



## Kenneth George Birrel

March 5, 1946 - November 24, 2015

KENNETH "KEN" G. BIRREL March 5, 1946 ~ November 24, 2015 Ken passed away at the age of 69 after a short battle with brain cancer. He grew up in Portland, OR and retired early as a truck driver for Fred Meyer. Ken enjoyed spending time in Arizona and was an avid hot rodder. His greatest passion was buying, building, racing and selling classic cars. He would often speak of the more than 450 cars he owned in his lifetime. Ken is survived by his partner of 16 years, Judith Zinn; his sons, Ken Birrel (Briana) and Greg Schulz (Erika); daughter, Valerie Duggan (Scott); eight grandchildren; and his beloved dogs, Chevy and Split. A memorial service will be held on Sat., Dec. 12, 2015 at 11a.m. in St. Clare's Church in Portland with a private burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Lake Oswego. Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ I was just told of Kenny's passing. I'm so sorry to Judith, Kenny jr. and the other kids. I loved Kenny like a brother, he helped me when I was down so many times. I'll love and miss him forever. He was a great man, friend and a blessing to everyone who knew him. Give em hell Buddy!! Love Ya

Ed Goldhammer - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear this, Ken was one of the most favorite, and colorful, neighbors in Mesa, AZ when he lived here some years ago across the street from me. Ken liked anything with wheels and power, so we hit it off the day he moved in. Best friend Judy, Ken Jr, and most of the other kids in his life, both his and others who felt very strongly that he was their Dad, came over to visit at one time or another, and share a block BBQ, which illustrated the festive atmosphere that accompanies a fun guy like Ken. Godspeed, Kenny, - Mike

Mike Schnur - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sorry for the loss to the friends and family god bless him and Gods speed in his favorite hot rod to heaven. also a quick hello to kenny JR

Betty & Mark Bergstrom - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Well Dad I think about you every day. I'm very thankful for all the good times motorcycles, drag racing, jeeping, building hot rods together. Theres an empty spot in my heart and I wish I could just call but I cant. Love You Dad youre son Kenny.

Kenny Birrel - August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Well Dad I think about you every day. Very thankful for everything you taught me and all the great memories we had together. Wish I could still pick-up the phone and call and see what youre up to but I cant. This world is now missing a great man. Love you Dad  
Ken W Birrel

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August 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ken, Thank you for sharing your journey with me. It has been a pleasure to know you and your family. A pleasure to know your parents. You made them very proud. Thank you for giving me a son to love and be proud of. You have never been far from us and you never wii be. Love always, Ida May

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**CAROL i. Richards** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM