



Mr. Kenneth Barefoot

July 5, 1946 - May 26, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that the Barefoot family announces the death of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot, 79.

Mr. Barefoot entered into rest on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 3 o'clock on Saturday, May 30th, 2026 at Welsh Neck Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Murray will officiate with burial to follow in Welsh Neck Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Friday, May 29th, 2026 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Barefoot was born on Friday, July 5th, 1946, in Hartsville, South Carolina. He is the son of the late Gary Barefoot and Nancy Dixon Barefoot.

Kenneth was a hardworking, dependable, and kind man who believed in honesty, doing the right thing, and showing kindness to everyone he met. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, carrying with him the same quiet strength and dedication that would define the rest of his life.

Known lovingly by his family as "Papa", Pops, or Gramps" Kenneth was the kind of man people could always count on. He showed his love through steady support, conversations on the porch, and simply being there when someone needed him. No matter the problem, he always seemed to have the best advice, the right words, or a way of helping people feel like everything would be okay. He valued family above all else and never failed to make the people around him feel welcomed, loved, and cared for.

Kenneth found joy in the simple things in life, a hot cup of Folgers coffee, old westerns playing on television, working on cars, and cheering on his favorite NASCAR drivers. He had a calm presence, a generous heart, and a way of making people feel at home just by being around him.

Mr. Barefoot is survived by his children, Gloria O'Dell, Steve (SaraJake) Barefoot, and Janelle (Pete) Armstrong; grandchildren, JW O'Dell, Taylor (JR) Barefoot, Jessie (Dara) Skinner, Alexis (Cory) Boan, Caylee Crisp, and Eddie Barefoot; great grandchildren, Delilah Skinner and Atticus Skinner; brother, Larry Barefoot; sister, Geraldine Carmichael; many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews; and his friend, Ron Atkinson, who he also considered family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Beulah D. Barefoot; and brother, Floyd Barefoot.

Kenneth will be remembered for his honest heart, unwavering love for his family, and the quiet way he made the world better simply by being in it. His legacy of strength, loyalty, kindness, and love will live on through all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Welsh Neck Baptist Church
112 Church Street
Society Hill, SC

Tribute Wall

CA

“ My favorite memory of papa is when he got me from school one day and took me home, my parents weren't home yet so he hung out with me at the house. I decided to cook us something to eat so I got the air fryer out, sitting it on the stove and accidentally turned on the stove and melted plastic 🤦 the whole house smelt awful and it was all smokey so we opened the doors to air it out and ofc as soon as the doors were open my parents got home. His first instinct was to try to take the blame for it, ofc my parents knew better but they let him think that they thought he did it instead because they knew papa would never want anyone to be in trouble.



Caylee - June 04 at 11:11 PM

MM

“ Melinda McCloud-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot



Melinda McCloud-Williams - June 01 at 12:08 PM

MM

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time

Melinda McCloud-Williams - June 01 at 12:09 PM

JB

“ *Jewel Bass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot*



Jewel Bass - May 31 at 08:24 PM

GO

“ *GL ONeal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot*



GL ONeal - May 31 at 08:20 PM

JT

“ *JE Talbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot*



JE Talbert - May 30 at 04:17 AM

TM

“ *Tierra M. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot*



Tierra M. - May 29 at 04:21 PM

TM

The HR HF family sends deepest condolences to Taylor and her family.

Tierra M. - May 29 at 04:20 PM

WY

“ Prayers for his family. 🙏

Kenneth and Linda Wallace Lee-Wurdemann



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - May 29 at 03:11 PM

WY

“ *My sweet cousins, our deepest sympathy at the loss of Kenneth. May God hold all of you close within his embrace during this time of sadness as He speaks words of comfort and peace as only He can. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kenneth and Linda Wallace Lee -Wurdemann

Wilma Gainey Yarborough - May 29 at 03:07 PM

JA

“ *Jacob lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot*



Jacob - May 29 at 12:27 PM

KR

“ Krystal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot



Krystal - May 29 at 12:19 PM

DM

“ Jenelle, I am so sorry for your loss I know how difficult it is I will keep you and your family in my prayers. We ask God to comfort you and give you strength for times ahead that you will have to face. Put one foot at a time and pray for his help. God Bless you I Love You. In Jesus Christ 🙏❤️



