



## Kenneth "Ken" Norman Parris

July 21, 1936 - September 9, 2017

Kenneth "Ken" Parris, 81, passed away at the Smith Phayer Hospice House in Landrum on September 9, 2017.

Ken was a native of Startex, SC, a son of the late Henry Oscar and Maggie Burnett Parris. He was a member of Tucapau Baptist Church, and a graduate of James F. Byrnes High School and Robinson Business College. Ken served his country as a Master Sergeant in the Air Force during the Korean War and was assigned to Strategic Air Command. He retired from the Wamsutta Dye Plant of Springs Industries in Lyman.

Ken enjoyed playing baseball, fishing, NASCAR races and, most of all flying. He is survived by his wife, Joan Hand Parris; two sons, Jeffery Keith and Stacey Kenneth (Nicole) Parris; three grandsons, Jackson Clay, Quentin James, and Austin Parris; and one granddaughter, Casey Lynn Parris, all of whom were the loves of his life. Also surviving are three sisters, Mary Wood, Hazel Dill and Virginia Crow; and one brother, Harold Parris.

He was also predeceased by two sisters, Elizabeth Stadinski and Allene Justice, and one brother, Charles Parris.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Mitch Crow.

Visitation will be held 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Smith-Phayer Hospice/Hospice House of the Carolina Foothills, 260 Fairwinds Road, Landrum, SC 29356 or Tucapau

Baptist Church, 4 Chestnut St., Startex, SC 29377.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Memorial Service

SEP **12.** 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
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# Tribute Wall

SH

“*Joan, Jeff, Stacey and Family. Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Ken. Our memories go a long way back. Dennis recalls him coaching the little league baseball team. Good memories live on. Trust each new day will help ease the pain of your loss. Our love and prayers are with all of you.*

*All the Shillingburg's*

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**Shillingburg's** - September 14, 2017 at 10:15 PM

DW

“*Douglas Wilson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Ken" Norman Parris*



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**Douglas Wilson** - September 13, 2017 at 10:40 PM

DW

*Joan and family, sorry for your loss of a fine gentleman. God Bless you Ken and thank you for your military service.*

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**Douglas Wilson** - September 13, 2017 at 10:44 PM

KM

“*Joan, and boys, we will all miss Ken. I know this will be a hard time for you all but cling to the Lord and he will get you through. If I can help please let me know.*

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**Kim Martin** - September 11, 2017 at 08:49 PM

SG

“ Joan, Jeff, Jackson, Quentin, Stacey, Nicole, Austin and Casey, I am so sorry for your lost. Ken was such a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was always so good to me even after our divorce Jeff. We will all miss him. After Daddy passed, he told me he would always be there if I ever needed a dad and for the entire time I knew him he was such a great father-in-law and "dad".



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**Sandra Garrison-Parris** - September 11, 2017 at 08:36 PM

JP

“ I am so numb at the loss of my Dad. He meant so much to us all.



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**Jeffery Parris** - September 11, 2017 at 05:03 PM

AM

“ Stacey, Nicole, Austin and Casey, we are so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you all close to our hearts and hope that you find peace in your memories.

Hugs,  
Amy, TC, Caden and Jackson.

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**Amy** - September 11, 2017 at 01:05 PM

SR

“ Joan and Stacey: I am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Thinking of you and praying for your healing.

Susan Rinkema

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**Susan Rinkema** - September 10, 2017 at 10:04 PM