



Kenneth Ray Hodge

December 18, 1932 - December 26, 2012

Kenneth Ray Hodge, beloved husband, father, brother, and PaPa, 80, passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at his home in Okmulgee. Kenneth spent his final days surrounded by his loving family. Kenneth was born to Ernest and Dessie (Lane) Hodge on December 18, 1932 in Okemah, Oklahoma.

Kenneth attended Okemah High School, graduating in 1952. Attending East Central University in Ada, Kenneth graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts in Education. Kenneth taught at Yale Schools while attending Oklahoma State University, where he received his Master's degree in Education. Kenneth moved to Okmulgee where he taught at Okmulgee High School. In 1968, he began his employment at Oklahoma State Tech as a Vocational Rehab Counselor, retiring from that position in 1986. He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church, Okmulgee.

Kenneth was a proud member of several organizations including the Rotary and Okmulgee Lions Club, serving as both President and Lion of the Year. Throughout his life, Kenneth had an abundance of hobbies that included, taking long drives, golf, collecting classic model cars, spending time at his beloved lake home on Lake Eufaula, and Oklahoma State Cowboy football. He spent his Friday nights filming both home and away Okmulgee Bulldog football games, missing only one game in 30 years. Kenneth served as the head of the Oklahoma State University Football Chain Crew for 46 years, missing only a handful of games. He retired from those duties in 2005.

His parents, two brothers, Leslie and Vay, and his sister Mary Nell Stewart preceded Kenneth in death.

Kenneth is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Venecia, of the home. He is also survived by his two children, daughter Alecia Mitchell and husband Jesse, and son Kendal and wife Beatriz, both from Okmulgee. He is survived by one sister, Ruby Irons, of Okmulgee, Kenneth leaves behind his five beautiful grandchildren: Jacob (13), Jarrett (10), and Emma Gayle Mitchell (4), and Christopher Ray (8) and Laila Hodge (5), all of Okmulgee.

Services will be held at The First Baptist Church of Okmulgee on Monday, December 31, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. with Dr. Dennis Taylor officiating. Graveside services will follow at the Morris Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday, December 30, 2012 at 1:00 until 6:00 pm Casketbearers will include members of his beloved Oklahoma State Football Chain Crew: Coach Dan Rhodes, Ralph Wilson, George Babb, Tom Dooley, Ed Landers, David Lunow, Gary Lunow, and Larry Williams. Serving as honorary casketbearer is Chief Warrant Officer 2 Benjamin Dozier, United States Army, Germany. The family suggests memorials in his name to the Food for Kids in care of the First Baptist Church in Okmulgee. Funeral services are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at mccleendon-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee

303 E. 7th Street

Okmulgee, OK 74447

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Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee

311 W. 5th Street

Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Ray Hodge*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Marilyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Marilyn Jackson - January 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM



“ *To Venecia, Alecia, Jesse and Kendal,*

We extend heartfelt sympathy to you and the family in the passing of your husband and father. I have fond memories of Mr. Hodge from many years ago when Alecia, Jesse and Kendal were students of mine at Eastside Elementary. He was a very kind and caring father, always willing to extend a helping hand. Take good care of yourselves, hold fast to your wonderful memories of him and know that he is resting beside our Father in heaven.

*Warmest Regards,
Tommie and Sharon Redd-Gregg
Annandale, Virginia*



Sharon Redd-Gregg - January 11, 2013 at 07:46 PM

DH

“ *David Horn lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



David Horn - December 31, 2012 at 10:41 AM

JW

“ *Jenny Rebecca White lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Jenny Rebecca White - December 31, 2012 at 10:26 AM

TH

“ *Hodge Family*
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Tom & Judi Hart - December 29, 2012 at 10:14 PM

CR

“ *Connie Reed lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Connie Reed - December 29, 2012 at 08:47 AM

JJ

“ *May God comfort you and give you strength.*

Joy Jackson - December 28, 2012 at 12:04 PM

JJ

“ *Joy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Joy Jackson - December 28, 2012 at 12:03 PM

MS

“ *Mike & Angie Smithson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Mike & Angie Smithson - December 28, 2012 at 09:49 AM

JH

“ *Jayme Hankins lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Jayme Hankins - December 28, 2012 at 09:04 AM

JH

I will always remember Ken and his smile! Never saw him without it. I will miss that, but his legacy will live on through his children and precious grandchildren. The Lord welcomed him with open arms and he will never lose that smile.

Jayme Hankins - December 28, 2012 at 09:06 AM

JC

“ Kenneth was one of those special persons we are privileged to meet and know in our lifetime...always smiling, always willing to help, always a friend. My sincere sympathy to his family for their loss.



Jeneane Campbell - December 28, 2012 at 08:56 AM

BB

“ Barbara Acklin Besch lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge



Barbara Acklin Besch - December 28, 2012 at 08:35 AM

PP

“ Paul And Kayla Priegel lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge



Paul and Kayla Priegel - December 28, 2012 at 01:56 AM

AM

“ 3 files added to the album Kenneth's Family



Alecia Hodge Mitchell - December 28, 2012 at 01:38 AM

AM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Alecia Hodge Mitchell - December 28, 2012 at 01:27 AM

KB

“ Kenny & Jenny Bridgman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge



Kenny & Jenny Bridgman - December 28, 2012 at 12:43 AM

KB

“ Kenny & Kenny Bridgman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge



Kenny & Kenny Bridgman - December 28, 2012 at 12:39 AM

SH

“ Shawn Howell lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge



Shawn Howell - December 28, 2012 at 12:34 AM

HF

“ *HTE BAUMANN FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



HTE BAUMANN FAMILY - December 27, 2012 at 11:33 PM



“ *Naomi Stephens lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Naomi Stephens - December 27, 2012 at 10:31 PM

GM

“ *Gary And Shirlene Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Gary and Shirlene Mitchell - December 27, 2012 at 09:55 PM

RL

“ *Robert And Janey Lambertson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Robert and Janey Lambertson - December 27, 2012 at 09:49 PM

 Carrie
Yandle

“ *Carrie Yandle lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Carrie Yandle - December 27, 2012 at 09:42 PM

BA

“ *Becky Arnold lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Ray Hodge*



Becky Arnold - December 27, 2012 at 10:35 AM