Delisa McKenzie - May 28 at 08:26 PM

KD

“ The best father-in-law a mother could ever ask for her daughter to have. He was a wonderful man and will be missed. Kathy Drinkard (Sarajake's mom)

Kathy Drinkard - May 28 at 07:06 PM

AB

“ Thank you papa for taking me in all those years ago and always having my back no matter what I love you so much and I grandma is so happy to have you back but we will be ok you and grandma catch up and I will see you both again someday

Alexis Boan - May 28 at 05:58 PM

SP

“ To the family, Kenneth was a good family man. He was always a quite and gentle soul. He reminded me of our dad Roland. My prayers are with each of you. May God cover you with his wings of comfort. Rest assured he's in the arms of Jesus. Love your cousin Sara G. Purvis

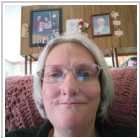


Sara Purvis - May 28 at 12:27 PM

GO

“ The BEST dad ever.. I am going to miss my daddy! He was always there when I needed him, he listened always never judging or telling what we should do just supported me and never repeated anything I told him.. He was just always the rock I could lean on.. strong when I was not.. Loved always.. if I was to look for a person who show me an example of how Jesus wanted us to be.. he would be the closest example I could find.. I love him with all of my heart and I know he loved me too! He did not have to say it.. He showed me!

Gloria Odell - May 28 at 08:31 AM



“ Teresa Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot



Teresa Odom - May 27 at 10:58 PM

MF

“ *Manual Flowers*



manual Flowers - May 27 at 10:41 PM

WY

“ *To the family, my deepest sympathy for your loss of Kenneth. He was a quiet and humble man always willing to offer a helping hand. We have memories growing up with him and our other cousins at aunt Sweet's and uncle Eddie's. May God whisper words of comfort and peace as only He can during this time. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - May 27 at 09:06 PM

JB

“ *Prayers for the family.*



Judy Bryant - May 27 at 08:22 PM

KN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Kathy Norris - May 27 at 07:49 PM

CC

“ I’ll always miss coming over to your house to enjoy our conversations, and sitting at the table eating a meal together. You are the best papa a person can ask for and I feel bad for those who didn’t get the pleasure of loving you. I’ll miss you always and forever.



Caylee Crisp - May 27 at 06:19 PM

LG

“ To the family, my deepest sympathy. Kenneth was always quiet, kind hearted, always there when my Daddy needed him. He was a giver and truly blessed with a wonderful, loving family. He will be greatly missed. Praying God comforts you all! I love y'all!

Lori Barefoot Gainey - May 27 at 06:06 PM

KG

“ Y mom Bonnie and I are sorry for yalls loss prayers for the family



Karen Gainey - May 27 at 05:49 PM

RD

“ Robin Darnell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Barefoot



Robin Darnell - May 27 at 05:41 PM

RD

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Robin Darnell - May 27 at 05:45 PM

AB

“ *I love you papa forever in our hearts-Alexis*

Alexis Boan - May 27 at 04:56 PM

CH

“ *Prayers for you and your family love you
Janelle*



Christine Huggins - May 27 at 04:31 PM

RA

“ *One of the most caring, considerate and true friend ever. I've been blessed to know and love him and to be loved by him. We both were always "on call" for each other no matter what it was. Gonna miss him forever.*

Ron Atkinson - May 27 at 04:10 PM

KB

“ *Larry, Geraldine, Steve, Gloria, and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Kenneth's absence from this earth, is his presence with our Lord. What a reunion they're all having upon his arrival. Lean on God and each other to get you through. Kenneth will always be remembered fondly. He will always be missed and loved by so many. My thoughts, prayers, and love are with you.*



Karen Barefoot - May 27 at 04:01 PM

JA

“ *I love you daddy.* ”



Janelle ARMSTRONG - May 27 at 03:54 PM