-begin##Dr. Phil and Darlene Lestmann##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 08:06 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Matthews and family: I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Matthew's death. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Jesus came and died so that we could have everlasting life (John 3:16). As long as God allows it, "when you put a seed in the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first."(1 corinthians 15:36). That "new plant" will bloom in Paradise, which is what Christ promised the thief dying there beside him (Luke 23:43). Until that day, when Christ assumes his kingship, may faith and family sustain you.

With my heartfelt condolences;

robin harris##imported-begin##Robin Harris##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 02:00 PM



“ My most vivid memories of Ken is when he was in my backyard playing ball with my brothers, Craig and Scott. He was always so kind, and I know he will be greatly missed. I hope this poem brings you the comfort it has brought to me after losing my Dad.

Togetherness

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away to the next room...Whatever we were to each other, that we are still...Call me by my old familiar name,...speak to me in the easy way which you always used...Laugh as we always laughed at those little jokes we enjoyed together...Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word...that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was: there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you at an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past, nothing is lost...One brief moment and all will be as it was before --- only better, and infinitely happier, and forever -- we will be one together with Christ.##imported-begin##Christy Carter Richardson##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 11:41 AM



“ A great guy who we considered our friend. He will be missed by us as well as all the Waffle House crew.##imported-begin##Steve Kilgore and Angela Allen##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 10:55 AM



“ I grew up in the same neighborhood with Ken. I have fond memories of playing backyard baseball in the hot summer heat. Although we did not speak that much over the years, I had the opportunity of spending an afternoon with him after his return from Iraq. His stories should make us all thankful & proud for his service to our country. You will be missed. ---THANKS!##imported-begin##Scott Carter##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 09:45 AM



“ I MET KEN (GUNNIE) WHEN HE CAME TO WORK FOR BOLTS & NUTS, INC. HE WAS TRUELY A WONDERFUL PERSON. A HERO TO THIS COUNTRY AND HE WILL GREATLY BE MISSED. AT EASE SOLDIER.##imported-begin##DANYALE ILER##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 08:13 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Although I had not seen him in 5 years, we were pretty close when I was still in the Corps. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Jason Shipp##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 06:28 AM



“ Ken was a great uncle, man, and friend. There will be a hole in our family now, he will be forever missed but not forgotten.

*If tears could build a stairway,
And memories a lane,
I'd walk right up to Heaven
And bring you home again.
~Author Unknown*

Love you, Kelley##imported-begin##Kelley Matthews##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 07:45 PM



“ Our son Michael Casey introduced us to Ken last summer when we were visiting him. We told Ken how proud we were of him for his service to our country and for being such a good friend to Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who knew him.##imported-begin##Harry and Doris Casey##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 06:41 PM



“ We want you to know that everyone is in our prayers. We wish we could be there with you. We love ya'll##imported-begin##Scott and Rebecca Manina##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 06:32 PM



“ He was a good man. I will miss him.
Chris
semper fidelis
Staff Sergeant###imported-begin###chris akridge###imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 05:27 PM



“ I will miss Ken greatly. I hope he is finally at peace. I am so sorry I could not attend the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, if there is something I can do in town to help you please call me at my office 601-956-0297 or email me at chris@wcparker.com.###imported-begin###Chris and Margie Parker###imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 02:54 PM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to all of the family. I have many good memories of Ken that will be with me forever. Even though I had not seen him in many years, I always had the utmost respect for him in defending our country. He will be missed, but I know that he is in a better place with the Lord.###imported-begin###Hal Barkley###imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 12:00 PM



“ We have known Ken for nearly five years. He was the first friend we made after moving to Tennessee. He freely gave of himself expecting nothing in return. Words cannot express how much we love and miss him. Our prayers are with his family and friends.###imported-begin###Mike & Karen Sizemore###imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 09:32 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of Ken's family-- you are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Susan Bellan O'Connor##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 08:36 AM



