



Mr. Kennedy "Ken" Norris

April 6, 1945 - May 5, 2015

Celebration Of Life, Kennedy "Ken" Norris:

Kennedy Norris, most favorably known as Ken, was born April 6, 1945 in Selma, Alabama to Algee and Sylvester Norris who preceded him in death.

At an early age, the family relocated to Detroit, Michigan where Ken attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Northern High School. After graduating from high school, he met Gwendolyn Worthy. They were united in marriage in 1967. To this union two daughters, Kenya and Katrice, were born.

Ken began working for Ford Motor Company to support his family. After a lay off from Ford, Ken wanted to pursue his carpentry skills and took on odd jobs here and there. Ken had an extraordinary gift with his hands as a Craftsman. He loved building things out of wood. Ken went to work for Doorcraft as a Carpenter. Ken enjoyed going to work every day doing the things he loved to do. Family and friends would always call on Ken to make them a cabinet, dresser, toy boxes or any type of wood container. He never said no. When Doorcraft closed their doors, Ken had to find another place of employment to fulfill his passion. He soon found that perfect job working for the City of Detroit. During his tenure, he showcased his unique gift of making things the city so desperately needed. The City of Detroit recognized his talents and moved him to their wood shop, where he made most of the city's special requests. Ken worked for the City of Detroit for 19 years until his medical

retirement. Refusing to retire, Ken continued to work on his own, building and fixing where ever there was a need. Ken loved the “D” and hanging with the boys on Dexter.

He took up a new hobby and began bowling with two of his closest friends, Tony and UmKonto. He looked forward to bowling nights and the friendly or not so friendly competition. Ken always said he was the best bowler out of the three. If he lost the bowling game, he would say he let them win because he didn't want to put too much strain on his back. Ken's medical condition began to be too much to handle on his own. He reluctantly relocated to California to be closer to his daughters. Ken liked being in California with his daughters but he loved the “D”, the only place he called home. California was good for Ken and his overall health. He was able to hang out at the beaches all year round, visit Las Vegas frequently, attended several family outings, basketball games, ballet recitals, where he met and hung out with Norm Nixon, former Los Angeles Laker player, witness the Endeavor Space Shuttle and spent quality time with his daughters and their families. Despite the considerable amount of pain, he was determined to surprise his mom for her 90th birthday. He was so happy to be around his family and friends in Detroit, he had already begun planning his next trip back in June when all of the snow and coldness would be gone. He truly enjoyed the California sunshine. Ken's illness began to get the best of him. Before his transition, Ken was surrounded by his daughters and their families in great spirits. He was laughing and singing. Ken was at peace. The song he sang to his family was "I Can See Clearly Now the Rain is Gone." Ken was called home Tuesday May 5, 2015.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park

21661 East 14 Mile Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, May **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peters Primitive Baptist Church
17251 Joseph Campau St.
Detroit, MI 48212

Funeral Service

Saturday, May **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kennedy "Ken" Norris*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Kennedy "Ken" Norris.*



May 29, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ *Warmest condolences to the Family. My thoughts are with you at this time with loving memories and heartfelt sympathy. Gwendolyn Smith*



Gwendolyn Smith - May 29, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ *I will always love you my favorite cousin, and I am going to miss talking to you everyday. Until we meet again 😊*

Rochelle McClure - May 28, 2015 at 10:40 PM



“ *I'm going to miss your bear hugs and that Laugh I'm so happy I got to hear you call me Tammmmmmie one last time rest well my baby Tell everybody heeeeeey ,,,,,*

Tabitha Norris - May 24, 2015 at 10:17 PM

TN

“ I'm going to miss your bear hugs and that LAUGH I'm so happy I got to hear u call me Tammie my baby rest well my baby love Tell Everyone I heeeeeeey

Tabitha Norris - May 24, 2015 at 09:05 PM

TM

“ Rest in peace Cuz

Tanya McClure - May 22, 2015 at 06:40 AM

TM

“ Kennedy, I think that, I was probably the only one that call you Kennedy, which you didn't like it, but didn't mine. And, I remember when we was living on Sheridan and you was over and all the little cousins, was so glad to see you and you start tossing us up in the air and Ruth wanted to get thrown up and you accidentally drop her on her head. And you had to stop, because she had a big oh knot on her head, and it scares you so you stop tossing us up. But kenya and katrice , I want you guys to know your father was sweet as pie and he will always call me little doll and, I love you Kennedy you will be miss.

Tanya McClure - May 21, 2015 at 10:27 PM

DE

“ Man unk, I can remember living with you as a kid, (felt like the fresh prince of Bel Air) lol, you taught me alot then. As a teenager when you stayed with us on joy rd, I watched you get up every morning and go to work. I to watch you warm your truck up in the morning. In your own silent Way you taught me what I had to do a man. We had our talks and you always kelp it 100. I'm going to miss you unk. Love your nephew/son...Dell

Dell - May 21, 2015 at 12:57 PM

Tiff Jackson

“ I remember cousin Ken asking DeMarios male friend, "you know that's a boy right?!" He was always so funny. Rest on Heaven cousin!

Tiff Jackson - May 21, 2015 at 03:18 AM

Tiff Jackson

“ Tiff Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kennedy "Ken" Norris



Tiff Jackson - May 21, 2015 at 03:15 AM

SA

“ This man was more to me than a uncle, he was a father to me, he was there to take me to the hospital and pick us up when I had my son, there was nothing he wouldn't do for me, love you Uncle Ken, say hi to my mom for me.

Sarina

sarina - May 20, 2015 at 05:54 PM

DN

“ My dear uncle so glad I got to spend time with you when you were here back in February this year. My heart is in deep mourning right now but God was ready for you to come home and knowing that I'm happy that there's no more pain and suffering my last memory of you taking you to the airport me and my grand daughter and giving you a big hug and kiss telling you I love you!! Wow who knew couple of months later I would be saying this rest in peace love you much your niece Darnise !!!!

Darnise Norris - May 20, 2015 at 05:19 PM

LU

“ *Unc so glad we talked and shared a lot over the last couple yrs. You will be missed rejoice with your family up there. I'll see you in Detroit where you wanted to be. Love you, Lulu*

lulu - May 19, 2015 at 09:02 AM