



## Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis

May 3, 1944 - February 3, 2021

Gilbert Kenneth “Ken” McGinnis passed away peacefully at home with his beloved family by his side on Wednesday, Feb 3rd, 2021. He leaves a strong Christian legacy for his many friends and loved ones. Not a perfect one, but one founded through the grace of our Heavenly Father.

Ken was born in Shelby, NC on May 3rd, 1944. He graduated from Pleasant Garden High School in 1962. He worked several jobs (mostly with classic cars) in his younger years, under the guidance of his friend and mentor, Clyde Still. Clyde shared his love, knowledge, & encouragement for all things cars and racing (and how to make brownies). Ken often talked about how Clyde “loved to drive fast” and Ken certainly shared that passion for fast driving. He owned numerous ’55 Chevy Bel-Airs but always said that it was never enough.

Ken also served his country in the National Guard from 1964-1970.

He has been a member of Pleasant Garden Baptist Church since 1955 serving as an usher, deacon, member of the finance committee, and an integral part of the work force on several mission trips.

He was a member of the PG Jaycees serving as President, Vice-President, and Secretary and also as a member of the PG Lions Club serving as President, Vice-President, and many other positions. He assisted with charity golf tournaments, flag displays, and many other events.

On August the 14th, 1966 he married the love of his life, Glenda Welborn and they were blessed with 54yrs of “wedded bliss(ers)”. Ken spent most of his working life in the printing industry until retiring from D.L. Brown. After retirement, he spent his time in his woodshop building and repairing things or on the golf course.....mostly the golf course! He joins in heaven his parents, Gilbert and Ola Lee McGinnis, and his son Keith.

He leaves behind his wife, Glenda; daughters Kim(Ray) and Kristy (Ron); grandchildren Austin(Liz), Gracie, Faith, Ryan, Lucas, and Easton; sisters Alice Wilson(Fred), Mary Lee Bergh(John), and Sybil McGinnis. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Many thanks to Ken’s buddies who have journeyed with us for several years taking him out lunch and assisting him in every way and then faithfully visiting when he could no

longer get out.

Thank you to his Sunday School class and the Ramp Team at PG Baptist for building his ramp and assisting with many other home projects.

Thank you to his caregivers and health team: Evonne Parks, Authoracare Hospice Team, Keisha, Mary, Anne, Beverly, and Dr Hertweck.

A very special thank you to our dear neighbors, Kay and Jerry Leonard, Nancy Harmon and her boys.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb 6th at 11am with visitation immediately following. Due to COVID, all social distancing and mask requirements will be honored.

The service will be live streamed on PG Baptist website and the church's Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Pleasant Garden Fire Department in Pleasant Garden.

Forbis and Dick, Pleasant Garden Chapel is serving the family.



# Comments

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“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Ken was a very kind man and always had a smile on his face. I will keep your family in my prayers for your comfort and peace.

**Carolyn Collins** - February 12 at 06:42 PM

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“ Susan Hockett Schmidly lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis



**Susan Hockett Schmidly** - February 08 at 08:42 PM

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“ Glenda & family, we were very sorry to hear that Ken has passed into his Heavenly Home and will be praying that our God will surround you and family with love from His children during this time and the He will bring peace to ease the pain. Remember when the one you love dies in Christ and you live in Christ then you can't be separated. Our love and prayers. Taylor & Susan Sheppard

**Susan Sheppard** - February 06 at 06:53 PM

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“ Glenda and family. So sorry for your lost. I do not believe I ever met Ken but knowing you, Glenda, am sure he was a wonderful person. Thinking of you all during this time.

**Carolyn Hayden Davis** - February 06 at 10:32 AM

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“ Condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss, prayers.

**Rita Whitt Wicker** - February 06 at 10:07 AM

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“ Glenda and family, Our sincere prayers are with you all. Ken was a wonderful man and loved God deeply. It is through his salvation that he continues to live. He will always be in your hearts and you shall meet again some sweet day. May God give you peace, strength and comfort in the days ahead. Frank & Gayle



**Frank & Gayle Havens** - February 06 at 09:43 AM

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“ What a wonderful friend Ken was. Being many years younger he always treated me as an equal, not as a kid. Played many rounds with him and never saw him express displeasure over any shot, accepting the pleasure of just playing. That's how Ken appeared to live, making the best of whatever. RIP my friend, you certainly deserve it.

**Joe Parrish** - February 06 at 09:35 AM

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“ Larry D Ring lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis



**Larry D Ring** - February 06 at 09:31 AM

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“ Joe Parrish lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis



**Joe Parrish** - February 06 at 09:28 AM

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“ Ericka Longley lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis



**Ericka Longley** - February 05 at 09:59 PM

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“ Glenda and family, my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. May you feel God's comfort in the days ahead. It seems like not so long ago I saw you, Kenny, Kathryn and Doug at Adelitos in Burlington. Prayers for you all.  
~Carolyn Simpson



**Carolyn Simpson** - February 05 at 05:21 PM

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“ Kathy Welborn Harrison lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis



**Kathy Welborn Harrison** - February 05 at 04:52 PM

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“ Glenda and family, my deepest sympathy to you all in the passing of Kenny. He was truly a nice guy.

**Jimmy Harrison** - February 05 at 11:37 AM

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“ Glenda, condolences to you and your family on your list of Ken. God bless you all.

**Sandy Coins Caudle** - February 05 at 09:46 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis.



February 05 at 09:13 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis.



February 04 at 08:58 PM

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“ Janice Riggs lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Kenneth McGinnis



Janice Riggs - February 04 at 04:36 PM

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“ Kenny's mother and my dad were brother/sister and they came from a large family. Of all the grandchildren in the family, Kenny was the only male grandchild (except for my brother who died as a toddler). All the cousins and aunts and uncles loved having Kenny around and appreciated his interest in stories and history about the Glascoe family. He usually spoke at our family reunions and was committed to our family continuing to gather in order to keep our family bonds strong. We are all glad that he is free of pain and suffering, but we will miss witnessing all the many qualities that made him so special.

Carolyn Woodall - February 04 at 02:26 PM

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“ Love and prayers for all of you during this time of loss.

Becky Shaw Faucette - February 04 at 11:34 AM

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“ Kenny and Glenda are special cousins and we enjoyed any time we were with them. We will certainly miss Kenny, but we know his suffering is over and his new experience is something we all look forward to having. Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenda and the rest of the family. May we remember all the good memories of our time spent with him. Myles & Doris

**Doris Whitaker** - February 04 at 10:55 AM

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“ Pleasant Garden lost a good man that helped out in many ways but Heaven gained one.  
Rest In Peace my friend!

**Ron Jackson** - February 04 at 10:31 AM

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“ Remember the day when you and sweet Glenda got married. They loved each other so much and that lasted through out their life. Kenny loved you Glenda and his family so much.. heaven gained a wonderful man. He will be missed but loved forever.

**Karon monnett** - February 03 at 09:39 PM