



Kenny Shelley

March 20, 1946 - March 12, 2023

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Kenneth Ray Shelley, 76, of Darlington passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 11 AM at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Darlington Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 8 PM Tuesday , March 14, 2023.

Kenny was born in Rains Community of Marion County on March 20, 1946 to the late Joseph C. "Joe" Shelley and Elise Turner Shelley. He was a graduate of Chicora High School in North Charleston, SC and served in the United States Army National Guard. Her retired from CSX Transportation.

Kenny had a great love of cars and was often lovingly referred to as "The Godfather of Old Cars" among his friends. He loved 60's Muscle Cars with a 1966 Chevelle SS being his favorite. He was a former and founding member of both the Pee Dee Street Rodders and the Palmetto Cruisers. He was the co-owner of Yesterday's Cars along with his wife, Brenda until her death in 2020. He was also the owner and organizer of the Southeastern Classic Auto

Fair held annually on Labor Day weekend.

Kenny also loved the game of baseball. He was a fan of the Atlanta Braves and the University of South Carolina Gamecocks but enjoyed watching any team play. He was a coach at Francis Marion Recreation in Quinby for many years and was always thrilled to run into his former players through the years.

Kenny also had a soft spot for animals. He never hesitated to help or bring home a stray in need even though he fussed at us for doing the same. In fact, he always kept a bag of pet food in his truck, just in case.

He is survived by his daughter, Suzette Shelley of Darlington, his special car friends, his beloved cats and dogs, his granddog, Geraldine and his nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Brenda Childers Shelley, his brothers, Jimmy Shelley and Carlyle Shelley, his sister, Betty King and his nephew, James "Canty" Shelley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made to the Darlington County Animal Shelter.

In memory of Kenny's love of cars, his car friends are asked to drive their old cars or hot rods to his service.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. We just spent time with him at the car in Florence two weeks ago. He will be missed. Perry and Sharon Moore

Sharon Moore - March 15, 2023 at 10:46 PM

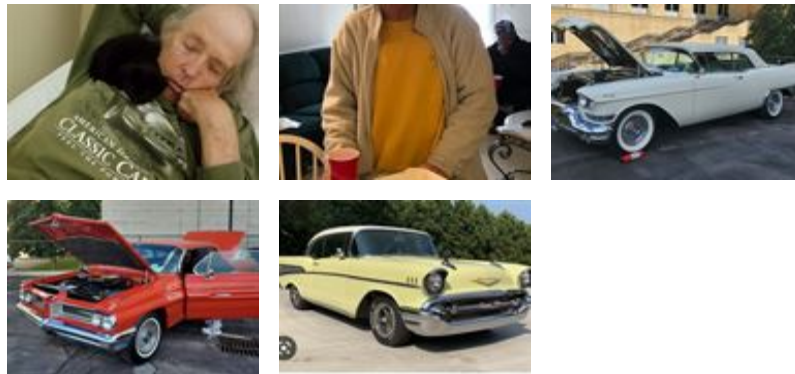


“ Mr. Shelley was a kind and helpful gentleman. I am glad to have gotten the opportunity to get to know him. My condolences and prayers to his family and friends.

Brice Isgett - March 15, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - March 14, 2023 at 04:28 PM

KP

“ I didn't know your daddy well but what I did know of him was all good and I know he loved you 🙏💕💕



Kim P - March 14, 2023 at 02:38 PM

JH

So very sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. Prayers of comfort for the family! Jr & Sheri Hyler

Jr & Sheri Hyler - March 14, 2023 at 03:43 PM

AB

“ Kenny and My dad, Legrand Chavis, grew up together when they were Kids and loved going to Car shows together and being a part of the car club. Kenny was a part of my family and will be greatly missed.

Ashley Burleson - March 14, 2023 at 02:02 PM

LP

Mr.Kenny was a loyal customer at Cain's BBQ he will be missed

Linda Poston - March 14, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kenny Shelley.



March 14, 2023 at 12:18 PM

MM

“ Kenny lived across the street from us and we would always chat when we saw each other. Will miss him.

Marty Martin - March 14, 2023 at 10:23 AM

JS

“ It's been a long time since I have seen my cousin Kenny, but I will never forget that beautiful smile. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know he will be greatly missed. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.



Judy Turner Steelman - March 14, 2023 at 09:23 AM

VS

“ Dear Suzette,
Joel and I are so heart broken to see the passing of your dad. He is going to be missed dearly, especially by my husband Joel. He would speak of Mr. Kenny so often and turn to him for guidance about his antique cars. He had so much knowledge and would always have the answer to any questions. He and Joel could talk for hours. May the Lord give you strength and comfort you now and in the days ahead. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. God Bless 🙏
Vicky and Joel Segars



Vicky & Joel Segars - March 13, 2023 at 09:07 PM

SS

“ I sure am going to miss you, Daddy. I wish that I could tell you all of the kind things people have said about you these past few days. You were so well loved and I hope you realized that. Thank you for being you and loving me and Mama like you did. I will love you always.

Suzette Shelley - March 13, 2023 at 08:27 PM

GW

Kenny was such a special individual. Gerald and I truly loved him and cherish the times spent together. He will be greatly missed.

Gerald Welch - March 13, 2023 at 08:58 PM

AB

Your dad was such a kind man. I love him very much. My father adored him and I hope he met him at the pearly gates with a belair or 66 chevelle for them to ride off into pure bliss. Sending hugs to you and your family.

Ashley Burleson - March 14, 2023 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ Jo Ann Self lit a candle in memory of Kenny Shelley



Jo Ann Self - March 13, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JS

You all are in our thoughts and prayers

Jo Ann Self - March 13, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JS

“ 🙏 *Kenny at his 75th birthday party!*



Jill Strickland - March 13, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JW

Prayers for his daughter and his friend's. He was my cousin.

Juanita Watson - March 13, 2023 at 04:23 PM