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Obituary

After a courageous battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Kenneth Gordon Howser, Jr. passed away on March 20, 2022 at the age of 77. He was born in Leesburg, VA, on November 4, 1944 to the late Kenneth Gordon Howser, Sr., and the late Inez Loretta Rutter. He was married to Karen Leatazelle Markel for 48 years. Ken was a devoted and adoring husband, loving father, and beloved Papa to his grandchildren. The second eldest of four siblings, he grew up in farming communities until moving to Damascus, MD, where he excelled in track at Damascus High School. After graduating from high school, Ken attended Montgomery Junior College and Frostburg State University. In 1968, with only one class left to take at Frostburg, he was drafted into the United States Army where following basic training and Advanced Infantry Training he was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He spent 402 days in Vietnam serving first as a mortar man and then as the radio operator for the company commander and the battalion commander earning several medals for distinguished service.

Upon honorable discharge from the Army, he returned to Frostburg State to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree and coincidentally met his bride-to-be, Karen. Ken worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 34 years.

He was a member of Chapter 304 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and marched with their color guard. He was also a member of the American Legion, the 7th Cavalry Association, and 12th Cavalry Association, where he served as secretary for 11 years and thoroughly enjoyed writing his column for their newsletter. Additionally, Ken felt very honored to have served as a representative at funerals of fallen cavalry soldiers.



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Since moving to Homewood at Williamsport several years ago, the Howsers have been members of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Ken is survived by his wife, Karen, and their three daughters: Amy Jordan (Stephen), Emma Howser, and Rachel Roberts (Mark); nine grandchildren, Tyler Bivona, Elijah Shipe, Kathryn Bere, Kylie Bere, Cara Bere, Micah Howser, Linden Roberts, and Carrick Roberts; plus five bonus grandchildren, Chris, Alex, Ian, Kara, and Katie. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandson, Gregory Isaac.

Ken was a lover of music of all genres, but especially enjoyed bluegrass music, reading, spending time with family, and flower gardening. He never met a stranger nor heard a joke he did not like.

Services will be held Saturday March 26, 2022 at 11am at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 Catocin Mountain Highway, Frederick, Maryland 21701. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. Those wishing to honor his memory may send flowers or donate to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Deluxe basket garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Gordon Howser Jr.. Send Flowers You are all in our thoughts and prayers We love you! Pat and Clint Markle

September 28 at 6:07 AM



Fraker Viktor posted:

I knew Ken Well, We worked at both the Gaithersburg Main Office and Montgomery Village Office in the Postal Service... During the Holiday Season he would tie Christmas Sleigh Bells to his Boots... Ken had the best sense of humor and got you to laugh when things were tough... You will be sorely missed... P.S. I have been in FB Prison also... RIP Kenny Howser

March 25 at 4:28 PM



Helen Rager posted:

Karen and family, please know our family is thinking of you.

March 22 at 1:38 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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