



Warren Kemp

November 20, 1953 - March 8, 2015

Warren Hayden Kemp, 61, of Greer, passed away on March 8th, 2015 at Greenville Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family.

He was born November 20, 1953, in Greer SC, to Elizabeth Josephine Kemp and the late Hayden Clifton Kemp. He graduated from Blue Ridge High School in 1972 and North Greenville Junior College in 1974 and continued his education at Furman University and University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. He married his friend and fellow classmate, Vickie Howard Kemp, in 1978. He followed in his father's footsteps and became a skilled carpenter; working alongside him as a homebuilder and small business owner until 1993. He was employed by Baldor for the last 20 years and was approaching retirement. He was proud to serve as a South Carolina State Constable and a firearms instructor for many years. In his spare time he was also a talented guitarist and enjoyed sharing this gift with others; including his son and son-in-law.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth "Jo" Kemp; wife, Vickie Howard Kemp, son, Aaron Howard Kemp; daughter-in-law, Virginia Finch Kemp; and his cherished grandson, Hayden Chase Kemp, all of Greer. Also surviving are his daughter, Claire Ann Presswood, and son-in-law, Devon Presswood, of Charlotte, NC.

The family would like to thank all of the ICU staff at Greenville Memorial who provided constant, attentive treatment in his final days.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:45 AM at Wood

Mortuary with memorial service to follow at 11 AM. Service will be officiated by Rev. Darel Finch and Rev. Keith Mincey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ark Youth Shelter and Home, 9261 Fairforest Road, Spartanburg SC 29301.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
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Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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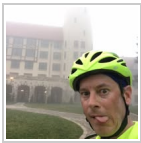
Tribute Wall

HA

“ *I'm Hayden, I miss my grandpa!*



hayden - January 31, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *I landed my first job in 1985 when I was barely 15, working for Warren at the bike shop and on customer sites. Looking back, it was a significant life experience for me, working with somebody who set a positive example of how to do quality work and treat all people with honesty and integrity. There was never a dull moment, or if there was Warren filled it with an interesting story! I'm sorry to hear of his passing and wish I had managed to keep in touch after moving out of the area.*

Jeffrey Cross - March 18, 2015 at 07:40 AM

SR

“ *Dear Aaron and family:
I JUST now heard of Warren's passing and wanted to say how sorry I am. I know the loss of a father is a very hard thing to have to go through. Just know that I am praying for you and your family and that your Dad will always be with you now. Keep your head up Big Tall Man. :)*



*God Bless,
Sherri (Kennemore) Rogers*

Sherri Rogers - March 17, 2015 at 09:56 AM

AK

Thank you Sherri, your thought and prayers are much appreciated.

Aaron Kemp - December 15, 2015 at 12:37 PM

HA

hey dad

hayden - January 31, 2020 at 05:15 PM

TP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Warrens passing. My mom, Shirley Kemp, sister, Donna Klaes and myself, Tammy Puskas have been lifting you all up in our prayers! He was loved by many and we all have fond memories of him to last a lifetime. May each of you hold onto all the wonderful times you had with him and rejoice in your future reunion in Heaven!

Tammy Puskas - March 11, 2015 at 08:00 PM

KT

“ Vickie, I am so sorry to hear about Warren. You and your family are in my prayers. Even though I haven't seen y'all in a long time, I will always remember Warren as a great guy and I know you will miss him. Love, Karen Terry Teague

Karen Teague - March 11, 2015 at 12:17 PM

SB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family.

*Love,
Sonya Bradshaw*

sonya bradshaw - March 11, 2015 at 10:43 AM

CC

“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

CAROLYN CHAPMAN

CAROLY CHAPMAN - March 11, 2015 at 09:30 AM

Denise
VandenBe

“ So sorry for your family's loss. We are praying for peace that surpasses understanding and know that Warren suffers no more.

Denise VandenBerghe - March 11, 2015 at 05:54 AM

SH

“ Vicki, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our prayers! Much love to you, Andy and Sharon Waynick

Sharon - March 10, 2015 at 09:39 PM

EW

“ Sorry for your loss. My God grant you all the strength you need at this difficult time.

Emily (Kemp) Wenzelburger - March 10, 2015 at 07:36 PM

PG

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this difficult time. I have fond memories of Warren. May God be with you.



