



## Ken Howell

August 27, 1939 - February 1, 2020

Kenneth Dean Howell, 80, passed away February 1, 2020 at The Phoenix Assisted Living of Greer.

A Native of Greenville County, son of the late Melvin and Sallie Ree Turner Howell, he was a graduate of Taylors High School, North Greenville University, and Appalachian State University. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Major, having served his country for twenty-five years and he served in the Vietnam War as a B-52 pilot. He retired from Delta Airlines as Captain after a 30-year career. Ken was a member of Taylors First Baptist Church and a founding member of the Taylors Free Medical Clinic.

Surviving are his wife, Rachel Nix Howell of the home; one daughter, Lisa Harding of Roswell, Georgia; one son, Mark Howell of Sugarland Texas; one brother, Fred Howell of North Carolina; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was also predeceased by one brother, Raymond Howell.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020 in the sanctuary at Taylors First Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Frank Page and Dr. Jimmie Harley. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held 12:30 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. Saturday in the Welcome Center of the church prior to the service.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Taylors Free Medical Center, 400 W. Main Street, Taylors, SC 29687 or online at [www.taylorsfmc.org/donat](http://www.taylorsfmc.org/donat)

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Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Taylor's First Baptist Church Cemetery

200 West Main Street  
Taylors, SC 29687

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Taylor's First Baptist Church  
200 West Main Street  
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## Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Ken and I were flight partners at Moody, AFB. We lost contact over the years but I always remembered him as a comrade. I came across this picture recently and wanted to make sure he had a copy. I'm sorry to discover his passing and my condolences are with the family.

*John Sulton*



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**John Sulton** - April 10, 2020 at 04:07 PM

DR

“ It was a honor to be able to call Ken my friend. I will miss him We are praying for the whole family I know that I will see him in heaven when it is my time to go to my heavenly home we will praise the lord together for every and every amen

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**Daryl Rampey** - February 07, 2020 at 12:01 AM

JW

“ Rachel and Family- So sad to hear this news. We were your neighbors in Sugar Creek and you and Ken were so kind to us. Russ and I are lifting you and your family up in prayer.

*Love,  
Russ and Jennifer Wilson*

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**Jennifer Wilson** - February 06, 2020 at 07:22 AM

TB

“ So sad to hear of Ken's passing. I flew with Ken in the Air Force Reserves and Delta. To echo Marcy's words, Ken was the epitome of an Air Force Officer and professional airline pilot. Ken was soft spoken, but when he spoke, his words were respected. He will be missed.

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**Tim Bellury** - February 05, 2020 at 02:44 PM

PG

“ Several years ago, when my friend Kristi took me to visit her aunt and uncle for Thanksgiving dinner, I was immediately welcomed as part of their family. Ken found out I was a veteran like he, and he always enjoyed sharing his Air Force days with me, I'm Navy. From then on whenever we came to visit and saw me, he would share those same stories. I will miss those stories.  
To paraphrase some words from the poem called, "High Flight" penned by Royal Canadian Air Force officer, John Magee, Jr.- "You have now finally slipped the surly bonds of earth; and touched the face of God". Its been an honor knowing you.

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**Pete Guzman** - February 04, 2020 at 10:20 PM

KM

“ Kathleen McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Ken Howell



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**Kathleen McIntyre** - February 04, 2020 at 08:33 PM

MT

“ Marilyn & Cj Thomson lit a candle in memory of Ken Howell



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**marilyn & Cj thomson** - February 04, 2020 at 08:27 PM

PK

“ Ken and I were UPT class mates and fellow Delta pilots. All your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Phillip Kelley** - February 04, 2020 at 04:37 PM

ME

“ I knew Ken first at Dobbins AFB and then flew several times with him at Delta. Ken was the epitome of a Southern gentleman. He was always impeccable in both his USAF uniform and his Delta uniform and wore both with pride. I think I saw him upset one time at Delta and he was justified to be. A true professional. An officer and a gentlemen. So sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Marcy Eisenburg** - February 04, 2020 at 12:29 PM

CR

“ We met you both while our Nan was in Memory Care. You two had a very special devotion and sweet love for each other. Rachel, you were such a wonderful caregiver and you are and will be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days.  
Carole S Rogers and John A Simmons

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**Carole S Rogers** - February 04, 2020 at 09:24 AM

GB

“ Gary And Mary Bennefield lit a candle in memory of Ken Howell



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**Gary and Mary Bennefield** - February 03, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Rachel and Family, Kenneth and I go back almost a lifetime. What a super gentleman he was. So appreciative of his military service. May God bless the entire family. Jim Wilson

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**Jim Wilson** - February 03, 2020 at 08:59 PM

WW

“ William & Jenny Watson lit a candle in memory of Ken Howell



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**William & Jenny Watson** - February 03, 2020 at 04:26 PM

GS

“ Greg & Betty Sisk lit a candle in memory of Ken Howell



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**Greg & Betty Sisk** - February 03, 2020 at 12:25 PM