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Kenneth Howard Colvin, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the age of 76. He was born in Vinita, Oklahoma on January 14, 1947 to Oscar and Mable (Wilson) Colvin. After high school he joined the Navy during Vietnam and served from 1964 to 1968. He married his wife of 54 years, Kay (Morris) on May 9, 1969. They had 2 children, his son Kenneth Howard Colvin Jr, and his daughter, Kris Colvin. He retired after owning and operating Green Country Nursery and Landscaping in Johnson for 42 years. His passion for plants and trees, along with his love of farming and animals of all sizes brought him to a small farm on Big Sugar Creek in Seligman Mo.

Ken is survived by his wife Kay (Morris) Colvin; daughter Kris Colvin and future son in law Brad Willier, grandson Greyson Colvin, brother Arnold Colvin, sister Carolyn (Colvin) Dean, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his son Kenny, and parents; brothers James Lloyd, Hershey, Harlan, and Paul.

A visitation and funeral service will be held Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Calvary Freewill Baptist Church, 1000 N. Gutensohn Rd Springdale AR 72762. Visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00, funeral service will start at 2:00, then burial to follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens, 1728 East Mission Blvd Fayetteville AR 72703.



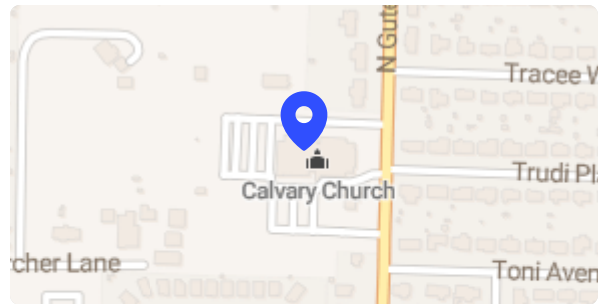
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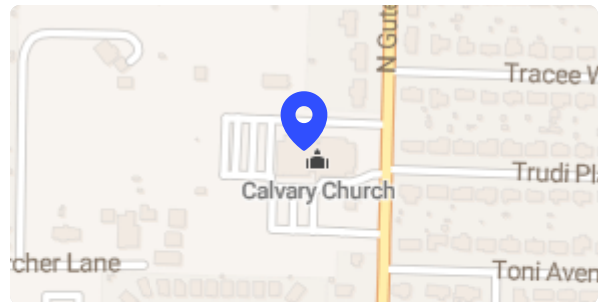
Visitation

- Saturday, May 20, 2023**
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- Calvary Free Will Baptist Church**
1000 Gutensohn, Springdale AR



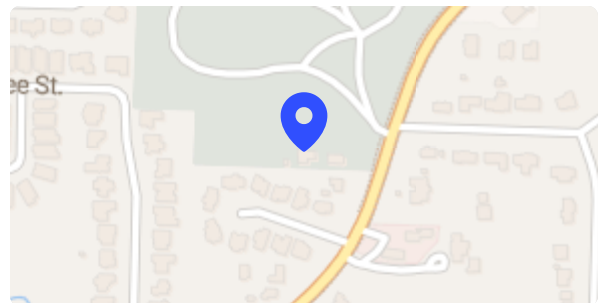
Funeral Service

- Saturday, May 20, 2023**
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- Calvary Free Will Baptist Church**
1000 Gutensohn, Springdale AR



Burial

- Saturday, May 20, 2023**
- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM CT
- Fairview Memorial Gardens**
1728 East Mission, Fayetteville AR 72703





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JP

Joe Paul posted:

Kay, I received word of Ken's passing. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a good and tough man. I tell the story of meeting the two of you on Holly Street, many times. Ken gave me my first job in Fayetteville. I think I was his first, Green Country employee. I had zero money. If you recall, I had to ask to be paid, in cash, at the end of the day, because I had nothing else. Ken didn't just give me a job, however. He gave me my first career. Landscape gardening. In part, my work on the Fayetteville Square Gardens is a testament to the path Ken started in my life. The reality is, Ken gave me an opportunity to grow up. That is something you just don't forget. I hope this finds you and family, at peace. He was, one of the hardest working humans, I've ever known. Many condolences. Joe Paul

August 13 at 7:29 AM

LN

Lisa Netherland posted:

Dear Kay, I am saddened to learn of Ken's passing. I remember he loved to keep things fun by teasing and joking with those he liked. I learned so much from both of you during my young days at Green Country. You and Ken gave me the start I needed for a long and successful career in Horticulture - for that I will always be grateful. May the joys of your years together bring you peace and joy always. Lisa (Kern) Netherland.