Pat Kemp Gwinn - March 10, 2015 at 05:35 PM

AB

“ *Ann Barbare lit a candle in memory of Warren Kemp*



Ann Barbare - March 10, 2015 at 02:49 PM

DP

“ *Vickie, I am so very sorry. I think of you so often and how kind you and Warren were to my family and me. Please tell Mrs. Kemp, Claire, and Aaron how sorry I am. I will pray for you as you did for me so many times. Always your friend and with love....Diana Pitman*

Diana Pitman - March 10, 2015 at 11:49 AM

JB

“ *There are so many words I could use to describe Warren and not one is negative. He was my friend, my mentor, and my brother. I don't think Mark Twain could write a more interesting or mischievous character. Even though he had his own pain and worries he would do his best to distract you from your own. It was hard not to smile when he walked into the room. Now his pain is gone, his worries are over, but he will forever be remembered. - Jay Behymer*

Jay Behymer - March 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM

AK

Jay, My dad thought alot of you and spoke of you quite often. He will be deeply missed. Thank you for being a great friend to him.

Aaron Kemp - March 10, 2015 at 09:25 PM

MP

“ Vicki, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during the difficult time. Warren was a wonderful man. I remember him most when Aaron and David were small. Love
Mary Susan Pearson

Mary Susan Woodruff Pearson - March 10, 2015 at 09:54 AM

JS

“ Dear Joe, Vicki, Aaron, and Claire,
I'm so sorry to hear about Warren's passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. May you find peace and comfort in the Lord at this time. Prayers for your family.
Love,
Julie(Knighton), Alan and Jordan Kelleigh Shuford



Julie Knighton Shuford - March 10, 2015 at 08:49 AM

EG

“ I am so sorry to learn of Warren's passing. Know that I am praying for you all.
Emily Robertson Gomez

Emily Gomez - March 10, 2015 at 07:25 AM

TL

“ Trick Holcombe Lister lit a candle in memory of Warren Kemp



Trick Holcombe Lister - March 10, 2015 at 07:17 AM

TL

So sorry for your loss.

Trick Holcombe Lister - March 10, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Warren Kemp.*



March 10, 2015 at 07:05 AM

DW

“ *I can not believe my ole buddy is gone. He was a friend for life and will be sorely missed. I pray for Vicki and the family . Words just do not describe what Warren has meant to me over the years and the memories of times with DCC and just plain goofing around the neighborhood will never be forgotten.*

David K Wilson - March 09, 2015 at 08:23 PM



“ *Vicki and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Warren's passing. He was a terrific guy that we always enjoyed talking to when we would run into him. I am sure he will be missed. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Michael and Lonni Brown*

Lonni Brown - March 09, 2015 at 07:07 PM

GS

“ It was such a joy and honor to work with Warren at Madawaska Hardscape Products. He brought much laughter and great stories from the local area which enhanced his story telling prowess. His gentle, humble spirit set examples for all of us who worked with him. Also as a firearms instructor, I had the privilege to share his expertise in the knowledge of our shooting sport. I will always remember Warren for his gentle, kind spirit which made him a dear kindred. Sincerely, Garey Staly

Garey Staly - March 09, 2015 at 07:00 PM

AK

Garey, my dad would sit and talk for hours about you and the training classes. He thought alot of you and considered you a great friend. Thank you for being a great friend to him.

Aaron Kemp - March 10, 2015 at 09:28 PM

DR

“ So much to say. Warren was a large part of and blessing during my teen years. His personality, warmth, humor, and smile have carried me through so many rough times over the years, especially when things looked bad in the military. All my prayers and condolences to the family during this time of great sorrow. May God bless and keep you all. Dusty Rollins and family.

Dusty Rollins - March 09, 2015 at 06:48 PM

JD

“ hey Vick. so sorry for your loss. He was a good man. Praying for y'all that God will wrap his arms around you and hold you.

Julia Dragoun - March 09, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Warren Kemp.*



March 09, 2015 at 04:44 PM



“ *Vickie, I'm so sorry to hear the news about Warren. He was such a fine man. I have great memories of him from school.*

Jane Davis - March 09, 2015 at 04:42 PM



“ *Vickie and family so sorry to hear of Warren's passing. Praying for you during this difficult time.*

Ray & Martha White - March 09, 2015 at 04:17 PM



Vickie.....you and your family are in our prayers this evening.....Sue and Henry Stanford

Rev. Henry Stanford - March 10, 2015 at 07:00 PM