



## Kenneth Ray White

April 12, 1948 - September 12, 2022

Mr. Kenneth Ray White was born to the late Sylvester White Sr. and Della Mae Edwards White on April 12, 1948 in Bald Knob, AR.

He confessed his belief in Christ at an early age. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Bald Knob, AR. He was united in holy matrimony to Willie B Shipp on April 4, 1975. To this union they were blessed with one daughter. He was one of the first African Americans to graduate from Bald Knob High School in 1966. After high school he joined the United State Air Force. He was honorably discharged after serving four years. He then worked for Arkansas Power and Light as a lineman. He learned many electrical skills while working for the power company, which he used to assist many people in the community.

Kenny loved maintaining his yard and was very meticulous when it came to mowing it. He enjoyed sports, fishing, cooking wild game, and hunting. He especially enjoyed hunting with his father. He was known for handing out candy to children in the neighborhood. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends in Augusta, Bald Knob, Kensett, and Searcy, AR.

He departed this life on September 12, 2022 at Unity Health-White County Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his father; Sylvester White Sr. his mother; Della Mae Edwards White; and four brothers; Phillip White Sr., Marvin White Sr., Sylvester White Jr., and Donald White.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two daughters Christina and Chervonne (Paul) both of Searcy, AR; Two

granddaughters; Kristen and Mykayla; Three brothers; Carl (Ella), Darrell, and Victor Sr. (Annie) all of Bald Knob, AR; three sister in laws; Sandra White, Doris White, and Carol White; a host of nieces , nephews, cousins, and friends; also his ex-wife; Willie White who remained his friend and confidante.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)  
1272 Highway 367 North  
Bald Knob, AR 72010  
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## Funeral Service

SEP 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Interment

SEP 24 (CT)

Union Grove Cemetery  
Cody Street  
Bald Knob, AR

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth Ray White



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 24, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Ray White



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 22, 2022 at 06:02 PM

EJ

*Resting my brother*

**Earnie Jones** - September 23, 2022 at 03:48 PM

BC

*Rest in peace. Thanks for being such A wonderful neighbor to my mother Ms. Mary Paige.*

**Berlin Conner** - September 23, 2022 at 08:37 PM

SM

*Kenny Ray you was a awesome person you will truly be miss rest on in God arms*

**Stephanie McCoy** - September 24, 2022 at 12:16 AM

WP

*Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed.*

**Willie powell** - September 24, 2022 at 01:15 AM

PC

*Our hearts go out to you and the family during this time of sorrow, Jeff and Patricia Carr*

**Patricia Carr** - September 24, 2022 at 12:49 PM

YP

*Rest In Peace.*

**Yvette Valentine Peterson** - September 24, 2022 at 01:53 PM

DO

*Rest In Peace my friend: Sherman /Votis/Lonnie/forever friends❤️*

**Doris** - September 24, 2022 at 02:28 PM

LP

*Prayers for the family. Kenny Ray was a fine man.*

**Linda K Pearson** - September 24, 2022 at 08:44 PM

TL

“ *Kenny Ray was a great man. One of a kind and I think about him all the time... especially around April 12th... our birthday. I will never forget the last time I seen you , I hugged you and you said I love you brother before I could get it out. R.I.P. my wonderful friend and brother.. until we meet again.*

**Tiger Lee** - March 09, 2025 at 10:49 AM

AB

“ *Addie Banks lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Ray White*



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**Addie Banks** - September 26, 2022 at 09:34 AM

“ Sorry to be a little late writing this. I just got back from a week-long trip to another state. My sincerest condolences to Kenneth's entire family.

*Kenneth and I were friends even before our high school at Bald Knob was integrated. We attended high school together during our senior year and we were on the football and basketball team together. We haven't seen much of one another since high school and I count that as a loss.*

*In my eyes Kenneth was a race relations pioneer in the way that he handled himself during our football and basketball games. Particularly basketball. In 1966, integrated teams were not viewed favorably in a lot of places. We would sometimes enter a Crackerbox gym in one of the small country towns where we played, and there would be a chorus of racially motivated comments raining down on us. Some were not too bad but others were outright hateful. Kenneth always handled this with a grace and composure that I know I could not have displayed.*

*The town of Hazen called ahead of a scheduled game and asked that if we came not to bring "him" meaning Kenneth. I was proud of the rest of our team when we voted unanimously to forfeit that game. Man have things come a long way since then. We own a lot of thanks to people like Kenneth who were willing to face the evil and continue to make progress.*

*I thought that Kenneth was a great athlete. He almost always controlled the opening tip against opponents who were as much as seven inches taller than him. He was quick and fast and had a great knowledge of the game. We didn't win too many games but I thought that we worked very well together as a team.*

*I was most impressed by the peace, composure, and self-control that Kenneth displayed during his normal life. I haven't known very many people who were as pleasant to be around as Kenneth.*

*May he rest in peace.*

*Wayne (Butch) Garrison*

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**Wayne Garrison** - September 24, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray White*



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**Stephanie Sanders** - September 24, 2022 at 01:10 PM

SS

*Thanks, Kenney Ray, for the wonderful childhood memories. You were such a support to my sister (Tiffany) and me when we were in college and beyond. May your memories be a blessing. Rest in peace.*

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**Stephanie Sanders** - September 24, 2022 at 01:12 PM

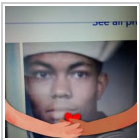
LI

“ *I am going to miss you Big cousin always having us laughing Love you*



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**Lisa** - September 24, 2022 at 12:01 AM



“ *I will miss you brother! I have so many great memories of you and Bennie Boy. It doesn't seem real but you are free now my friend. Stephonne, Kelley and Kristy will miss you.*

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**Ester Easter** - September 23, 2022 at 09:45 PM

EE

“ *Ester Easter lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Ray White*



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**Ester Easter** - September 23, 2022 at 09:38 PM

LB

“ *Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Ray White*



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**Leah Brooks** - September 23, 2022 at 08:44 AM

MJ

“ *Michael And Connie Johnston lit a candle in  
memory of Kenneth Ray White*



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**Michael and Connie Johnston** - September 23, 2022 at 08:28 AM

BW

“ *Appreciate all the good times and memories from Spruce St. to  
Walnut St. Love you and miss you!*

*Jody, Stephanie, Tiffany, and Brandon*

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**Brandon White** - September 22, 2022 at 11:38 PM

RW

*In Loving Memory of a special  
COUSIN - I'll never forget the name you gave me "Brown" and how you  
would always tell me "I love you dearly." Beautiful memories stay  
forever of the happy times we all spent together. Treasured in our  
hearts you'll stay until we meet again someday. Missing you dearly  
Richard (brother/cousin) & Marsha*

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**Richard & Marsha White** - September 23, 2022 at 11:11 AM

PR

*RIP Kenny Ray you will be greatly missed!*

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**Pearl Robinson** - September 26, 2022 at 08:46 AM