



Mr. Kenneth August Partin

April 16, 1933 - September 1, 2013

Kenneth August Partin, 80, died on Sunday, September 1, 2013 at John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center surrounded by family and friends. Son of the late K.W. and Wilma Partin, he was born on April 16, 1933 in Asheville.

Ken grew up in Beaver Lake and attended Grace School, David Miller Jr. High, Darlington School, Lee H. Edwards High School, Davidson College, and UNC-Chapel Hill. After graduating from college, Ken returned to Asheville to begin a professional career. He worked with Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. and Imperial Life Insurance Co., which was bought out by Western and Southern. In 1961, he became a part owner in Town and Country Realty and he started Heritage, Inc. in 1962 which he later sold in 1974 to GL Enterprises but remained with them until 1975. In addition to Heritage, he was also president of Imperial Land Corporation, Explorer Insurance Agency, Landmark Realty, and Kenneth A. Partin Enterprises, Inc. and was part owner in Southern Commercial Insurance Co. His construction company built over 2,500 homes and thousands of square feet of commercial space in Western North Carolina.

Throughout his professional career, Ken was active in the Asheville community. He was a member of the Asheville Jaycees, Asheville Association of Life Underwriters, Asheville Toastmasters, Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and Asheville Sales and Marketing Executive Club. He won the

Jaycees Distinguished Award in 1967–1968. He was president of the Asheville Board of Realtors in 1966, president of the Home Builders Association of WNC in 1966 and 1967 and Builder of the Year in 1968, and a member of the Executive Committee for the North Carolina Home Builders Association. He was President of the Asheville Boys Club in 1975 and on Governor Moore's Advisory Committee on Low Income Housing in North Carolina. Ken was active at Central United Methodist Church where he served on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, and many other committees. He was also a Sunday school teacher and a lay speaker. He served on many community boards including Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Givens Estates, and Salvation Army.

Ken was a member of Central United Methodist Church for 80 years. His family, Sunday school classes, youth minister, and close friends had a positive influence over his life. He enjoyed sports and he particularly enjoyed coaching Biltmore-Valley Springs midget-mite football. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and his many friends and had a strong faith that sustained him throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife, Emily S. Partin; daughter, Frances Elizabeth (Beth) Partin; son, Kenneth (Ken) M. Partin and wife, Peggy; sister, Betty P. Sloan, and husband, Ben; five grandchildren, Tamara, Teresa, Morgan, Kensley, and Caitlin; and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 12:00 PM, Saturday, September 7, 2013 at Central United Methodist Church with Dr. Robert Blackburn, Jr., Reverend Ed Hillman and Reverend Joe Fulk officiating. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Private Interment will be held at Lewis Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, gifts should be made to Solace, ABCCM (Crisis Ministries), Givens Estates Resident Assistance Ministry, or Central United Methodist

Church.

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church
27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kenneth August Partin*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Kenny and Beth,
I was sorry to hear of the death of your father. I have many happy memories of time spent in the house he built for our family down the hill from yours. My father was always grateful to him for being willing to rent that house to us until the loan could go through.
Donna Miseyko*

Donna Miseko - September 11, 2013 at 02:16 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away”. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope. jw.org*

Ana - September 07, 2013 at 06:36 PM



“ *Emily, my sincere condolences. God Bless. Benita Lubic, Transeair Travel, Washington*

Benita Lubic - September 06, 2013 at 01:30 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Ken leaving this earth. He has gone to a much better place. MAY GOD BLESS ALL THE FAMILY

Jack and Pat Swanger - September 06, 2013 at 11:15 AM

BH

“ Beth sorry to here about your dad he was a very respected business man in Asheville my prayers go out to you and all your family.

Bobby Hunter - September 06, 2013 at 07:45 AM

JM

“ Dear Aunt Emily, I am so sorry for your loss. Ken was such a kind and gentle man. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

Joan McElroy - September 05, 2013 at 03:56 PM

RS

“ I lived in the same ocean complex as Ken and Emily here on Hilton Head Island. I always told Ken he was my best Bud on the island and he always told me, I was his best friend as well. This of course, was not counting his lovely wife Emily. We'd get a chuckle out of it because neither one us new very many people here and we both didn't do a whole lot of partying or socializing.

