



Kenneth R. Isham

May 28, 1943 - May 18, 2015

Kenneth R. Isham age 71 of Harriman passed away May 18, 2015 at Parkwest Medical Center. Preceded in death by his mother Wanda Isham. Graduated from South Harriman High School and was the chairman of the Alumni and Friends. Served as Sunday School teacher at Johnson Nursing Home for 35 years. Worked for 40 years at ORNL. Published many research papers, text books & scientific articles. He graduated with a degree in Micro & Molecular Biology from the University of Tennessee in 1969 & received a BS degree in 1964 from Lincoln Memorial. A Lab Advisor at School of Bio-Medical Science. A member & Chairman of Deacons at South Harriman Baptist Church & Sunday School Director. He was also a Lay speaker at many funerals.

Survivors

Wife Wife of 50 years Brenda Isham

Daughter Kendra Inman & husband Steve

Grandson Levi Inman

Daughter Dana Keaton & husband Bobby

Father Marvin Isham

Sisters Haven Lingerfelt & husband Eddie

Nedra Austin & husband Charlie

Brother Terry Isham & wife Jerry

Many other special nieces, nephews & extended family members

Funeral 7 PM Wednesday at South Harriman Baptist Church with Rev. Matt Edwards & Rev. Edsel West officiating. Interment 11 AM Thursday at Roane Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 PM at South Harriman Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made to the South Harriman Baptist Church Parking Lot Fund.

Cemetery Details

Roane Memorial Gardens

1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

South Harriman Baptist Church
626 Ruritan Rd
Harriman, TN 37748

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ Dear Brenda, Kendra and Dana. Alfred phoned and shared with me news of Ken's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss. Loss to all of us that he touched. What a tremendous personal and professional legacy he leaves behind. He was a great teacher and friend; my experience as a graduate student in Frank Kenney's lab was enriched because of Ken's guidance and friendship. Most sincerely, Robin Rothrock

Robin Rothrock - June 14, 2015 at 02:17 PM

MU

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time of loss. Ken was a great leader, Christian example, and Friend. He will be missed by many. God Bless all of you.

*Mark, Maureen and Mark II
Umbehagen*

Mark Umbehagen - May 20, 2015 at 01:52 PM

JW

“ It is still unbelievable to imagine a world without Ken. As dear as he was to so many of us, it is hard to imagine the loss the family is feeling. We know he is with Christ now, yet we still wish he were here with us longer. He has been my longest friend since I was a child, to teenager, to married adult and mother. He has been there for all of my major life events, comforting me in illness and grief. I am so thankful to have known him and pray for peace for his family.

Joette Waddle - May 20, 2015 at 12:50 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry for the family, my prayers are with each of you, the next few days will be a heavy cross to bear, but remember god will not give us more than we are able to carry.
Kenny has been a very good friend for many years,we have all had good times together, Ken will be missed by all that knew him.

Sue Human Birchfield - May 20, 2015 at 10:23 AM

DA

“ David & Paulette Acres lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Isham



David & Paulette Acres - May 20, 2015 at 07:11 AM

SC

“ Dear Brenda and family,
Pete and I want you to know that you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers, especially today and tomorrow. We had so wanted to be at Ken's services tonight, but circumstances here do not allow us to make the trip. Kenny and your family have been so special to our family. You have shown us such love and friendship in our years at SHBC, we appreciate and love you so much. We are so thankful to have been touched by your lives. May God be with you today and in the days ahead until we all join Kenny in our Heavenly home.
Love in Him, Sylvia and Pete

Sylvia Charton - May 20, 2015 at 06:54 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. He was a very special man who loved the Lord very much. I know that he is rejoicing in Heaven with his Savior Jesus Christ and his wonderful Mom. My prayer for his family left here on earth is that they will feel the comfort, peace, healing and love of our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ surrounding them. God bless each of you.

