



## Kenneth Terrell Garrett

May 25, 1945 - April 20, 2025

Funeral services for Kenneth Terrell Garrett, 79, of Big Sandy, Texas, will be held at 4:00 pm, Friday, April 25, 2025, at McWhorter Funeral Home with Brian Zappa officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Thursday.

Kenneth was born on May 25, 1945, in Toccoa, Georgia, to Charlie Dance Garrett and Frances Eleanor Fowler Garrett and passed from this life on April 20, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Kenneth was the youngest of nine siblings, who were raised by their mother. They moved often throughout his childhood, but never leaving the northeast Georgia area. After being discharged from the army in 1965, he settled not far from home in Elberton and started a family. Although he was skilled in many forms of labor, he gravitated to the granite industry, and being an entrepreneur, he opened his own business, Garrett Granite Sales. He was respected in the community and very active in his church, Fort Sonia Baptist. He was a deacon and led several youth groups. In 1985, he moved his family to Hallsville, Texas, to partner with his brother Bobby at Garrett Memorial in Longview. He moved one final time to Gladewater, where he opened Gladewater Memorials. Thus keeping the family business that is carried on by his daughter and son-in-law today. Kenneth was very outgoing and always a prankster, never without a joke and a laugh (usually on you). He loved fishing and had an affinity for animals, especially cattle. His pets were cows, more than dogs or cats. He loved music and dancing, and that's how he met Helen.

They married in 1999. He finally retired, and they spent many happy days on their farm. His family never got far away as they all settled in the East Texas area. Again, he was very active in his church, Union Grove Baptist, where his diligence led many lost souls to Christ. Even now, his legacy lives on in Obadiah... Servant of the Lord Missions.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Helen Garrett; son, Bobby Garrett (Sheri); daughter, Shelley Gabriel (Barry); step sons, Charles Turner, Brandon Turner, and Bradford Turner; sisters-in-law, Kathryn Garrett, Lillian Garrett, Janet Wilson, and Ruth Richards; grandchildren, Jacob Garrett, Zackary Martin, Caleb Garrett, Brandon Martin, Alexandria Parker, Michael Turner, Brayden Turner, Jordan Gabriel, Braden Gabriel, Tucker Gabriel; 8 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his eight siblings.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Obadiah Ministries, Union Grove Baptist Church, 2107 Sanders St., Gladewater, Texas 75647. Please visit Kenneth's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
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## Service

APR **25.** 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - April 25, 2025 at 06:23 PM

AG

*Helen and family, so sorry to hear of Uncle Kenneth's passing. I lost my youngest son, Blake 18 on March 18, 2025 to a horrific car accident. I have just now learned of your loss. Please know that I am lifting you all up in my prayers. God's blessings and comfort to all. ( Amanda Garrett, Toccoa, GA.)*

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**Amanda Garrett** - May 07, 2025 at 02:20 PM

RS

“ *Every time Kenneth seen me he would say “Hey boy”. Now every time I call the bull he gave me I’ll say “Hey boy”.*

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**Randy Stoker** - April 25, 2025 at 05:03 PM

FS

“ *From the Family of Tiffany Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Terrell Garrett.*



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**From the Family of Tiffany Smith** - April 24, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Terrell Garrett.* ”

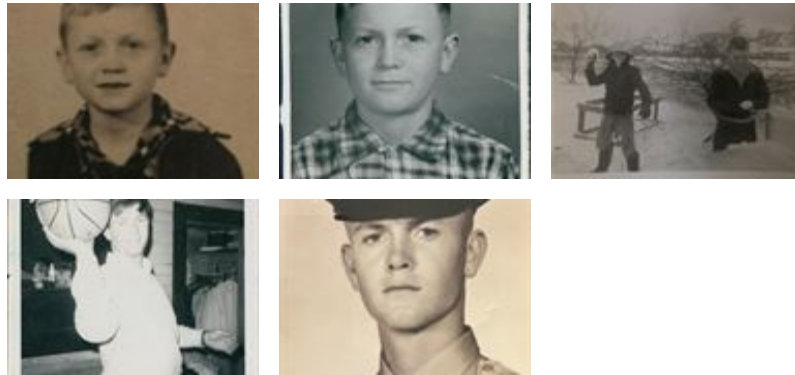


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April 24, 2025 at 10:47 AM

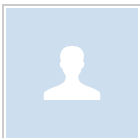


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McWhorter Funeral Home - April 23, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kenneth Terrell Garrett.* ”



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April 22, 2025 at 08:15 PM

KC

“ I have a lot of fond memories of Kenneth He made quite an impression on his nephew, my son Ryan, with his pranks and country ways My prayers for comfort for the family Love you Bobby and Sherry and Shelley and Barry

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**Kathy Coker** - April 22, 2025 at 11:39 AM