



Ken Vaughn

February 12, 1920 - February 14, 2009

Ken Vaughn, age 89 of Monroe, formerly of Roswell passed away Saturday, February 14, 2009. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00PM, Sunday, February 22, 2009 at Corinth Christian Church with Minister Lester Waters officiating. A WWII Veteran with the United States Coast Guard, Mr. Vaughn was known as the "Harmonica Man" and is survived by wife: Barbara Vaughn, daughters and sons-in-law: Tina & Mike Nicholson, Chapel Hill, NC, Kim & Smith Mitchell, Loganville, Pam & Steve Brushwood, Gordonsville, VA, Sandra & Bill Loth, Richmond, VA, daughter: Jacqueline Thurston, Gordonsville, VA, 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and niece: Suzie Hammett, Smyrna. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Corinth Christian Church Bus Fund 1635 Hwy. 81 S.W. Loganville, GA 30052 Services provided by Tim Stewart Funeral Home 670 Tom Brewer Road Loganville, Georgia 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign online registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Corinth Christian Church
1635 Hwy 81 SW
Loganville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ken Vaughn*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ken Vaughn*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *From an ex-Batallion Commander at Norwich{ little Army} to an ex-Batallion Commander at Coast Guard {little Navy} we are going to miss that \$ going back and forth from THE GAME ! The phone call was much more expensive than the \$, but worth every cent. Grace wonthave to go in the second half to turn the game around. We will missyou and the fun we had.##imported-begin##Eugene and Grace Ward##imported-end##*

April 11, 2009 at 04:11 PM



“ My name is Cindy Welsh. Miss Effie was my Great Grandmother. I knew Kenneth when I was younger while visiting with my grandparents, Olive and Steve Welsh. I'm very sorry for your loss. I know my cousin Suzy will miss him more than anything. She loved him dearly. Thank y'all so much for showing the picture of Kenneth and Miss Parker. My dad couldn't take his eye's off it. He loved her so much. Kenneth is now with all of the people we've loved and lost, and they are having a big party.##imported-begin##Cindy Welsh##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 03:23 PM



I heard so many wonderful stories about Miss Effie and also your grandma Olive. And dad adored Suzy. We all did. I can just imagine Miss Effie being up there welcoming him to Heaven. He actually was saved about 2 weeks before he passed. He always said "you just get me in there Honey". He knew I was saved and I always talked to him about it. I used to tell him "don't you want to see Miss Effie again Dad??". I believe he knew all about Jesus dying for us all on the cross because of Miss Effie. He just had that engineer's mind that couldn't grasp faith. I think Miss Effie and one of our Pastor's at my church finally led his heart back to his roots with Miss Effie and loving the Lord ! I can't wait to meet her one day myself !

Kim Mitchell - April 05, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ Pam, our deepest condolences to you and your family. Praying for peace and comfort at this difficult time. -Allison##imported-begin##The Capps Family##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 01:54 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are here if you need anything.##imported-begin##Jeff and Beth Botheroyd##imported-end##

February 22, 2009 at 08:20 AM



“ We first met Kenneth when he came to Memphis for Mrs. Hammett's funeral.

He was a wonderful, friendly, entertaining man and Jim especially remembers Kenneth teaching him the trick of removing a cork from a wine bottle with a dinner napkin.

Our sympathies...##imported-begin##Loretta & Jim Hettler##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 09:40 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God Bless you all.

The Chitwood Family##imported-begin##The Rusty Chitwood Family##imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 06:46 PM



“ I am so sorry that you all have to suffer the loss of Kenneth and all of us that he has touched over the years do to. He was such a fun-loving person and brought joy to those around him. He brightened our spirits greatly when we got to visit with him when Suzy, his niece, and I were in college together! May God grant you peace and comfort as you grieve the loss of your loved one. Blessings to all of you. Linda###imported-begin##Linda Chase###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ Pam, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. I will continue to pray for your family in this time of sorrow. God Bless You.

Mark, Elizabeth, Rachel & Emily Liles###imported-begin##Elizabeth Liles###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 09:11 AM



“ Kim, Smith, and Taylor,

I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your family will be in our prayers. The only memory I have of Ken, is when he entertained us a one of the "cub" reviews years ago.###imported-begin##Lamar Phillips###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 08:06 AM



“ Pam, Sandy, Kim, Barbara and families, I know what you are going through right now and we with you in spirit. May you find comfort in the beautiful, gentle reminders of your Dad and in all the precious memories that live on in your heart. We are holding all of the family up in prayer. May God's love comfort and console you during this time.