Sherry Schuman - May 19, 2015 at 07:47 PM

MJ

“ Terry, I am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing...a truly nice person. You and the entire Isham family are in my thoughts and prayers.
MickeyJones

mickey jones - May 19, 2015 at 06:12 PM

RL

“ Brenda and family,

Cindy and I want to express our deepest sympathy at the passing of Kenny. He was one of the finest men I knew. He made my time at South Harriman a pleasure and I treasured his friendship. He will be missed by all. As we look back over our past friendships some seem to stand out more than others. When Cindy and I came to serve South Harriman Baptist in May of 1985 just fresh out of seminary and very green around the edges, Kenny was one of the people who jumped right in there and made my transition from seminary student to minister a very pleasant time. I enjoyed working with him and most of all serving with him. May God bless you in the days, weeks, and months ahead as you cherish the many fond memories of a person so loving and who always had such a sweet, sweet, spirit.

Gary and Cindy Lynn and family

Rev. Gary E. Lynn - May 19, 2015 at 05:45 PM

KI

Thank you, Gary and Cindy.

Kendra Inman - May 19, 2015 at 07:20 PM

VS

*Kendra and Levi,
I am so sorry for your loss. I know your dad and grandfather meant the world to you!! Prayers for comfort and peace!! Love you both.
Vickie Stephens*

Vickie Stephens - May 20, 2015 at 10:53 AM

KI

Thank you, Vickie. I miss you!!

kenda inman - May 20, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Isham.*



May 19, 2015 at 05:17 PM

LR

“ *In addition to his scientific work, Ken was a truly wonderful administrative assistant to the Biology Division Director. As Section Head, I always enjoyed dealing with him, because he was so considerate, aware of all the pressures we were under, and very tactful, as well as skillful, in alleviating tensions that might exist between us and the director. He was a truly wonderful human being, and I shall always remember him.*

Liane B. (Lee) Russell

Liane B. (Lee) Russell - May 19, 2015 at 04:43 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry for your loss today. The world has lost a truly wonderful person.
He will be so missed by everyone who knew him.
I knew Ken at ORNL Biology Division.
Lou Satterfield

Lou Satterfield - May 19, 2015 at 03:07 PM

AJ

“ Brenda and Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of bereavement. Ken was like a brother to me and made my stay during my time at the Biology Division very special. He would make sure I kept my focus on my studies and work but to also remember the important things in life; God, family and church. Of course he kept me up to date on what was happening with the "Vols". When my children were small he made sure they had their Vol outfits to wear! May God continue to bless and keep you and may heaven smile upon you and grant you peace. With sincere condolences,
Alfred C. Johnson, Ph.D. and family, Silver Spring, MD



Alfred Johnson - May 19, 2015 at 02:50 PM

KI

Alfred, my sister and I were wondering if you had heard about daddy. We discussed it today. He thought the world of you! Thank you for your kind words. Kendra

Kendra Inman - May 19, 2015 at 07:15 PM

DB

“ *Brenda, Kendra and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We thought the world of Ken and your family. Seeing Ken every Sunday at South Harriman Baptist Church never failed to lift my spirits. I know it's difficult right now, but we know where he is, and we will see him again. I pray God will give you the strength and comfort you need as you endure these difficult days ahead. May the wonderful, happy memories bring you joy and smiles and help you through this time of loss. Our love to you all.*

Dottie Jean, Michaela and Brady Beach

Dottie Jean Beach - May 19, 2015 at 11:55 AM

KI

*Thank you , Dottie.
Kendra*

Kendra Inman - May 19, 2015 at 07:16 PM

LK

“ *Your dad was special, Kendra. I always remember his kindness to me at the nursing home at a difficult time for me. I am not going to be able to come to the funeral due to possible surgery. You are in my thoughts and prayers. You and your dad were close as I was to my Dad. I am with you in spirit. Love you. Ms. Kwasnoski God is with you I know.*

linda kwasnoski - May 19, 2015 at 10:57 AM