



Kenneth Ray Thompson

May 24, 1949 - February 14, 2018

Kenneth Ray Thompson age 68 passed away Wednesday, February 14, 2018 in Wellington, Colorado after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Denver, Colorado on May 24, 1949 to Cecil Ray and Shirley LaVerne (Duncan) Thompson.

He spent his early educational years in Wellington and graduated with the class of 1967 from Kearns High School in Kearns, Utah. Upon graduating from High School Ken enlisted in The United States Navy and served in The Vietnam War as a "Radio Man Third Class". He was stationed in Vietnam, Thailand & Hawaii. His service in Vietnam was Ken's most proudest accomplishment.

He met Brenda Marie Whitmill in Salt Lake City, Utah and they were married on October 12, 1974 in Wellington, Colorado.

He drove truck for Commercial Carriers in the earlier years of their marriage. They purchased the T-Bar Inn in Wellington and turned it into a family business along with his parents.

Ken and Brenda moved to Libby, Montana for a few years where they purchased and ran a motel. They loved Montana and had land where they

hoped to someday build a home in their beautiful Mountains.

They returned to Wellington and continued to run the T-Bar Inn. He worked side by side with the love of his life, Brenda, for over 40 years. He was fully committed not only to his business but to the people of the community. He gave many youth their first job, supported various community events and had a great love to help those in need.

Ken had many hobbies and interests. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He loved his Oldsmobile 442 and rebuilding other classic cars. He enjoyed riding his Harley, going out on his boat and listening to music especially Led Zeppelin. He liked watching old westerns and was a fanatic fan of the 49ers.

He had an undying love for his dogs Buck, Rowdy, Boogie, Libby, Huckleberry, and Bear.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cecil; a brother, Terry Allen Thompson; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; his mother, Shirley and many other family members.

He was well known and went by Ken, Kenny, Kenny Ray and KT, but to most he was known as their friend.

A memorial will be held from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the T-Bar Inn, 3803 W Cleveland Avenue, Wellington, Colorado. 12:00 pm Military salute followed by a Celebration of Life.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

T-Bar Inn
3903 W. Cleveland Ave.
Wellington, CO

Tribute Wall

Sandy
Clark

“ Kenny was my boss when I was a bartender at TBar. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for you Brenda and family. Sandy J Clark

Sandy Clark - March 08, 2018 at 02:21 AM

KS

“ This is Don Koehler...Im remembering KT in so many memories such as shooting pool and being great friends....too many memories to mention...My heart goes out to Brenda and KT' S Mom R.I.P.MY FRIEND

Karen Smith - February 19, 2018 at 11:53 PM

TH

“ Brenda, Kenny was one of my first bosses, a wonderful man and a good friend to my father, Don Daubert (Double D). My heart goes out to you and your family.

Thomas - February 19, 2018 at 07:01 PM

JW

“ Oh Brenda how our hearts go out to you....I know you have the support of many friends and family thru this trial. James and I both send you our love and prayers...the stories of times with Kenny are many and the laughs and love shared beyond value. We love you and hope that in your sorrow you find a bit of joy in the memories. Jim and Tammy

James and Tammy Webster - February 17, 2018 at 11:27 AM

GS

“ I so saddened to here Ken Thompson had passed away, He was known to be a freind to so many people in Wellington. He helped my family when we needed help. He and Brenda helped us with a fundraiser for my daughter when she had her stroke, They were great people. He will be greatly missed.

Gina (Jimenez) Santistevan - February 16, 2018 at 10:51 PM

GA

“ Geyer & Associates purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth Ray Thompson.



Geyer & Associates - February 16, 2018 at 03:47 PM

PH

“ Brenda, Shirley & Family,
I am so very sorry to hear of Kens passing. He was such a wonderful man & a great friend. Brenda...I wish I was there for you to give you a big hug. Please know I'm praying for you all & will keep you in my prayers.
Much love to you all ❤️ 💙 ❤️
Pam Loofboro-Hornig

Pam Loofboro Hornig - February 16, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ray Thompson.



February 16, 2018 at 01:52 PM

CJ

“ I was very surprised to hear that Ken had passed away. Ken will be missed by so many people there in Wellington and the surrounding area, as he touched and helped to many of us at some point in our lives. He was always willing to help and never asked for anything in return. Ken and Brenda are two very amazing people who opened their hearts to my family and helped provide a fund raiser for my daughter, Michelle. Ken also was there to help me get my car towed when I had a accident near Wellington. I know I will never forget him. I try and make the T-Bar one of my stops whenever I'm in Colorado. Thank you Ken and Brenda, you will always be in my prayers.

Chris Jimenez

Chris Jimenez - February 16, 2018 at 10:53 AM

RS

“ We have lost a great friend, Ken and I played football together at Wellington High, we all remember him and his great sense of Hummer. The town has always been able to count on the TBar for a place to meet. Thank You Ken;
Our deepest condolences to Brenda and all the family.
Richard Seaworth and Family

Richard Seaworth - February 16, 2018 at 10:15 AM

AB

“ Uncle Ken will always be one of my heroes, as a young boy I lost my Father so every time Ken came to visit we went fishing with my other uncles and my grandfather we had many occasions fishing together. I loved listening to his stories about his service in the military. I really laughed about his story when he and his buddies caught a huge boa and kept it in a cage and how he had a hate of snakes and that he'd tease it and torment it knowing it couldn't get out. but then he'd have nightmares on that snake escapeing someday paying him back. Fishing on the Blackfoot River well known for Rattlers I watched Ken multiple times walk on water when he seen a snake I recall him flying too! I swear to this day he had super powers!

I also learned not to ever pretend and point at his feet and yell snake!

That day I flew as he planted his boot right on my butt. I didn't hurt cause my gut hurt from laughing at his fright.

He had some great stories of his days traveling around on his bike with some his buddies. He could make me laugh but would always amaze me the things he'd done.

One of my most memorable fishing trips with Ken we went to Clark Canyon just me and him for three days right after I graduated high school. We caught so many fish out of his boat we had to make runs home mid day so we could come back and catch more that night. Only me and Ken know how many fish we caught. All I will say is everyone in our family had a freezer full and we had one hell of a fish fry at the end of that week. We slept under the stars in his boat each night. Ken was a big help and influence as I grew up.

Every time they came to Idaho Ken and Brenda would drive by my house till they caught me at home and just stop and visit most of the time surprised me as they pulled up. I really enjoyed those visits.

We always talked about his land in Montana as soon as he retired we'd do a bear hunt up their we will not get that chance in this life but he will be with me in my heart this spring as I go play with the bears here in the mountains of Idaho.

Aaron Bateman - February 16, 2018 at 12:50 AM

VS

“ Valerie & James Shaw purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Ray Thompson.



Valerie & James Shaw - February 15, 2018 at 11:36 PM



“ My family and I had recently moved to Wellington in 1980. It was then, I was offered my first job as the dishwasher and prep because I was too you at the time to waitress. Kenny and Brenda taught me of being a responsible person and the importance of a job is. He always made light and enjoyed the people of our town.. It was about 3 years ago, we took a loss of my then ex mother in law sharon, and knew our family. That when he heard if our loss, opened up the doors for our celebration of her life. I remembered how my heart and smile came through when I got to see you and your wife Brenda again...and still remembered after all the years..

Thank you..rip friend..😊😊😊😊😊😊

Tammy Keen - February 15, 2018 at 08:50 PM

MW

“ Mark, Vicky, Nick and Larry Wahl purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Ray Thompson.



Mark, Vicky, Nick and Larry Wahl - February 15, 2018 at 04:18 PM