



## Kenneth Heisey Gibson

March 12, 1945 - December 19, 2024

With profound sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Kenneth H. Gibson, who was called home to be with the Lord on December 19, 2024. After emergency surgery for esophageal bleeding, Kenny developed pneumonia, and his organs began to shut down. He died peacefully surrounded by loved ones.

Kenny spent his life deeply devoted to his family, his faith, and his community. A man of great integrity, kindness, and humility, Kenny leaves behind a 79-year legacy of love that will continue to inspire all who knew him.

He was a loving husband to his wife, Wendy of 54 years, a devoted father to sons Kent & Ben and father-in-law to Ben's wife Santy, and a proud grandfather to Kade and Shane. His family was the center of his world, and his unwavering support, wise counsel, and sense of humor will be dearly missed by each one of them.

Kenny spent 54 dedicated years to exemplary innkeeping at Sandaway Suites & Beach, and at the Robert Morris Inn earlier in his career. He was an avid sports fan and loved to play golf. His faith was the foundation of his life, and he shared it generously with others, offering a helping hand and a kind word to anyone in need. His life was a testament to the power of love, Christian faith, and service.

He is survived by his beloved wife Wendy, sons Kent and Ben, Ben's wife

Santy, Kent's fiancée Jade, grandsons Kade & Shane, brother Jay and wife Brenda, sister Nancy and a host of beloved extended family and friends who were blessed to know him. For example, he was known as Uncle Ken to John, Deb, Carolyn, Brandon, Spencer, Kaelyn, and Carra. Wendy's brother Randy and sister Cindy, the Mounghounsavath and Khouw families, his best friend Cliff with wife Jeanie were also a great support to him and were loved dearly. The names of Kenny's family and friends that he loved are so numerous and we could not include them all.

A celebration of Kenny's life will be held on December 30, 2024, with a public walk through at (Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 South Harrison Street Easton, MD 21601) from 10-12, and a private family only graveside service later that afternoon.

Kenny will be remembered not only for his strong character and selflessness but also for his gentle spirit and his ability to make others feel seen, valued, and loved. He may have left this earthly realm, but his legacy will forever live in the hearts of all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to <https://forallseasonsinc.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate-now/> or <https://habitatchoptank.org/donate/>

"When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with love they left behind."

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
EASTON  
EASTON, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



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



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 30, 2024 at 12:40 PM

BD

*Wendy and family, so very sad to hear the news of Kenny passing. He was a super friend in high school and loved seeing him at our reunions. Condolences to all his family and specially to you!*  
*Bunny Payne Dutton*

**Bunny Dutton** - January 07, 2025 at 11:54 AM

BD

*RIP dear Kenny!*

**Bunny Dutton** - January 07, 2025 at 11:55 AM

PW

*Wendy, my heart is aching for you and your family at this time. So many fun memories are racing through my mind of Kenny from high school days to all the reunions. He was a loved friend and will be sorely missed!*  
*Paula Goppert Wilder*

**Paula Wilder** - January 10, 2025 at 11:13 AM

CW

*Dearest Wendy, We've only known each other for about a year but the moment we met there was a beautiful connection. How deeply sorry we are that you and your family have lost your beloved Kenny. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now with our deepest sympathy.  
Cynthia & Richard Walker*

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**Cynthia Walker** - February 12, 2025 at 07:38 AM

LH

“ *So sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. His mother was my English teacher in high school. I spent a summer with Kenny in Clearwater and saw him in a few Dunedin High School reunion. Kenny and I were friends and I am happy to hear that he was a devoted christian  
Lynn Humphrey, Nashville. Tn*

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**Lynn Humphrey** - February 16, 2025 at 08:41 PM

BK

“ *I was saddened to see this about my old. Friend from college. He was the hooter and one of my best friends. Sadly we kind of lost touch over the last many years. He was a great guy. My condolences to his family. Bruce Kelsey.*

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**Bruce Kelsey** - February 16, 2025 at 05:36 PM

TB

“ To Wendy Gibson and Family: I am so saddened and shocked to know Ken is gone from us, esp. those of us at DHS62. His character, intellect, honesty, and wit was one that caused me to think how thankful I was to be his friend. His presence for three years on our DHS Basketball Team was paramount in the success we earned, and Ken knew how to win -- the right way!

