



Kenneth Joe Dunlap

January 26, 2020 - March 7, 2020

Kenneth Joe Dunlap was born January 26, 1931 to Ray and Lucille Dunlap in Hardy, Arkansas. He passed away March 7, 2020 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The Dunlap family moved to Bartlesville in 1937 and in 1939 Ray founded Dunlap Construction Company, which remained in business for over 80 years.

Kenny attended Lincoln and Horace Mann elementary schools, continued at Central Middle School and graduated from the relatively new College High School in 1949.

Following graduation from high school, Kenny attended Oklahoma A & M on a basketball and baseball scholarship. After a year at A & M, Kenny signed a professional contract with the New York Yankees. This resulted in him transferring to Drury College in Springfield, Missouri, where he was able to continue his education and play basketball, as he still had his amateur status in that sport.

At Drury, Ken met Levah LaNell Bishop and they were married December 21, 1952 at the Stone Chapel on the Drury campus. Ken completed his Bachelor of Arts in Education in the spring of 1953. His final baseball season was in the summer of 1953 with the Natchez Mississippi Indians.

With his baseball career over, he returned to Bartlesville and built his new

home on Frank Phillips and Waverly, one of the first homes in Pennington Hills.

In that home, Ken and Levah raised three sons, Mike, Tom, and Jim. Ken coached baseball, basketball and youth football for many years. Ken served many years on the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA. Ken and Levah were active in the First Baptist Church and Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church.

He was still playing pickup basketball into his sixties. Ken loved golf and played at both Sunset Country Club and Hillcrest Country Club the majority of his adult life. He was preceded in death by the majority of his playing partners.

In the 1960's, he became the driving force of Dunlap Construction building many custom homes and commercial businesses in the community. If you were good with a handshake, Ken was also.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Levah, of 57 years. He is survived by his sister, Theresa Dunlap of Bartlesville and three sons, Mike, Tom and Jim and their families:

Mike and Paula Dunlap, grandson Ryan Dunlap and wife Bridgette, and their daughters Kennedy and Blakely; grandson Travis Dunlap and wife Sophia, and granddaughter Kelsey Dunlap; son Tom and Janey Dunlap, granddaughter Emma Hamilton and husband Tim, and their daughter, Evelyn; granddaughter Sara Scullaw and husband Skyler; Jim and Pam Dunlap, grandsons Harrison and Preston and granddaughter Avery.

There will be a memorial Service at Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church, 5111 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, Oklahoma on Monday March 9th at 11:00 a.m. - Arrangements are under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory in Bartlesville.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to Bartlesville Community Foundation. 208 E. 4th Street, Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church
5111 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-8335
<http://bsbcok.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Joe Dunlap*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Kenneth Joe Dunlap*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma in June of 1977. Shortly after transferring my Carpenters Union Book from Rochester, NY to Bartlesville, Oklahoma I went to work for Dunlap Construction. Kenny Dunlap was absolutely one of the most honest, hard working and dedicated men I ever knew. Curtis Hadley, LG Rice and myself did finish carpentry and custom cabinet work on commercial jobs like the Dewey Bank, 1st National Bank of Bartlesville and Woolaroc. We also did many Custom Houses on Circle Mountain in Bartlesville and the surrounding area. Kenney was the kind of man that if you knew your trade he never ever interfered or tried to make you take shortcuts. All he wanted was to have you create and produce quality craftsmanship with everything we did! I could go on and on, but I consider myself very fortunate to have had the privilege of not only working for Kenny Dunlap, but to have known his wife, and sons Mike, Tom and Jimmy. Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of one outstanding man, Ken Dunlap! 🙏*

Jack Prutzman - June 01, 2020 at 08:17 AM

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“ To Mike and Paula, Tom and Janey, and Jim and Pam, We just heard about your father's death...it is not always true that bad news travels fast. We were very sorry to hear of the loss of such an incredibly fine gentleman and friend! Ken was always ready to help anyone in need which was more than evident when we had a small poisonous snake get into our home which he retrieved even though I found out later that he was afraid of snakes. It was a privilege to live across the street from Ken and Levah for 13 years! Jim and our son, Jonathan, always enjoyed playing golf with Ken and argued who was going to get to ride in the cart with him. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. A finer Christian man can't be found! Much love and our deepest sympathy to all of you, Miriam and Jim Mulva

Miriam Mulva - May 21, 2020 at 02:49 PM

KM

“ I grew up as a distant admirer of Mr. Dunlap. Whether in church, driving by his construction sites, seeing him at athletic events with his family or on the golf course, he was steady, personable and pleasant and modest never talking about himself even when he took a carload of us to watch OU play. A two-sport Letterman at Oklahoma State and played for the New York Yankee organization! Wow. A man among men, he should be missed and will deservedly be remembered in the lives and legacy of his wonderful family. It was an honor to spend time on this earth with Ken Dunlap. My condolences to the family. Kent Martindale

Kent Martindale - March 10, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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“ I grew up living on Waverly and I spent thousands of hours playing football, basketball, and baseball at the Dunlap house. Ken would install basketball goals/backboards on his garage (they had a two-car garage) so that the neighbor kids could play basketball. And, I will never forget how Ken and Levah sacrificed their yard and replaced many broken windows of their home as a result of all the football games and baseball games that were played at their house. I assume they put up with all of that because it kept their boys (and the rest of the kids on the block) under the watchful eye of Ken and Levah. But, the best part was when Ken came out and played some baseball or basketball with us. He taught us so much and shared his skills, talent, and experience with us. He was such a kind and wonderful person - a great mentor and coach. In fact, it was my honor and privilege to be a player on one of Ken's little league baseball teams. He served as our manager and it was so cool to be coached by a former professional baseball player.

While I was in college, I worked for Ken (through his contract relationship with Phillips Petroleum Company) for two summers. It was a fantastic job, a great experience, and Ken was always so nice and fair to me while working in the carpenter shop at Phillips.

It was always so evident that Ken was a strong Christian and he exemplified the characteristics of Christ each and every day in his relationships with everyone. I truly hope that Mike, Tom, and Jim understand what a positive impact their father had on me.

Steve Berry

Steve Berry - March 07, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Joe Dunlap.* ”



March 07, 2020 at 03:05 PM