



Kenneth "Kenny" A. Clemons

March 23, 1940 - September 13, 2018

Kenneth "Kenny" A. Clemons of Gardendale, Alabama passed away at home on Thursday, September 13, 2018, following a long battle with a rare disease. Kenny was born March 23, 1940 in Birmingham, AL. Kenny was raised in North Birmingham and graduated from John Herbert Phillips High School. After high school, Kenny graduated from Auburn University. Called to be a coach and teacher, Kenny worked for the Birmingham City School system where he embarked on a long career in education serving as both teacher and administrator. His impact on the lives of both students and staff will be felt for generations. After over 30 years in education, Kenny dedicated himself to serving the people of his community. He served on the City Council of Gardendale from 1972 until 1996 when he was elected mayor. He served the city he loved as mayor for three terms before stepping down to accept the position as Executive Director of the Jefferson County Mayors Association. Kenny served on many boards and organizations in Jefferson County and the State of Alabama, including the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Planning Commission. Kenny met his wife of 57 years, Rhonda Sinyard Clemons while on a family trip to her family's fishing retreat on the Alabama Gulf Coast. After returning home, he told his friends that he was going to marry that "little blond-haired girl". They raised their family in Gardendale and attended Gardendale-Mt. Vernon UMC, where he was a lifelong member. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Lorene Clemons, his

daughter, Kerrie Lynn Clemons, and Great-Grandson, Brooks Smith. Kenny is survived by his wife, Rhonda Clemons, son, Barry Clemons and his wife Lisa. Daughter, Connie Smith and her husband Tim. Grandchildren, Brian Smith (Ashley), Kayla Clemons, Sarah Hallmark (Jonny), Cory Smith (Samantha), and Jeremy Clemons. Great-Grand Children, Kaylee Smith, Brodie Smith, Kennedy Smith, Brayden Smith, and Brynleigh Smith, Sister, Kathleen Randle (George), and Brother, Bill Clemons (Donna), Numerous nieces and nephews. Special family friend, Darlene Hammett.

The family would like to acknowledge the dedication of Kenny's health care providers at UAB, Dr. Lisle Nabell, her nurse Nancy Holmes, and the staff of the UAB Infusion Clinic. Dr. Arka Chatterjee, UAB Cardiology.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorials be made to the Kerrie Clemons Memorial Fund at Gardendale-Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 805 Crest Drive, Gardendale, AL 35071. Visitation will be Monday, September 17, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Gardendale-Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be at Oakwood Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall

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“ Kenny and Rhonda were so good when I would return to Gardendale for a visit. They were warm and friendly and they always asked about my mother. It was so good to see someone from our high school graduation class do so well. I enjoyed reading about Kenny's time as mayor and my mom thought he did a great job. Prayers and thoughts will be with Rhonda and his family.

Carroll Doss O'Neal, class of '58.

Carroll V. O'Neal - September 26, 2018 at 08:44 AM

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“ Kenny and Rhonda had such a wonderful marriage and loved their children and grands so much. I felt especially connected with them as we each lost a child pretty close in time. I send hugs to Rhonda and family. Kenny was very much admired and I know he will be greatly missed.

Linda Tomana - September 15, 2018 at 05:10 PM

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“ Hearing about your loss has deeply saddened me, but I know that this is far from what you are going through right now. I am so grateful to have spent thirteen years of my career working with Mr. Clemons. His treatment of the children, families, staff, and community inspired me to treat the N. H. Price community with similar strategies as I became a principal, It was never about him being in charge, but serving, and getting other people to become accountable, and involved. He will never be forgotten. To the family I say thank you for sharing him with us. Praying for your strength.
Arlene Bray Williams

Arlene Bray Williams - September 15, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family of my friend of 65 or so years. Tears shed in the loss of Kenny but thankful for a lifetime of great memories shared with him and Rhonda. Love them both. Charles*

charles chamblee - September 15, 2018 at 12:22 PM