



Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship

December 25, 1962 - March 9, 2022

Hartsville, South Carolina

Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship, 59, of Hartsville died on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family.

A celebration of Kenny's life will be held Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 3PM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Florence. The family will receive friends following the service. Services are directed by Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home and Crematory of Darlington.

Kenny was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Florence. He worked for Sonoco Products in Hartsville for 39 years and served as a first responder with Swift Creek Fire Department. Kenny loved spending time with his family and friends. As an avid outdoorsman, Kenny enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, and hiking.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Jennifer Spray Blankenship; his children, Michelle Blankenship Bryant and husband, Trey, Zachary Blankenship and wife, Sabrina, MyKenna Blankenship, and Hunter Blankenship and girlfriend, Gracie Helms; his grandchildren, Silas, Luna, and Atticus; his sisters, Nancy Jamerson, Pat Eubank, and husband, Cecil, and Anita Large and husband, Frank; many loving nieces and nephews; and lifelong friends, Allen

Edmondson, and Noel Salmons.

Kenny was preceded in death by, his parents, Irene and Curtis Blankenship; his brother, Donnie Blankenship; brother-in-law, Tommy Jamerson; and mother-in-law, Jacque Linderman.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120, or National Wild Turkey Foundation, 770 Augusta Road, Edgefield, SC 29824, or to St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1201 Cherokee Road, Florence, SC 29501.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.kistlerhard.eefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

St Luke Lutheran Church
Florence, SC 29501

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Connee Grantham lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship*



Connee Grantham - March 14, 2022 at 09:22 PM

DW

“ *Kenny will definitely be missed at Sonoco. He was a big part of our Sonoco family and will truly be missed. My deepest sympathy to the family*



Donna Weaver - March 13, 2022 at 05:43 PM

AA

“ *Family, so very sorry to hear of your great loss. I only knew Kenny for a short time from the Kolb Hunting Club. He was very respectful of others and respected by them. I wish I could have gotten to know him more personal. May our God give you comfort and peace during this most difficult time.*

Allen Byrd Sr. (Big A) - March 12, 2022 at 01:42 PM

RW

“ *Kenny was a good man and I along with others miss him. Praying now and the days to come for the family.*

Robert Winburn - March 12, 2022 at 11:43 AM

CM

“ Kenny, where do I start. The last 19 years Kenny and I have worked together in the Material Handling department at Sonoco. The last eight years Kenny has been the supervisor I report directly to as a shift leader. So during this time I've gotten to know Kenny a little more. I can say almost everything I've learned as been a leader. I've learned it from Kenny. Of course sometimes we bumped heads but even during those times he was teaching me a lesson. He taught me to always be fair, consistent, strong and thoughtful. I can't count the number of times Kenny when to battle for us. I'm going to miss all the times he checked up on us. A text when he first got up in the mornings, a phone call when he first got to work, and him stopping back to check on us before he left for the day. He always told me " all I ask is you do your job. If something happens no matter what it is. If your doing your job. I will have your back. Kenny I'm truly going to miss you.

Christopher Morris - March 12, 2022 at 08:59 AM

FH

“ Kenny was a one of a kind. I would talk with him a lot in the mornings at Sonoco. He would always smile and shake hands. Lots of memories were made from the fire dept . I will never forget our trip to the national fire academy. He will be missed. Saying a prayer for you all that God will keep his arms around you in this most difficult time. Love you all.

Frankie Hall - March 12, 2022 at 08:18 AM

KL

“ Kathy Lawhon lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship



Kathy Lawhon - March 11, 2022 at 10:17 PM

PL

“ I am very sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. Every encounter I had with him was pleasant and kind. I am so sorry for your loss of such a giant among men, Jennifer. Your love for each other was quite something to behold. God continues to bless you, Mykenna, Hunter, and all his other loved ones.

Paulette Lunn - March 11, 2022 at 09:16 PM

DT

“ Many family memories were shared in the Blankenships' yard. I am thankful I was allowed to be part of it. I loved that mountain man. My condolences to Jennifer, Michelle, Zachary, MyKenna and Hunter. My love to the entire family. I love all of y'all. Dawn

Dawn Taylor - March 11, 2022 at 07:46 PM

PA

“ Sending love and prayers to the family. Kenny was an example of a true southern gentleman. He would always greet you with a smile and a bear hug. He will be greatly missed. i can hear him saying "yes indeedy". Lee and i will forever cherish the wonderful memories.

Love,
Pam and Lee

Pam Amerson - March 11, 2022 at 03:33 PM

SS

“ SONOCO PIPE SHOP purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.



