



Kenneth Slade Woods

June 28, 1943 - August 19, 2021

Kenneth Slade Woods, 78, of Napoleon, Ohio died unexpectedly on Thursday, August 19th, 2021, at his residence. He was born June 28, 1943, in Passaic, NJ to the late William and Florence (Enholt) Woods. He graduated from Bowling Green High School and enlisted in the United States Army, where he served for 2 years. On January 30, 1988, he married Vicki (Bertz) Woods in Napoleon, Ohio.

Ken owned and operated Wood's Auto Supply, part of the NAPA Corporation, in Napoleon for over 50 years. He was a workaholic but enjoyed spending time at Hilton Head and golfing. He also helped coach youth soccer and little league. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, where he enjoyed greeting with his wife, Vicki.

Ken never lost his personality, even after his multi-year Alzheimer's diagnosis. He still had a happy demeanor and smiling face. He always had a way with kids and still loved spending time with his grandkids, enjoying them to the very last.

Ken is also survived by his children; Kevin (Elizabeth) Woods, Kirk (Kim) Woods, Amanda (Jody) Campbell, Rachel Toukan, Kristina (Uli) Keiper; grandchildren, Tamara, Kyran, Kayli, Shwan, Alexis, Kaleb, Parker, Carson, Isabella, Gabriel, Adam, Taylor, Preston and Hanna; great grandson, Graylen; and siblings, Larry (Claudia) Woods and Sallee (Joe) Dildine.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Interment will be held at a later date in Forest Hill

Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 2-7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry County 4-H Endowment or St. Paul Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Fund.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *My sympathy to Vicki & all of the families through this trying time.*

Charlene Matson & Bill Bechtol

charlene matson - August 27, 2021 at 01:24 PM

KH

“ *Sending heartfelt prayers and sympathy in your loss. We may have left Napoleon 29 years ago but the memories live on forever.. And Ken Woods and family is part of those memories. Gary used to send me in for parts, but I never worried if I was getting the right part. And we were all interactive with kids in church and school. God bless*

kathy hogrefe - August 24, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JB

“ *Talk about a guy that always had a smile on his face! He will be missed. Peace and strength to his family.*

Jen Neuenschwander Baughman - August 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM

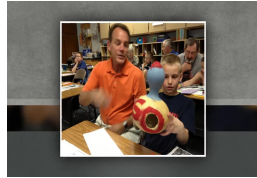


“ I remember the day Ken hired me back and then called me a dumbass!! My second year of college I decided to quit Woods Auto and work on campus so as to keep my weekends free. This was a mistake and I realized pretty quickly that it was too difficult to handle the class work and work during the week and I quit the on campus job. I needed income, but I knew ken had filled the position so I got a job delivering pizzas instead. This I hated immediately and after being put on mandatory break off the clock more than once one evening because business was slow I told the boss that I could “sit at home and not make money” and quit. I went directly to kens house, still in my uniform , distraught, emotional, and I asked Ken if I could come back to work for him. He said yes , then he called me a Dumbass (for not coming to him first.) He told me if I ever needed a job in my life he had one for me, but that I was meant for bigger things than working at his store my whole life. I loved that job! I got to learn about cars and parts and I gained a sense of value and recognition for being good at it. The interpersonal skills I learned working the counter translated well into my profession. I currently reside in Dayton , Ohio with my wife and two daughters . I have been self employed for 15 years . We own three small service based businesses . There is no doubt in my mind that Ken had a tremendous influence on where I have ended up. I was sad to hear of his unexpected passing, My heart goes out to you. My deepest condolences to you Vicky, Kevin, Kirk, and your entire family.
Sincerely, Toby Hartzell

David Hartzell - August 23, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Woods Tribute



Rodenberger Funeral Home - August 23, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.



August 23, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Vicky and the rest of the family in this difficult time.

Pam Fauver - August 22, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.



August 22, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.*



August 22, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.*



August 22, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.*



August 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ken's families. Many years ago I delivered batteries from Crown Battery, and managed his inventory, He was an awesome guy, always entertaining and energetic, I always valued my time with him. He was my late run and my wife knew it was "Woods Auto day." He helped me out a lot with my needs, Fly high Ken , I never forget you, John & Joey Kokai (Fremont)*



John kokai - August 22, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Bill and Kenny lost touch over the years but Bill always considered Kenny one of his best friends. They had quite a time back in the "scooter days" and played a lot of basketball together. They were both workaholics, even back then and had a lot of odd jobs together. Kenny had a great personality and will be greatly missed.
Marilyn Fearnside

Marilyn Fearnside - August 22, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.



August 22, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.



August 22, 2021 at 04:30 AM



“ Marcia Pfeifer Myers, Hilton Head, SC purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.



Marcia Pfeifer Myers, Hilton Head, SC - August 22, 2021 at 01:34 AM

DM

“ *The good LORD took a great person from us all. Our condolences to the all of U. He will be so missed. Our thoughts are with all.*
Donna Murcko and Melanie Hicks

Donna Murcko - August 21, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.*



August 21, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Slade Woods.*



August 21, 2021 at 05:03 PM

HG

“ *Wood's Family, You have my Sympathy on Ken's passing. I moved to Napoleon in 1979 worked at the former Christopher Chrysler Dealership, I last worked at Grogan Town Dealership retiring in 2006. Kenny used to call on us for parts & Supplies, he was a great fellow, glad I got to know him.*

Hal Griffin - August 21, 2021 at 04:12 PM

GR

“ Came to this town in 1983 with opening of Jim Angelo Ford and Kenny always made me feel our business was important with a smile on his face Vicky you and the family have my deepest sympathies but you all were graced with a beautiful soul sending hugs

Gwen Lambert Rivera - August 21, 2021 at 12:39 PM

PW

“ So sorry to hear about Kenny our Sympathy to All of you Gods Blessings !! will and par

Pat Wagner - August 21, 2021 at 12:05 PM

KR

“ I've known Kenny for 30 years & loved any time we had to chat. He definitely helped me hone my negotiating skills :)
Rest easy friend. I will continue to miss our creative conversations.
Kim (Hutchinson) Royal

Kim Royal - August 21, 2021 at 12:01 PM

RF

“ We're saddened to hear of Kenny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Randy and Deb Fahringer - August 21, 2021 at 09:50 AM

LE

“ I worked for Ken and Vicky for a few years, and fell in love with both of them! Ken was a joy to work with and for, always happy and smile on his face. I will miss that smile!

Love you always,

LeAnn

LeAnn - August 21, 2021 at 08:30 AM

DB

“ One of those rare men in the world who nobody has a single negative thing to say about them. I am glad I had the opportunity to work with Kenny for his last 9 years of owning and operating his NAPA stores. I'd bet that Kenny has already organized a golf foursome in heaven. Hit em' straight and I hope you one putt every hole up there! - Dave Babcock

Dave Babcock - August 20, 2021 at 07:43 PM