July 4 at 1:18 PM

AG

Aimee Gremard posted:

Kay, I am heartbroken to hear of Ken's passing. I'll never forget his poking at me in church just giving me a hard time. He will be greatly missed and I pray God gives you the peace that passes all understanding. We love you! Love always, Aimee McKinney Gremard, Dallas Howell, and Jakson Howell

May 22 at 9:02 AM

MH

Marilyn Johnson Heifner posted:

Kay, I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ken. May your precious memories of fun times together sustain you in the days ahead. Marilyn Johnson (Heifner).

May 21 at 1:56 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Colvin family.



May 20 at 3:58 AM



Don Bohannon posted:

One of the most honest hard working man I have ever known. I consider him one of my most special friends. I'm sure the lord will have some landscape duties ready. Good by my friend. 🙏

May 19 at 1:16 PM



Carolyn Shoemaker posted:

Too many hilarious memories of Ken during our visits to the nursery! And jokes he played on my dad at Walmart when they ran into you all. We loved him so much.

May 19 at 6:59 AM



Love, Shamsey & Tim sent a With Distinction to the Colvin family.



May 19 at 6:27 AM



And Amber Dehn sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Colvin family.



May 19 at 5:52 AM



Janna Patton posted:

Kris and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm sharing in your sadness and praying for you during this difficult time.

May 19 at 4:44 AM



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The Bunco Ladies sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Colvin family.



May 19 at 4:05 AM



Albert Johnson posted:

I rented from Ken when my son and I lived in Johnson. He was a great man and fun to talk to. He would joke around some. I send my thoughts and prayers to the family in this time of need. May he RIP

May 19 at 3:40 AM



Ric Hoyt posted:

I first got to know Ken and Kay when they first moved to Johnson and began Green Country Nursery. We were almost backyard neighbors. Ken was always a pleasure to be around. He was upbeat, funny and generous to everyone. He was always a supporter of my dad and me. Definitely a man that will be missed. Prayers to Kay and Kris for comfort. I will be out of state for the service or I would definitely attend to honor Ken's memory. Rick Hoyt

May 19 at 3:23 AM



Kelly Couch posted:

I Ken and Kay from Calvary FWB Church and also when they had the landscaping business, they used to come to Ryan's Steakhouse and Fire Mountain when I worked there.

May 18 at 10:59 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Colvin family.



May 18 at 6:27 PM



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Shannon Parrish posted:

Ken and my dad (Frank Hutchinson) worked together many yrs ago. I remember as a small kid Ken (uncle Ken as what he always called himself to me) would set up at the County fair with all of his little trees. I always loved to see Ken he always had a smile on his face and a big hug. Sending prayers and big hug for the family. Shannon Parrish

May 18 at 5:35 PM



Janna Fawcett-Harris lit a candle in honor of Kenneth.

Thinking of you Kris and family. My prayers and thoughts of comfort are being sent your way. Love and big hugs my dear sweet friend.

May 18 at 5:26 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kenneth.

May 18 at 5:19 PM



Billy Jones posted:

Kay and Kris. Big hugs and love from my family. Your Ken was one of a kind and I have so many fond memories of him. It was always a wonderful surprise when he would let the waiter know that it was my birthday and encourage them to all gather around and sing to me. Of course, it was never my birthday when he did this. And he did this pretty much every time I was eating with you all. That was Ken. He loved BIG and he enjoyed his days and he worked as hard as any man I ever knew. A life well lived. Unfortunately, I'm going to miss the service but I look forward to giving y'all a big hug soon. Billy Jones.

May 18 at 5:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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