



Kenneth Wayne Chapman

January 20, 1943 - March 20, 2018

Kenneth Wayne "Shooter" Chapman, "the greatest guy in the whole wide world," died peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, surrounded by his family. Ken, 75, of Charlotte, was born January 20, 1943, in Leesville, LA, the son of William Kenneth and Margaret Eileene (Kelsch) Chapman. In his youth, his family moved to Michigan. He graduated from Galesburg-Augusta High School, where he was the star quarterback. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps to proudly serve his country before returning to a career at Michigan Bell (later Ameritech). He started as a janitor and worked his way up through the company, retiring from management after over 40 years.

Ken married the love of his life, Christa Breitbach, on July 30, 1988 in Battle Creek and the two settled in Charlotte. Following retirement, Ken worked at Evelyn Bay Coffee in Charlotte, where he loved interacting with his many friends and fellow community members passing through each morning. He enjoyed time spent with his countless friends, especially on the golf course. Ken played several sports, including golf, racquetball, bowling, and slow pitch softball. In fact, his softball team travelled to Las Vegas and won the national championship. He owned racing horses and loved to travel. Above all, Ken loved his family.

Ken is survived by his wife of nearly 30 years, Christa Chapman; daughters, Wendy (David) French and Peggy (Dennis) Holder; grandchildren, Ryan,

RaeLee, Parker, and James; great-grandchildren, Kade, Chaz, and Skylar; siblings, Carolyn (Doug) Becker, Barbara (Sonny) Choveac, and Charlie (Leesa) Chapman; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

A private gathering will be held at the first tee at Maple Brook Golf Club (formerly the Charlotte Country Club) early this summer. In lieu of flowers or donations, stop in to Evelyn Bay Coffee and order the new "Shooter" coffee drink, in honor of Ken. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Ken on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 12, 2018 at 04:57 PM

DW

“ Going to miss a wonderful friend and a great softball player. Will raise a cup of java here in Florida to our long friendship. Will miss you buddy Your friend Dream and Mary Weaver

Dream and Mary Weaver - March 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

CM

“ Ken always had a smile and a friendly hello whenever i would see him. He seemed to really enjoy his job at Evelyn Bay coffee shop taking orders and communicating with the people. I didnt know him well, but what I did see of him I liked. He and Crista bowled on my bowling league for several yrs. He was a good sport and fun to be around. I am saddened to learn of his passing and my most sincere condolences go out to Crista and his Family. Most Sincerely, Claudette Myers

Claudette Myers - March 26, 2018 at 09:17 AM

LS

“ Sorry Christa. I have a lot of great memories of Ken. He was a great guy.

Lloyd Sain - March 25, 2018 at 04:12 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Christa...I am sending prayers to you and your family.

Mardi LaForce - March 23, 2018 at 07:37 PM

ML

“ Mardi LaForce lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Chapman



Mardi LaForce - March 23, 2018 at 07:35 PM

TM

“ Tab Miner lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Chapman



Tab Miner - March 23, 2018 at 03:35 PM

TM

Deepest sympathy to all of the Chapman family. So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. May he rest in peace.

Tab Miner - March 23, 2018 at 03:37 PM

JL

“ I played football 🏈 with Ken for three years at GA as a running back and linebacker. He was an excellent quarterback and great team mate.

Jerry Livingston Class of 1959.

Jerry Livingston - March 23, 2018 at 12:17 AM

RD

“ Rick Dobson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Chapman



Rick Dobson - March 22, 2018 at 08:46 PM

DS

“ Ken was my boss several times over the years. He was a neat guy to be around, always friendly and honest. Would do anything for a laugh. David Claflin Sr

David Claflin Sr - March 22, 2018 at 05:00 PM

TH

“ There were three things Ken loved to do. Play golf, gamble playing golf and taking the boys money playing golf. Hit the ball long and straight in heaven. We will miss you!!! Tom Hewitt

Tom Hewitt - March 22, 2018 at 01:35 PM

LO

“ *Lorie lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Chapman*



Lorie - March 22, 2018 at 07:10 AM

ME

“ *Merrilyn lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Chapman*



Merrilyn - March 21, 2018 at 02:14 PM

PH

*Condolences to the family.
Pat Conor Hodapp*

pat hodapp - March 22, 2018 at 08:03 PM

BR

So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I'll always remember him as the Quarterback that help win G-A's Championship in 1960. My sincerest sympathies to his family and siblings: Carolyn, Barbara and Charlie.

Barbara McGowan Randolph -- Class of 1962

Barbara McGowan Randolph - March 23, 2018 at 08:58 PM