



## Kenneth B. Muckenfuss Jr.

December 2, 1943 - June 18, 2022

Dr. Kenneth Browning Muckenfuss, Jr., a genteel Southern Gentleman known by those who knew and loved him as Kenny, Ken, “Doc” departed this life June 18, 2022 at Roper Hospice Cottage in Mt. Pleasant, SC. He was born in the Old Dorchester County Memorial Hospital in Summerville, SC on December 2, 1943. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth B. Muckenfuss, Sr. and Gladys Bell Muckenfuss, and his infant son, Kenneth Beauregard Muckenfuss, III.

He was educated in Dorchester County public schools graduating from Harleyville-Ridgeville High School, the class of 1962. He was a representative at Palmetto Boy’s State, Mr. Handsome finalists, and the Most Popular Senior Boy.

He graduated from Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa in 1967. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity. He retired from his practice Muckenfuss Chiropractic/Acute Care Center after serving the lowcountry for 40+ years. He was a pioneer for the Chiropractic profession in the state of South Carolina. He leaves behind a legacy of wellness, goodwill, and caring for others from a holistic viewpoint. He firmly believed in the God given innate healing power of the human body. Chiropractic care was a huge component to being healthy in his own life and the lives that he touched throughout his career.

He will be most remembered for his love of life and wonderful-friendly spirit. He loved people and had an irrepressible sense of humor. He was truly a

giving, gracious and kind-hearted human being. His Charlestonese speech (especially using his CB in the 1970's) and Southern phrases delighted many and especially his westerner wife.

He was a true patriot who served his country and had a strong, personal relationship with God. He served in the 118th Infantry of the South Carolina Army National Guard from 1967-1973 as a volunteer enlistment. He was proud of his Southern roots and was honored to be a member of the H. L. Hunley Camp No. 143 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. His allegiance to God and country never wavered. He was also a lifelong member of Mt. Tabor UMC in Ridgeville.

He leaves behind many who love him, most notably the mother of his adopted children: Claudette Short of Davenport, Iowa. One daughter, Dr. Natalie Muckenfuss Lyle of Boulder, CO, one son, Brian D. Muckenfuss of Davenport, Iowa, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one sister Marie Muckenfuss Thomas and brother-in-law Richard F. (Frank) Thomas of Ridgeville, SC.

Additionally, he is survived by his long-time partner, Sharon O. Wilkins, as well as her children and grandchildren.

Each of Ken's family members were devoted to him and thankful for all of his sage advice over the years. He accepted his cancer diagnosis with grace and courage. Ken was a solitary man of faith who studied the meaning and purpose of life extensively. With deepest gratitude, Ken said in his final days that he "wanted to thank all for helping smooth my transition." "Especially my brother-in-law who was a devoted caregiver to me." I fought the fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith. Rest well with the Lord, gentle brother. Your loving memory lives on forever.

A graveside memorial to celebrate his life will be held June 22, 2022 at Bonnerest Cemetery, S. Main St., Ridgeville, SC at 11am. Visitation will be held one hour before the graveside service. Rev. Barry Owens, his life-long friend, and Mt. Tabor UMC Rev. Cheri Yates will Officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to Bonnerest Cemetery Fund, 311 S.

Main St. or to Mt. Tabor UMC, PO Box 193. Arrangements by James A. Dyal  
Funeral Home, Summerville, SC.

# Cemetery Details

## Bonnerest Cemetery

311 S. Main Street  
Ridgeville, SC 29472

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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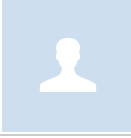
# Tribute Wall

**SM** “ *Sharon Muckenfuss lit a candle in memory of Kenneth B. Muckenfuss Jr.*



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**Sharon Muckenfuss** - April 25 at 10:58 PM

 “ *Kenneth B. Muckenfuss Jr.*

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September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

**SM** *Ken we miss u I wished everyone loved us as we loved them. But that's ok we loved each other. We were good together I love ❤️ u . Sharon W M*

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**Sharon Muckenfuss** - April 25 at 11:03 PM

**DC** “ *Ken was an amazing gentle soul and was so giving of what he had to others that were in need. He was a man of sound advice and cared deeply for his family. Prayers of comfort to his family. Diane Chancey*

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**Diane Chancey** - July 09, 2022 at 10:34 AM

**SW** *Thank you Diane.we miss you Sharon.I miss u*

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**sharon Wilkins** - March 30, 2023 at 11:49 PM

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“ I knew Doc since I was 15. Other than watching his physical body decline the last few months of his life, I don't have one even remotely bad memory of this man. He was a true Joy to know, an incredibly generous person with his time and resources. If he couldn't help you, he'd find someone who could. Making friends came as natural and easy to him as breathing. He was quick to find how something could be done vs. why it couldn't be done... Always upbeat. He tried to hide his pains and be strong til his last moments. He was a gifted storyteller and handy with a joke or quick turn of phrase. If he liked you, he let you know. He was a true gift..he had a good heart. He thought outside the box. I will miss him. There was certainly only one Doc... Thankful to have been his friend. I'll never forget his kind, fun-loving demeanor...or his words of encouragement. He loved God, and was happy to share his hands and knowledge to assist people with aches, pain and healing. Our loss, heaven's gain. I WILL see you LATER, Azure-eyes. 💜🌻

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**Teresa Moody** - June 20, 2022 at 06:16 PM

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*How well said nobody really knew him he was an old soul*

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**sharon w Muckenfuss** - March 19, 2024 at 01:18 AM

SW

*We had many good times the last thing he said as he was dying is Sharon I ❤️ love you.*

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**Sharon Wilkins** - June 06, 2025 at 12:02 AM

SW

*Ken loved my mother dearly she helped him as much as she could. God love her*

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**Sharon Wilkins** - June 06, 2025 at 12:04 AM