



Kenneth Ray Grubbs

July 13, 1942 - June 7, 2022

Kenneth Ray Grubbs, 79, affectionately known as “Choctaw “and “Ken”, has passed from this life June 7, 2022, from medical issues. Our hearts are broken and our souls ache as our loving friend, husband, father, and grandfather, now resides in heaven, impatiently watching and intently supporting us.

Many of his passions centered on greasy motors; he loved muscle cars, motorcycles, tinkering on tractors, sports, and conversing with people. He enjoyed meeting and learning about others.

However, within minutes of any conversation, his truths were obvious.

Kenneth was an honest man who loved his wife, his family, his parents, and brothers and sisters as rain loves clouds – one only existed as a result of the other. Kenneth married Vicky Chisholm, October 19, 1963, in small chapel in San Mateo, California and will celebrate 59 years of marriage in October 2022.

The oldest son in a large, impoverished Choctaw Indian family of farmworkers, Kenneth succeeded in life as a small-business owner, accomplished athlete, notably golden gloves boxing, car collector, and as a grandfather. The latter being his most valued identity. Championing knowledge, education, and learning, he inspired the Grubbs family’s first college graduates, which now boast six undergraduate degrees, multiple graduate level degrees, and a graduate each of Nursing, US Naval Flight School, and Medical (MD) school.

Kenneth was a proud member of the Choctaw Nation and introduced the culture to his family. All his businesses boasted "Choctaw" in their name and his classic cars were often inscribed with his self-styled credo – "Peace Lovin Indian". Kenneth was born July 13, 1942, to Lewis T. and Lucille Williams Grubbs, in Talihina, Oklahoma in an Indian Nation hospital.

A Celebration of his Life will be held later this year. We will update this announcement when the date, time, and location are determined.

Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home of Gilmer, Texas.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Vicky Grubbs; sons, Gregg Grubbs (Barbara), and Tony Grubbs (Ashley); sisters Judy, Annette, and Deborah; brother Gary; and his grandchildren, Cierra, Cheyenne, Summer, Tristen, Brad, Maddie, and Jackson, and great grand-son Grayson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lucille and Lewis; sister Linda; and his brothers, Larry and Louis.

The Grubbs family has been blessed by support this past week and patience from our friends and family. We are grateful to all who share in our love for Kenneth and in our loss.

We ask that you please visit Kenneth's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a specific memory for the family. We will cherish, print and share these memories during Kenneth's Life Celebration party to honor him.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ I looked up to my uncle and was alot like my dad who passed in 2020. So charismatic and fun to be around. A super friend, super dad , a great uncle. All around special guy. During the past several months I'm glad I often called him to just chat and pick his brain. I think he, my dad and the Grubbs family all around are special. So I asked him what made them different, what made he and my dad so unique. They all are about family and looking out for each other and is why I love my family very much. He would also tell the truth lol, so if you ask you're gonna get the right answer. I admire him as a father and grandfather. Greg and Tony's accomplishments along with the grand daughters are just superb. He is forever gonna be loved and missed. I remember 25 years ago asking him about the Golden gloves and won 3 years straight undefeated. Well that's the Grubbs heart in which we all have it. God bless my family and thank you Lord for all of us. Love sincerely Little Larry Grubbs

Larry Grubbs - June 21, 2022 at 06:59 PM

AC

“ Barbara, so sorry to hear of your family's loss. He sounds like he was an exceptional family man. God Bless

Andra Clay - June 21, 2022 at 04:15 PM

ST

“ My sweet Uncle, you will be so missed. You had a genuine heart and soul. To my Aunt and Cousins.... I love you all so much and I am incredibly sorry for this devastating loss. He will forever be your guide and will watch over you. I love you.

Sarah Chisholm Taylor - June 21, 2022 at 12:03 PM

MB

“ Kenneth and Vicky did many jobs for my Dad(who was Marvin Simmons). He thought Kenneth was the best. I know when he finds Dad in Heaven they will have plenty to catch up on. So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family!

Melinda Barrett - June 20, 2022 at 11:31 PM

MC

“ I have known Kenneth and Vicky for quite a few years, my late husband went to work with them many years ago at Choctaw Flooring the Grubbs quickly became like family to Scott and I. Over the years we didn't see each other much but still think of this family as part of my family. Much love, prayers for strength, comfort and peace during the sudden loss and know I'm always here anytime Vicky. Love to all.

Marysue Cole - June 20, 2022 at 10:23 PM

CT

“ I met Kenneth many years ago through my job at a local bank. He was a very nice man, always smiling, pleasant, and interesting to talk with. Gregg and I also developed a great long-term working relationship and friendship that I will always appreciate. To Gregg, Vicky and all of the family, you are in my prayers.
Charles Turner

Charles Turner - June 20, 2022 at 06:50 PM