Love, Wayne and Linda and Family##imported-begin##Wayne and Linda Shifflett##imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 07:32 AM



“ Mrs. Vaughn,
Your husband was such a precious person! I am glad that I got to meet him. His music was such a blessing to our family as he played for the Covenant talent shows.

Taylor,
I pray that God will comfort you and your family in this time of saying good bye for a short while to your sweet grandfather. You were blessed to have him in your life and so were we at Covenant.

Love ya,
Mrs. Bess##imported-begin##Doug & Marcelle Bess##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 11:23 PM



“ Kim, Smith and Taylor,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You've been in our thoughts and prayers, and your loved one is now at peace with our Lord. I know your faith along with your Covenant family will help you through this difficult time. Let me know if there is anything I can help you with.##imported-begin##Kym Ginter and Dylan Detman##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 11:01 PM



“ All who knew Kenneth Vaughn will remember a man for exceptional gifts of unusual athletic ability, intelligence musical ability, poise and leadership. He was highly successful through his life in school, military, business and family. He was a son, friend, Coast Guard officer, salesman, business executive, husband and father . An outstanding gentelman of all seasons. His friends were many and he will be dearly missed by all.##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Welsh##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ My prayers are with your family##imported-begin##Kevin Wortman##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 06:07 PM



“ Bobbi, Kim @ family Ken was a dear and trusted friend and we will miss him, his wit and our shared memories. Our friend Al Neighbors once remarked that we thought that Ken "hung the moon" and we did. We will remember our trips together and the good time gin games we had. Our heartfelt sympathy to you all, Love and Prayers. Larry @ Barbara Watkins ##imported-begin## Larry @ Barbara Watkins ##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 05:52 PM



“ Please accept my condolences on Ken's passing. He was such a wonderful man and I am so thankful that our paths crossed. Thoughts of him and his dedication to his family and country, and, of course, his great love of music always brought a smile to my face. I am changed for the better for having known him and I will miss him greatly. I'll never hear a harmonica again without thinking of him and I am so thankful to know that one day we can sit together by a river in heaven and I can listen to him play again. Nilorie Gabrell ##imported-begin## Nilorie Gabrell, Covenant Christian Academy ##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ Our church nursing home ministry enjoyed having Ken come along and play his harmonica. Best of all were his words a few days before he passed away... "I've accepted Jesus as my Savior!" Until we meet again in Heaven... ##imported-begin## Rev. Greg Butler ##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 05:28 PM



“ Just wanted you all to know I'm thinking of you and hope the service Sunday is very nice. Mr. Vaughn was a wonderful man and was very nice to me. He was appreciative of the things I helped him with and always had a kind word. He gave me a box of candy at Christmas. That was so sweet of him. We'll really miss him, but will continue to care for Mrs. Vaughn. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Susan###imported-begin##Susan Evans###imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 11:03 AM



“ I met Kenneth Vaughn in 2006 through my duty as Service Officer for the American Legion Post 64 in Monroe. Ken served as a member of the Coast Guard in WWII. Tom Brokaw called persons like Ken The Greatest Generation of Americans. Using Ken as an example I fully agree. I interviewed Ken and wrote a brief biography of him that appeared in The Walton Tribune on November 15th 2006. Post 64 conducts Veterans' Day ceremonies at assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Walton County and I was privileged to honor Ken for the last three years as part of the Great Oaks Ceremony. Ken was a great person.

Dr. Swartzmeyer###imported-begin##Dr. Elmer Swartzmeyer###imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 08:56 AM



“ I've only met Ken personally a few times through my best friend, Suzy Hammett, his neice. They had a very close relationship and she spoke of him often. The few times I actually met him I found him to be an affable, gregarious, jovial gentleman of great integrity.

To Those He Love and Those Who Loved Him, I think this verse would express his feelings to you:

*When I am gone, release me, let me go....
I have so many things to see and do.
You musn't tie yourself to me with tears;
Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I give you my Love; you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love we each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be conforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part;
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on;
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you ca't see or touch me,
I'll be near....
And if you listen with your heart
you'll hear
All my love around you, soft and clear.*

An then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and "WELCOME HOME!"

God Bless..

