



Kenneth Michael Duke

May 31, 1943 - April 18, 2023

Kenneth Michael Duke of Easton, MD, passed away on April 18, 2023. He was 79 years old. Kenneth is preceded in death by both of his parents; his wife, Charlotte; and his daughter, Kelley Duke Brown.

Kenneth was born in Lynchburg, VA, on May 31, 1943, to the late Robert and E. Obenia Duke. Kenneth was the oldest of four children.

At a young age, Kenneth's family lived in Newport News, VA and Cleveland, OH. During his formative years, his family moved to Peekskill, NY, where he graduated from Peekskill High School in 1961. Kenneth played football, basketball, and ran track throughout his high school career and received numerous accolades and awards for his athletic ability. Upon Kenneth's high school graduation, he earned a football scholarship and attended what is now known as Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD. While attending Morgan State University, Kenneth met and subsequently married, his college sweetheart, Charlotte Elizabeth Nutter, in 1963.

Kenneth's professional football career began in 1966 when he was drafted in the nineteenth round of the NFL draft by the Baltimore Colts. In 1967, he played in the COFL for the Hartford Charter Oaks. In 1968, he played in the ACFL for the Bridgeport Jets for two and a half seasons. In 1969, Kenneth played for the Long Island Bulls for the remainder of that season and played on the practice squad for the Washington Redskins and completed his football career in the CFL that same year.

Upon earning his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Connecticut at

Bridgeport and Master's Degree from the University of Chicago, Kenneth had a successful career in the school social work field, where he had a profound effect on many families and youth in the Boston, MA, Bridgeport, CT, Newark, NJ, and Baltimore, MD, areas. Kenneth was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame for coaching track and field at Science High School. The members of his track team were known as "Duke's Girls." Most recently, Kenneth was bestowed an Honorary Doctorate degree from Morgan State University for his civil rights effort.

After retiring from two school systems, Newark Public Schools and Baltimore City Public Schools, he and his wife, Charlotte, moved to Georgetown, DE. While he resided in Delaware, he was very active with Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. Following the death of his wife, he moved to Easton, MD, to be near his family.

Kenneth is survived by his siblings, Wyonella D. Rux (Marvin), Robyn D. Ausberry (Marshal), and Elaine Duke; his children, Ronald Harding (Cheryl) and Kimberly Moseley (Anthony); his grandchildren, Sherree Devereaux, Trent Harding, Amanda Moseley, Michael Moore (Stephanie), Mia Moseley, Morgan Moseley, Taylor Brown, Tori Brown, Taryn Brown, and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering and service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home located at 408 South Liberty Street, Centreville, MD, on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Duke's Girls non-profit organization founded in Mr. Duke's honor in 2018. Contributions can be sent via PayPal or Zelle to dukesgirlstrack@gmail.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Memorial Service

MAY 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



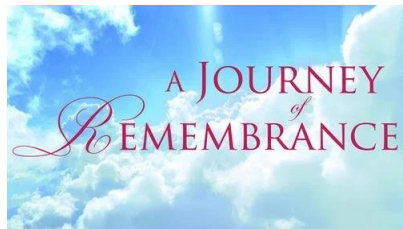
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Live Stream Funeral Service Kenneth M. Duke in memory of Kenneth Michael Duke*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 22, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Michael Duke*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 10, 2023 at 10:38 AM

DP

Elaine & Family So Sorry to Hear of Ken's Transition. He Earned His Wings. May He Rest in Peace in Heaven. Sending Family Much Prayer, Peace, Comfort, Blessings, & Love During This Challenging Season of Loss & Grief. God Bless. Cousin Charyle Pearson

Dr. Charyle R. Pearson - May 18, 2023 at 06:08 AM



“ *Kenneth Michael Duke*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Michael Duke.*



June 01, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers go out to your family. Praying your strength in the Lord.*

William and Dana Moseley 🙏🙏🙏

Evangelist A. Dana Moseley - May 22, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Michael Duke.*

May 20, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Michael Duke.*



May 20, 2023 at 11:36 AM

KB

“ Deepest condolences on the passing of Ken. He was a close and supportive friend during our years together at Morgan State University. I was his teammates on its football team and admired his great athletic skills. I treasure knowing of and benefitting from his courage, his intelligence and devotion to helping others. He loved his family very much. My family is offering prayers for the progress of his noble soul in the world beyond and for the solace of members of his family. Thanks for sharing information of his remarkable professional accomplishments. ----Kiser Barnes

kiser barnes - May 06, 2023 at 05:40 PM

AR

To my dear friend, Nell, I am saddened to hear about the death of your beloved brother, Kenneth. I send sincere condolences to your family and prayers for your comfort. Peace and love, Alice Doby Ross

Alice Ross - May 30, 2023 at 10:34 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Michael Duke



Carolyn Lane - April 26, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Michael Duke.



April 24, 2023 at 05:32 PM

MN

“ My uncle was a football star to me I remember going to his games lol I would go into his room while he wasn't home and dress up in his football equipment shoulder pads helmet I was my hero my uncle ken

martin nutter - April 24, 2023 at 04:55 PM

PW

“ I will always remember Ken's bear hugs for his family! ❤️
We Love You! ❤️🙏❤️
Tony, Patrice and Gregory

Patrice Watford - April 23, 2023 at 08:05 PM