



Karl David Parkkonen

June 21, 1975 - May 17, 2017

Karl David Parkkonen, 41, passed away on May 17, 2017.

A native of Rindge, New Hampshire, son of Juha and Janice Stauffeneker Parkkonen, he was the owner of Aspen Concrete and a member of Outreach Church in Greenville.

“This started quite some time ago, I completely yielded my life to Jesus, and He came in and completely and radically changed me. I discovered something in the quiet place with Him, when I get on my knees and begin to worship, He meets me there. Knowing Him in that quiet place gives me victory in the public place. When I go out into the streets, everywhere I go, I know I’m not alone. I don’t fear the world, I go into the world and I bring change. Everywhere I go, I release His kingdom, His presence, I get the awesome privilege of loving people, and manifesting His glorious name. I don’t need to escape from everyday life, I get to release life into the chaos. I get to release love into the chaos. Because He lives in me, everywhere I go His amazing Spirit brings light into dark places. There’s no greater place to live than to be intimately in love with Him, and that, is the essence of life. To know Him is to become like Him. The greatest joy, is to love other people.” - Karl Parkkonen From an interview with his niece Hannah,

Easter 2017. This is who he is, and who he poured out his life to see others become.

Surviving are his wife, Kristen Dale Norby Parkkonen of the home; two sons, Trey David Parkkonen and Kade Daniel Parkkonen both of the home; one

daughter, Cassidy Jean Parkkonen of the home; six brothers, Aaron Parkkonen, Jeffrey Parkkonen and Michael Parkkonen all of Lyman, Matthew Parkkonen and Caleb (Sam) Parkkonen both of Taylors and Seth Parkkonen of Lyman and three sisters, Kristina Pardi and Kirsten Holombo both of Inman and Katrina Carlton of Greer.

Mr. Parkkonen was predeceased by one brother, Daniel Parkkonen.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2017 at Bridgeway Church conducted by Pastor Roy Geesey. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Trey Parkkonen, Kade Parkkonen, Josh Walkonen, Jim Juntunen, Chris Pratt, Judd Geesey, Alan Chalke and Greg Gillespie.

Honorary escort will be Aaron Parkkonen, Michael Parkkonen, Matthew Parkkonen, Seth Parkkonen, Caleb Parkkonen, Jeff Parkkonen, Scott Norby and Kevin Norby.

Visitation will be held 1:00-2:30 p.m. Monday at Bridgeway Church.

The family is at the home.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue
Greer, SC 29650

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Bridgeway Church
725 Garlington Road
Greenville, SC 29615
(864) 297-0105

Service

MAY 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SO

“ I worked for Karl when he was 21 or so. Just four of us working for him. I remember him stopping work what he was doing and looking up at a rainbow that was in the sky and saying loudly, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Steve Olson

Steve Olson - September 10, 2017 at 02:10 AM

MB

“ Conan High School Class of 1993 sadly sends it's condolences to the family and friends of Karl. We are honored to have grown up with him and will always cherish his memory as a remarkable man who touched so many so deeply.



Melanie Brady - June 11, 2017 at 09:36 AM

FR

“ Karl has been a client of ours for several years and we are saddened by his loss, our thoughts and prayers are with his family & friends and may God surround each one of them with his love and comfort now and in the days to come.

From all of us at Automated Door Products, Inc

Faye Rumsey - May 23, 2017 at 12:43 PM

LW

“ Both Karl and Kristen are former students who were obviously going to do great things. I remember them both as motivated students with kind hearts. May Karl rest in peace and may God Bless Kristen and family.

Lisa Poirier Wilkinson - May 22, 2017 at 06:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.



May 21, 2017 at 11:22 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.



May 21, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.



May 21, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 21, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*
Tim Smith and family

Tim Smith - May 21, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 21, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 21, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 20, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ *During the short time I knew him, it was clear that he had a peace and confidence about him that I typically only see in someone who knows Jesus. He was always friendly, servant oriented, and loved his bride. I look forward to seeing him again one day.*

John B. Eberly, MD - May 20, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 20, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 20, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.* ”



May 20, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ *With Love-Hope Fellowship Church, Jaffrey NH purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.* ”



With Love-Hope Fellowship Church, Jaffrey NH - May 20, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.* ”



May 20, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.* ”



May 20, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 20, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *Growing up with Karl, I never remember him without a smile. He always had a word of encouragement, a funny story and a praise for our heavenly father. We love you Karl and will miss you until we meet you again on the other side. Say hello to all our family that has gone before you. I know you will be waiting on that beautiful shore and waving us home, each of us in our turn.*

*All our love, your cousins,
Anne and Chris Sigg*

Anne Sigg - May 20, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *Dearest Jan and Juha and family,*

Mark and I are so very sorry to hear of your son's passing. Please know we keep you all close in our hearts and prayers. With deepest sympathy

Love, Mark and Maryann Grodecki

Maryann - May 20, 2017 at 08:31 AM

MG

“ *Maryann & Mark Grodecki lit a candle in memory of Karl David Parkkonen*



Maryann & Mark Grodecki - May 20, 2017 at 08:29 AM

MP

“ *Prayers for the Parkkonen family from Blue Ridge Auto. Karl will be missed*

milton pittman - May 20, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 19, 2017 at 10:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 19, 2017 at 10:04 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 19, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *Lars S. purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



Lars S. - May 19, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *Nancy P. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



Nancy P. - May 19, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ *Your Park Construction of North Carolina Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



Your Park Construction of North Carolina Family - May 19, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 19, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karl David Parkkonen.*



May 19, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *Keeping you all in our daily thoughts and Prayers! May God Wrap His Loving Arms Around You and Give You the Peace and Comfort Only He Can Give <3*

Kelley Hannu - May 19, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ *Aaron And Kim Coleman lit a candle in memory of Karl David Parkkonen*



Aaron and Kim Coleman - May 19, 2017 at 02:31 PM

CA

“ *Such a great guy always sharing a smile .Deticated man to family and friends . Karl was smcertainly a great role model for his sons . Trey has his million dollar smile. Love and prayers go out to your family Kristen. Cathy from Dr Knights office.*

Cathy Arrowood - May 19, 2017 at 01:37 PM