One of my favorite memories of Ken was a day when I was holding the elevator for him. He told me to go on up and that he was taking the stairs. (to the 4th or 5th floor) When the elevator arrived at the designated floor, the door opened and Ken was standing there smiling with that infectious grin of his. My response was, " I thought you weren't feeling well Ken. How the heck did you get up here so fast " He just laughed and said he wasn't to sick to walk up a couple flights of stairs. He was around 78 at the time. To this day, I still don't know how he made it up those stairs that quick.

Ken had the unique ability of making you feel like you were the most interesting person in the world when you talked with him. He was an extremely good listener. A very rare talent in this day and age. The Bible says that " kindness makes a man attractive " ... In which case, I guess you could say Mr. Ken was a "gorgeous guy" and Ken and Emily were a "gorgeous" couple. Jesus, before his death, pronounced, "Behold I make all things new"..... I know it's harder to fathom, but when all of us get to heaven we're going to see a new and improved Ken Very much looking forward to it ole Pal. You will be missed but certainly not forgotten(Randy Starkey HHi)

Randy Starkey - September 05, 2013 at 02:32 PM

AN

“ To all of Ken's family - I've known Ken since childhood as we grew up together on Kensington Rd. Later in life, my husband, Bill, and Ken became very good friends. They enjoyed fishing, boating, water skiing, and playing softball. Ken was an outstanding athlete. More recently, we cruised with Ken and Emily and had great fun! We will never forget all the wonderful times our families shared!
Bill and Alice Marie (Morgan) Noble

Alice Noble - September 05, 2013 at 02:03 PM

CE

“ Carol Moore, Sister Of Emily lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth August Partin



Carol Moore, sister of Emily - September 05, 2013 at 08:18 AM

SS

Emily so sorry of your loss. We met Ken at one of the Smiley's get togethers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love,
Bobby & Sonja Smiley

Sonja Smiley - September 05, 2013 at 01:06 PM

CE

“ To sis Emily, you were there by his side always, holding his hand these last two weeks, lovingly watching over him, you were fortunate to have him as a husband and he was blessed to have you as a wife, seems like only yesterday you told me when you met him that you knew he would treat you good 20 years from the day you met him, and he did, you had traveled all over the world in your years of owning travel agencies, but when you met Ken you found the love of your life, may he rest in peace, sis Carol , Raleigh

Carol Moore, sister of Emily - September 05, 2013 at 08:17 AM

CD

“ Dear Emily, So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Thanks for sending me an Email. I never had the privilege of meeting you but I worked with Ken at Imperial Life for several years. I remember well a trip he and I made to Charleston, S. C. to attend a meeting of the Carolina Home Office Underwriters. Visited a number of the gardens that were in bloom while we were there. He was always a good friend. We were from different backgrounds but that made no difference to us. We are remembering you and the family in our prayers.

C. D. Duckett - September 04, 2013 at 08:42 PM

GE

“ Dearest Emily, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless all.

Love you,
Genell (Big Jan)

Genell Ertzberger - September 04, 2013 at 05:07 PM

DP

“ Emily, Ken, Peggy and Family. We are greatly saddened by the passing of Ken. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. God Bless!

Love,

David Plaisance

David Plaisance - September 04, 2013 at 02:43 PM

TM

“ Ken, Peggy, Morgan, Kensley, and Caitlin:

We are saddened by the passing of your father and grandpa. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Tammie and Erica Mesnard

Tammie & Erica Mesnard - September 04, 2013 at 10:59 AM

DC

“ Kenny and Beth,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of your Dad. He was such a positive influence on my life and many others in the Skyland area. I can remember visiting your house when we were kids and your Dad was always so kind and gracious. He had such a great outlook on life and loved to laugh. He was a great man. Please know that I am thinking of you and trust the peace that passes all understanding will encompass you.

Dean Crisp

Dean Crisp - September 03, 2013 at 10:15 PM

TG

Dear Emily,

I just received an email from Edie. I am so sorry to hear about Ken. I am also sorry I only met him for a few minutes once in Hilton Head. He must have been a wonderful man and I know he was very special to you. I send thoughts and prayers for you, the children and grandchildren. He fought such a good fight and I am glad he was able to live so long after getting cancer. God bless you all and I hope friends, family and memories help during this difficult time. Love, Talula and John

Talula Guntner - September 04, 2013 at 08:53 PM