*I knew Ken's Mother and Dad, giving me a first-hand into Ken's upbringing and , wow, being in Mrs. Gibson's English class at DHS made me a better person. She was strict but very kind. Mr. Gibson rarely missed Ken's sports events.*

*Attending the various DHS62 Reunions where Ken & Wendy were in attendance made me feel it was worth making the 1,100 mile trip to be there.*

*Donna can attest that I often spoke of traveling to Oxford, MD but were never able to do it - to stay at their Inn.*

*A fond memory of Ken I remember was during our first basketball game of our Senior year against Clearwater HS at their gym, it took the skill of Kenny Gibson for DHS to win! It was a modern version of "David and Goliath"!*

*Of course, nothing overshadowed when we won our first three tournaments to qualify for the FLA STATE TOURNAMENT 1962 the very first year we were a Full high school - what history that was!*

*Thank you KEN!*

*I was blessed by a friend and a life legacy of Ken Gibson. Terry Bower DHS.*

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**Terry Bower** - January 13, 2025 at 01:45 PM

LS

“ Our sincere condolences to your family. At such a loss for words as he will be sorely missed by so many. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. We have also done as requested and not sent flowers but sent a donation. We all have happy memories and are thankful that we knew him.

Sincerely, Lori & Staff @ Hopkins Sales, Easton, MD

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**LORI SCHMIDT** - January 02, 2025 at 01:40 PM

FR

“ Terri and I are so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Almost everything written in his obituary about him and how he lived his life could have been written by anyone who knew him. He was an absolutely honest and enjoyable person, one whom you could always look up to. He earned my respect from the moment we met over 20 years ago in the Sewing Circle golf group. Kinney, I will always remember you. Rosie

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**Frank "Rosie" Rosenzweig** - December 31, 2024 at 04:12 PM

WW

“ My Condolences to the Family. Last year I had the pleasure of meeting Kenneth. My Wife and I had a small problem in the adjustment of the air-conditioner. The small air-conditioning problem was handled by Maintenance. I had mentioned to Ken I was going to get some crabs on my way back to Delaware. Kenneth the next day came by and handed me a 50-dollar bill and said put that toward your crabs. I am so grateful to have met this kind and generous man even for a brief moment.

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**wesley b wickes** - December 30, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JP

“ June Purnell lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Heisey Gibson



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**June Purnell** - December 30, 2024 at 02:53 AM

FW

“ I worked at the Robert Morris Inn for 20 yrs. The best employers ever. Ken was always good to me. He was especially good to me when I had cancer. Treated me like family both him and his wife as well as Jay. He always made a point to say hello. Such a kind person. He will be missed. My love and prayers go out to Wendy, Kent, Ben and Santa, Jay and Brenda. He used to sing Chantily Lace to my son when he was small. My son Brandon thought a lot of him as well. Sleep with the angels my dear friend.

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**FRANCES WILLEY** - December 29, 2024 at 01:08 AM



“ I visited for the first time in the 1980s. It became my 'go-to' place whenever I needed peace, calm, and a place to separate from the challenges I faced as a consultant helping healthcare companies and governments deal with seemingly impossible challenges. There was a 'spirit' there that embraced me, nourished me, and sent me back into that world better prepared to help. I watched Ken's children grow through those years. I saw the love with which he and Wendy tended the property - and, oh, the gardens! I went out of my way to take the Oxford-Belleview Ferry so I could step off of it into the very special world they created. Thank you, Ken, for how you and your love of Wendy, your boys, and your guests sent ripple effects into the world that are better for your innkeeping!

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**Glenna Crooks** - December 28, 2024 at 05:05 PM

DS

“ My husband and myself and also my daughter and myself have been to Sandaway many times.  
We cherish each and every trip we have made there. Ben has always been so kind and welcoming. I'm sure Ken has always been so proud of him. Ken, what a wonderful dad you are! Ken will live on through his family.  
Diane Salvi

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**Diane Salvi** - December 27, 2024 at 08:29 PM

CN

“ We love Kenny so much! He and Wendy are so dear. What a precious man and strong Christian . May God give you and your family much comfort and peace and strength to get your through.  
Love ,Susan and CB Nagel

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**CB and Susan( Myers) Nagel** - December 27, 2024 at 07:28 PM

PW

“ met him for the first time as a renter and continued as a customer and friend

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**PAUL WARRING** - December 27, 2024 at 06:18 PM

JB

“ Ken and Wendy were amount the first folks to welcome us to Oxford when we purchased the Oxford Bellevue Ferry back in 2001! Ken treated us to his favorite burger with a seafood cake on top! We will always remember him with great fondness! For all the 24 years we have been in Oxford we were privileged to call him a friend...may he rest in peace knowing he will be missed.  
Captains Judy and Tom Bixler

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**Judy and Tom Bixler** - December 27, 2024 at 05:12 PM

DA

“ Dear Wendy. I am thinking about you. I have come down to Sandaway in the summer by myself and with my girlfriend’s group several times. Ben was always there with a warm hello And a big smile. And he was always waking around taking care of things to make your place look great. I know he will be missed by you and many others. Saying prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. My deepest condolences. Diane Allen



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**Diane Allen** - December 27, 2024 at 05:03 PM

PK

“ Having stayed at both Oxford establishments under his control and during COVID, having him deliver our breakfast basket, we got a fair measure of the man. Having just lost my spouse if almost 56 years, I share the intensity of your loss.