Roberta Belt###imported-begin##ROBERTA BELT###imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 11:36 PM



“ To the family and friends of Ken Vaughn:

I have had great business and personal respect for Ken Vaughn for 61 years.

May I relate three examples which are typical of the man and our relationship over those years. In 1949, as Ken's immediate boss, I was obliged to prepare his first performance review. As a "new" boss, I found it difficult. I considered Ken precisely the kind of employee I expected myself to be. It was, therefore, a sort of cop-out review. We both knew that, and he thanked me with that knowing smile of his - I told him, and it was his only priority, to try to be a better listener. It was I who profited the more from that review.

Second example...While Ken was with Carrier he had a number of opportunities to join Carrier distributors. Over the years he accepted two such opportunities. And twice he realized that his personal contribution would be greater if he were back with Carrier. And twice I was personally delighted to welcome his return. I believe Ken was the first Carrier executive who asked that his home base, for a national responsibility, be other than Syracuse. It took me all of two seconds to agree. A mutual trust was never violated.

Third example...Carrier's mandatory retirement age was 65. Ken beat me to that number by six months. I attended his Atlanta retirement dinner. It was my great pleasure on that occasion to say to him: "Kenneth, were I in a precarious and difficult situation, and were I given the privilege of choosing just one man to stand with me in the struggle, it would be yourself".

As relatively few have consistently proved, Ken Vaughn was the epitome of a "good man" and consistent friend.

Bill Sammons

I also extend my deepest sympathy to you,

Kris Sammons###imported-begin##William L. Sammons and Kristan

Rodger Sammons###imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ I remember Dad's generosity, outgoing personality, hospitality, musical talent (both singing and harmonica), and pursuit of excellence in everything he did. He also consistently demonstrated sympathy and encouragement when the chips were down for me. Dad, I love you and will miss you lots, but am so glad that you're with the Lord.###imported-begin##Tina Nicholson (daughter)###imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 05:55 PM



“ Kenneth, you were always a shining light for me with such a positive outlook on life. We will all miss you greatly. Your jokes and smiles brought many happy moments to not only your family and friends but others who came in touch with you. I know you are at peace and will not only see Miss Effie, but Reakie and Milton as well. Love always, Suzy###imported-begin##Suzy Hammett###imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 05:50 PM



“ I had known Kim for several years when I first met her mother and daddy. I was greeted very warmly that first day and every time I saw them thereafter. He always had a ready smile and a sparkle in his eye and when he talked to me, I felt like I was the only person in the room. He knew how to really listen and he cared about what you were saying. I will always remember his smile and that sparkle in his eyes and I will miss him, but I know he is resting in the arms of our Lord and for that I am truly thankful.###imported-begin##Elaine Carpenter###imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 02:16 PM



“ Oh, my dear sweet friend. I loved this man like my own father. I'll always remember making music with Ken at the Cougar Reviews. Our hearts were so closely knit. He would let me talk to him about anything!! And believe me, I did. You will be greatly missed. I love you, Ken.##imported-begin##Timi Higgins##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 12:07 PM



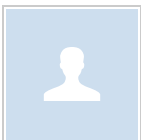
“ Ken was a good friend and golfing buddy for over 30 years. We have had some good golf trips together. He was a lot of fun to be with (most of the time). He will be missed by a lot of people who knew him here in the Roswell area.##imported-begin##Walter Eaves##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 10:45 AM



“ Dearest Dad,
We love you and will miss you so much! Thanks for always giving us good advice, and supporting all of our endeavors with encouragement and wisdom. You were truly a great man with a great heart! We are blessed to know we will see you again one day, and you will personally introduce us to Miss Effie! Love, Pam and Steve##imported-begin##Pam and Steve##imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ daddy I sleep well. I'll miss ya but know your not in any more pain. You are with Ms. Effie looking down on all of us. Will always have a special place in my heart for you. Love Sandy##imported-begin##sandy loth##imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 09:50 AM



“ I love you Dad. You're my hero and I will always miss watching you play your harmonica and your smile and your saying "Hi Darlin". I miss your morning phone calls but know you're in heaven saying "Good Morning, Darlin. Just wanting to check in and see how your day is going." I always loved those calls. Your loving daughter,
Kim###imported-begin###Kim Mitchell###imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 07:47 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Vaughns death. He came to our church last summer and entertained us. We really enjoyed him and he will be missed.

Grayson United Methodist Church
Senior Adult Ministry###imported-begin###Jamie
Sampson###imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 05:13 PM