



Kenneth F. Burnett

November 15, 1942 - February 25, 2026

Kenneth "Ken" Frank Burnett

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Ken Burnett, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday morning, February 25th of cancer. He was 83 years old. He was born in Liverpool, England to Frank and Winifred (Draper) Burnett.

Ken met his wife Kim Burnett through a Bunco group. They were married on June 29th, 1974. Ken enjoyed fishing, rock hounding and jewelry making, classic cars, sailing, archery, scouting and garden railroading. Some of our favorite memories with him came from long car rides to search for thunder eggs or hours of fishing on the Santiam and Columbia rivers.

Some highlights of Ken's life include:

He left Liverpool with his mom and sister, Hazel, in 1949. After two weeks on the ocean they arrived in Boston, MA. They traveled across the country by bus to Vancouver where his dad was working for Standard Oil. Ken grew up in the Fruit Valley area. He graduated from Hudson's Bay High School in 1961.

Soon after graduation, he enlisted in the US Navy and served on the USS Oriskany during the Vietnam War. He proudly served for four years and

reached the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer. During this time he became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America.

After his service in the military, he went to college for two years and then to trade school eventually becoming an electrician. He retired from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in 2006.

Upon retirement, Ken and Kim were snowbirds in Tucson for many years where he enjoyed the lapidary shop and garden railroad club. He appreciated socializing with friends from all over the country and soaking in the sun.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister and his children Michael and Brooke. He is survived by his wife Kimberlee (Brooks) Burnett and four children: Steven Hollister (Danieal); Craig; Logan (Janet); and Brady (Megan); 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be held Thursday, March 5th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Funeral services will be on Friday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m. Both events will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Following the chapel service there will be a brief graveside service where Ken will be honored for his service in the Navy and laid to rest.

Previous Events

VIEWING

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory
1101 NE 112th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98684
(360) 892-6060
info@evergreenmemorialgardens.com
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In our Holly room.

Chapel Service

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Graveside

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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In our Arlington West garden.

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Burnett.* ”



March 05 at 02:17 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember getting to visit Ken as a missionary, and he was immensely kind and exuded joy in his demeanor and interaction with us.* ”

Bryce - March 05 at 10:12 AM



“ *Kim, I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers for your family.* ”



Lisa Adkins - March 04 at 05:57 PM



“ *Dearest Kim, My heart goes out to you with the loss of Ken. He put up quite a battle, for sure. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Your card making friend,
Sandy Kershaw ”

Sandy Kershaw - March 03 at 09:54 PM

BB

I will always remember Ken who taught me how to be a lapidarist in the shop. He was always available to answer questions and never considered any as stupid. He also taught me his way of checking for cracks in slabs with one of mine I just got in the mail....he dropped it and of course it broke. I was shocked but he said," i just saved you the heart break of spending time shaping it and then have it break." I saw the wisdom in that....Ken was the best!!! He shared a lot with me and he knew how to hug!!!!

Beverly Bishop - March 04 at 02:55 PM

AK

“ *All our love and prayers Kurt,Dede,Matt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth F. Burnett.*



All our love and prayers Kurt,Dede,Matt - March 01 at 12:23 PM

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“ *All our love and prayers Kurt,Dede,Matt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth F. Burnett.*

All our love and prayers Kurt,Dede,Matt - March 01 at 12:23 PM