



Kenneth Dean Ollis

Oct. 22, 1935 - Aug. 27, 2025

Kenneth Dean Ollis, 89, of Morganton, NC, passed away Wednesday, August 27, 2025 after a period of declining health.

Born in Burke County, NC on October 22, 1935, he was the son of the late Millard Ruben Ollis and Floria Eula Barrier Ollis.

Kenneth was a sincere Christian man and a lifelong member of Jonas Ridge United Methodist Church. He loved the Lord and his family, and demonstrated his love through his devotion as a husband, father, and grandfather. He served as a sergeant in the US Air Force, and he retired from Broughton Hospital after 35 years of service as the assistant director of medical records. Kenneth authored two books, "How Blue are the Ridges" and a book of poetry, "Seasons of Poetry."

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 71 years, Edna "Jackie" Ollis; sons, Kenneth Dean Ollis, Jr. and Martin Gerald Ollis (Terri); grandchildren, Dana Ollis Powell (Kevin), Martin Gerald Ollis, Jr., and Shaun Ollis; great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Jackson, Hunter, Katana, and Jeremy; special niece, Dia McCarrick; and a special nephew, Tommy Puett.

In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his brother, James

“Hayden” Ollis; and a sister, Patricia Clarke.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Brad Browning officiating. Military honors will be provided by the US Air Force.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jonas Ridge United Methodist Church, PO Box 44, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641.

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

Tribute Wall



Kenneth was a man of honor, I am proud to be his great grandson. I hate to see him go, I miss him so much. Rest in peace

—Hunter Speer



Kenny, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. May God give you and your family comfort and peace. Shasta Buff Johnson

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Ken was a wonderful Christian man who was always caring and faithful. He will be greatly missed. Rest well and well doe dear one.

—Karen Collins

Jackie, so sorry to hear of the passing of Ken. You both were a wonderful pair at the old Broughton Hospital. May God Bless you and meet all your needs.

—Steve Houser





—Peggy Gibbs Wilson



Kenneth was one of the nicest person I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. He loved his grandson so much. He will truly be missed. Heaven definitely received a angel.

—Lisa Miller



A fine man and distant cousin

—Roy Henson



—Cynthia barrier