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**pam Kennedy** - December 27, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MP

“ I've known Mr. Gibson for almost 25 years and he always made every restaurant event together fun, especially for my kids. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gibson helped us not only with their friendship but also with life counseling. His infamous CD of "The Bopper" was my sons favorite CD as a child. Sending warm thoughts and prayers to his entire beloved family. We will miss him.

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**Michelle Purnell** - December 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

LS

“ Susan and I were very saddened to hear of Kenny's passing but know he is enjoying singing and jigging in Heaven with his dear friends and family who have gone before. Sending lots of love to all his many family and friends.

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**Laura Serkes** - December 26, 2024 at 11:35 AM

CH

“ I have known no finer gentleman in my lifetime than Kenny Gibson. He was a great mentor to me in my younger years and a lifelong friend. There's so much I'll remember about Kenny, but what I'll remember best was his tremendous ability to “be present” in always giving his full attention to others when spending time with friends. Bopper, you're one of my all time favorite dudes - I will miss you dearly.

*My deepest condolences go out to Kenny's family.*

*Chad Hill*

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**Chad Hill** - December 24, 2024 at 10:38 PM

BH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. May your faith and memories sustain you at this difficult time. We'll never forget the time that Ken called from St Andrews, Scotland to tell us about the great time he and Jay were having playing the famous golf courses that he had always dreamed of visiting. He was so full of joy! That gift of joy is a great way to remember Ken.

*RIP Ken, Bill and Millie Houck*

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**Bill Houck** - December 24, 2024 at 05:53 PM

DK

“ Dear Wendy and family, we send our deepest sympathy to you at the passing of Ken. May God watch over you at this time.

Donna Kostens - December 24, 2024 at 01:23 PM

SC

“ Wendy and family - It was always a special time to see Ken! He was always asking about the family and the business. He will be missed in Oxford! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all

Susan Campbell - December 24, 2024 at 01:06 PM

BG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ben Gibson - December 23, 2024 at 08:14 PM

BG

“ I wanted to share excerpts from one of my last texts with my Dad, the greatest man I ever have known! "I just wanted to thank you for being such a great dad and overall great guy. I learned so much from you, too much to put into this text. But it's all about helping me be a better son, husband, friend, and businessman...Thank you for your love!...We love you, Ben and Santy 🙏🙏❤️❤️" We'll miss you so much!!!!

Ben Gibson - December 23, 2024 at 08:11 PM

RH

*I'm so sorry to hear this. I woke up to a message from Heidi. I remember the days of old when our family was closer together and my memories of a trip to the inn to see you all are fond.*

**Robin Hanna** - December 24, 2024 at 08:10 AM

TP

*Oh, Wendy, I am so very sorry to learn of Ken's passing. It was a privilege to know him and share many laughs at the Select Registry Region 5 meetings. We were a great group. My heartfelt condolences to you all. Rest in Peace, Ken. Terri Petrovits*

**Terri Petrovits** - December 24, 2024 at 03:10 PM

DM

*We were always very happy to see Ken. He was a warmhearted person who had many stories to share. Always kind, gentle and cheerful. He will always be remembered by us. Dennis and Phan*

**Dennis Mai** - December 24, 2024 at 11:26 PM

PR

*I am very saddened and shocked to learn of Ken's passing. He was one of the kindest and most genuine persons I met when we first moved here to Talbot County. Always interested in market, how my son, Ben, was doing, and how my golf game was! After a major back surgery he called me to ask how I was feeling, and when I could chip and putt again:) I will miss the "Bopper". My sincere condolences to Ken's family.*

**Phil Russell** - December 28, 2024 at 09:11 AM

KA

*Condolences to the Gibson family. It was a pleasure and privilege to work for you at the Robert Morris Inn. Ken was a kind boss and an all around nice person. Take care. Katie and John Ashlin*

**Kathleen Ashlin** - December 28, 2024 at 06:58 PM

JG

*Oh what a shock to hear of Kens passing .... i have been working for the last 10 or so years at Robert Morris Inn and would see Ken and Wendy often . Wendy i dont know what to say as you know i lost Dick my Husband on the same Day 11 years ago ....im so very sorry .Ken was such a sweet pleasant Man .Please give my condolences and to Ben and your Family. If i can help in any way please contact me...*

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**Janet Goldstein** - December 31, 2024 at 01:56 PM

CA

*To Wendy and sons: We are so very saddened by the news of Kenny's passing. We always enjoyed seeing the two of you here in Dunedin at the high school reunions, and also remember your gracious hospitality when we had the occasion to stay at The Robert Morris Inn a very, very long time ago when Charles had work to do in Annapolis. Kenny will certainly be missed by all who knew him from high school, but, more importantly, he will be remembered. Charles (classmate) and De De Angelillis*

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**Charles Angelillis** - January 10, 2025 at 01:44 PM