“ What can I say ,there is not much to be said but we have lost a brother.Ken will always be remembered. Semper Fidelis Devil Dog Go Bless.##imported-begin##Sgt Brian K Felker##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 06:00 AM



“ Whit, our thoughts and prayers are with you, the girls, and Ken's family. We will always remember Ken from our many years of softball together. Ken had a real love for his family and for the kids that he spent time coaching through the years and I think that feeling was returned by those that were around him. That was some of our happiest times and Ken and your family will always be a part of that and in our hearts. God Bless and call for anything.##imported-begin##Dale, Crystal, Sarah, Kayla##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 02:58 AM



“ Whit, I'm thinking of you and your girls, and praying that God gives you the strenght to move forward through this terrible time. I love you and hate that you have to live throug this, and so sorry Ken is gone. Hang on to the good memories, and take care of yourselves. I'm so sorry I'm not there to help. Love, Trish##imported-begin##Patricia Benefield Strode##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 12:50 AM



“ I was truly blessed to have had Ken as such a close friend over the past several years. I have learned so much from him, had so many good times, experienced so much, I couldn't even begin to express it here. Ken had a genuinely big heart, always putting the needs of others first. He was the most likeable person I have ever met. His influence will be with me always. So many people loved Ken. He cared for many, and many cared for him. I can't even begin to say how much I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Mike Casey##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 11:24 PM



“ We are so sorry. We wish we could be with you in this tragic time. We love you all, Ginny##imported-begin##DJ and Ginny Coppock##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 11:06 PM



“ First of all I would like to let Ken's parents, brother's, sister, wife and children know that my deepest sympathy is with them regarding the loss they have suffered. I was fortunate to grow up with Ken and his siblings and parents and can not think of a more loving family. I am deeply sorrowed for their loss and my prayers are with them. I only wish that I could be there in their time of need. I am trying to think of all the good times that we spent together but they would be too numerous to list. I know Ken is now with God and he will be missed by many people.##imported-begin##Todd Coleman##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 09:15 PM



“ Ken was like a ray of sunshine. When I think of him, I see his smile and remember his great sense of humor. For many years, he was around my house and usually playing some kind of sport in the backyard with my son, Craig. You always brightened my day, Ken, and left me with wonderful memories of happy times. My deepest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Gwen Carter##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 08:47 PM



“ I have been close friends with Ken for the past year; cheering on our favorite teams, playing tennis, going to restaurants, watching movies, and just generally having a good time sharing stories, joking, and laughing. Ken was the centerpiece of our group of friends. He was funny, outgoing, and deeply concerned about others. He would do anything he could to help you. I'm thankful I got the chance to know him. Ken Matthews is dearly missed.##imported-begin##Scott Dent##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 07:21 PM



“ We are so very sorry to learn of Ken's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Reggie and Joan Cole##imported-begin##Reggie and Joan Cole##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Our hearts are heavy with the news of Ken's death. Ken has visited in our home and we always enjoyed time with him. He was a thoughtful and fun person. He and our son Clay have been good friends for many, many years. He shall be missed and always fondly remembered. God Bless.

Our sympathy to his loved ones.

Ida Lou and Woods Cavett

Jackson, MS##imported-begin##Ida Lou and Woods Cavett
,parents of Clay Cavett##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 03:08 PM



“ All of my memories of Ken make me smile.He was a friend to all, a guy you just wanted to be around.My life is better having known Ken Mathews. Rest in peace buddy.##imported-begin##Chris Meiners##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 12:51 PM



“ I had the honor of serving with Ken in Iraq in 2004-2005. He was a mentor to the Marines under his charge and a valued source of inspiration to those who served with him. Most of all, he was a friend who through the most difficult of times had a sense of humor that lightened our burdens and made us stronger. Ken is home now, and we who are left behind will miss him. But I am sure when the time comes, he will be there to greet us- "Well now. What's on your mind young man?" God Bless Ken and Semper Fi Marine.##imported-begin##Jim Hulik##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 09:17 AM