SONOCO PIPE SHOP - March 11, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



March 11, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Jim And Jeri Cox lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship*



Jim and Jeri Cox - March 11, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship*



Larry Huggins - March 11, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



March 11, 2022 at 09:15 AM

BS

“ *Bill & Melissa Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship*



Bill & Melissa Sherrill - March 10, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



March 10, 2022 at 08:21 PM

FF

“ *FMU Teaching Fellows purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



FMU Teaching Fellows - March 10, 2022 at 07:44 PM

LC

“ *Sending love and prayers to you all during this time of sorrow. Will greatly be missed by all Brothers and Sister on the fire scene .*



Lynn & Danny Coleman - March 10, 2022 at 06:35 PM

NW

Sorry for your lost. Prayers for the family

Natalie Welch - March 10, 2022 at 09:23 PM



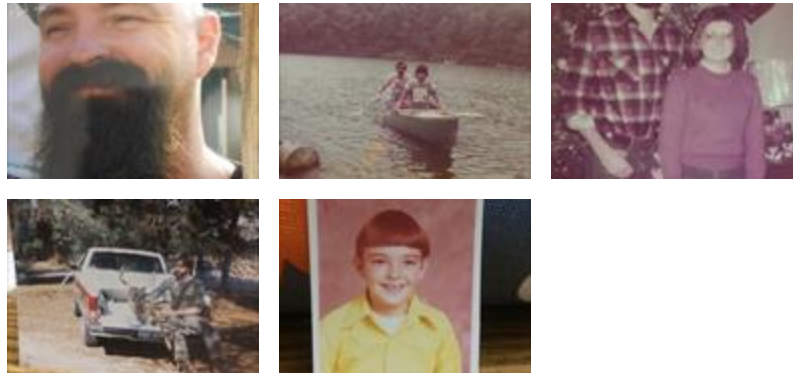
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March 10, 2022 at 06:15 PM

PA

“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Pat - March 10, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



March 10, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



March 10, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. It was an honor taking care of you.*



Zaida M. - March 10, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Gerberas and Palms Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



March 10, 2022 at 05:06 PM

RT

“ Nancy, Pat, Anita, Lisa and the entire family. Im so sorry! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Ohhh how I remember going with Nancy to the beach many many years ago and we stopped by Kenny's house. He was the sweetest and so welcoming me, a stranger at that time into his home. Even though time
and other obligations takes us different directions I still think of you all often. Like the old saying goes You may not remember what someone said to you but you will always remember how someone made you feel. Love you all and God Bless you. ❤️

Robin Turner - March 10, 2022 at 04:55 PM

SC

“ Jennifer, my heart breaks for you. I pray God comforts you as you honor the life of your husband. I love you my friend. MyKenna and Hunter love you and praying for comfort. Miss you all.

Sharon Cox - March 10, 2022 at 04:53 PM

LL

“ Sending love and prayers to you all during this time of sorrow.



Lori and Randy Lowe - March 10, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.*



March 10, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship*



Travis and Marilyn Walters - March 10, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *I am so heartbroken to learn of Kenny's passing. Kenny was an amazing, kindhearted and good man. He will be missed by many many people. I pray for your entire family during this time and the days to come. May you feel God's presence during this difficult time.*

Melinda Osborne - March 10, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Jennifer and family I am so heartbroken to hear of Kenny's passing he was a wonderful kindhearted man. Billy always enjoyed the fishing trips and duck hunting they had together. God bless your family and know we LOVE YOU ALL. Sending love and prayers.*

Linda Blackmon - March 10, 2022 at 03:46 PM

BM

“ Kenny was one of the first I worked with at Sonoco Hartsville when I was assigned to Hartsville from City of Industry in 2004. Kenny was truly a Man above Men. I enjoyed working with him so much and learned so much, not just about work but the people of South Carolina. I spent much time with Fred Harris and Kenny especially in the early days of my employment here. Kenny was a true Southern Gentleman. I never met Jennifer but I know she must have been very special. Sometimes you can reason and make sense of events like this..... but this one will take me some time. My heart is with you all. Broken Hearts can be open hearts. My prayers to your family.....

Bryan McKenzie - March 10, 2022 at 03:27 PM

SC

“ Jennifer and family you are in our thought and prayers. Kenny was a good man.

Sandy & Randy Colston - March 10, 2022 at 02:07 PM

GF

“ Worked with Kenny a long time. He was a good man and will be greatly missed!

Gene Farmer - March 10, 2022 at 01:18 PM

DB

“ You are all in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. We love you!

Barry, Dona Jo, Brycen, Brayden and Ms. Peggy

Dona Jo Brown - March 10, 2022 at 11:03 AM

BR

“ Browns and Ruthvens purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth L. "Kenny" Blankenship.



Browns and Ruthvens - March 10, 2022 at 10:58 AM

SH

“ Jennifer and Family,
I was sadden to see that Kenny has passed away. He fought a hard battle, I am praying for you and you family. Sending love and hugs.

Sharon Howle

sharon shirley howle - March 10, 2022 at 10:53 AM