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Ken Duckworth

Jan. 15, 1942 - Feb. 6, 2023

Ken Duckworth died Monday February 5, 2023. Born in Burke County on January 15th, 1942, he was the son of the late Carl Duckworth and Catherine Williams. He grew up in the Salem community, served in the Army and worked for many years for the City of Morganton. He had a strong work ethic and a vast store of knowledge. From restoring his '56 Ford truck to building houses, there was little that he couldn't do. If not physically working, he was mentally planning the next project. He was a modern-day Renaissance man.

He was a friend and mentor to many and dearly loved by his family. Ken is survived by his wife Susan, his son Bryan and wife Karen, grandsons Tanner and Carson Duckworth. Stepchildren, Elizabeth Gupton (Stewart Kolb), Adair Gupton, and Matthew Gupton (Cristy Gupton). As well as Step grandchildren Sallie McCurry, Kenton Gupton, and Slade Gupton. Donations in memory of Ken can be made to First Presbyterian Church Habitat for Humanity as well as the American Cancer Society. A gathering of friends and family with be held Saturday February 18, 2023 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Ken's workshop. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Ken is a good friend, we share a grandson together. Went by to visit him January before we went to Florida in camper. He was always enjoyable to be around and talk to. We will miss him coming by to visit.

–Reid & Pat Scott

Ken and driver helped me greatly when we(Neill grading) first started doing water and sewer work for the city of morganton back in the 70's. we installed many thousands of feet of water and sewer lines and other projects over the next twenty or so years. They were mentors and friends. They will be missed and thoughts and prayers go out to the the families in this time of great loss.

–jan wilson



I really didn't know Kenneth that good.His mana Catherine kept when me and my sister Darlene was little.We lived down below them.You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

–Lisa Stamey

Ken and my husband, Driver, worked side by side for close to thirty years and were as thick as thieves. They always got along like two peas in a pod. After Ken retired he never forgot us...he always made his way back to our house like old times. He was a wonderful friend and helped us out from time to time with projects. He was a MASTER craftsman. After my husband passed away he

projects. He was a MASTER craftsman ! After my husband passed away he stopped by and we talked about days gone by. I'll miss those talks and his friendship. May he rest in peace until our paths cross and boy what a reunion ...like old times. He's enjoying the company of his ol' City "BUDDY" -Driver again. They both were loved and will always be remembered!~!!!

–Teresa W. Browning

Ken was one of those people you will never forget, that makes a lasting impression. I delivered gas to him for several years, and always looked forward to the deliveries so I could get his take on current affairs. He will be missed by many I am sure.

–T Crump