



# Kenneth Paul Oliver

June 20, 1949 - April 6, 2021

“But God!”

Kenneth Paul Oliver was born on June 20, 1949 in Palestine, TX to the parents of Mr. Willie Oliver and Mrs. Juanita “Madea” Oliver. Kenneth had five siblings, Donnie Anthony Oliver, Jill Frances Oliver, Elwanda G. Oliver-Thornton, Glen Wayne Birdow and Eartha Kay Birdow.

Kenneth was raised by his grandmother, Mary E. Griggs and attended A.M. Story High School in Palestine, where he exemplified a stellar work ethic and showcased his love for music by playing the drums.

Upon graduation, Kenneth married Mary Louise Anderson. From this union, Kenneth’s two sons were born, Kenneth Paul Oliver, Jr. and Lellowynn Douglas Oliver. Kenneth then moved to Fort Worth, TX where he met and married Barbara Lamore Castle in 1972. They later moved to Waco, TX where their twin girls, Tonya Wilson and Sonya Oliver were born in 1975.

Kenneth soon began his career in retail and consumer electronics and worked as a supervisor and manager at Woolco, and later worked as a Store Manager at Highland Superstore. He also owned a retail store, Dollar One in Arlington, TX. This retail store was a huge accomplishment for him and showcased his love for his community and for serving others.

Kenneth also joined the police force in 1985 and served as a parole officer for The Fort Worth Police Department for almost 15 years. He was always so proud of his work in law enforcement, and would reminisce about his time as an officer to his friends and family.

Throughout his life, Kenneth enjoyed the simple things in life. He believed in God first and family second. He loved to fellowship with the Men’s Ministry at Cornerstone Baptist Church and served as a Sunday School teacher there. He was a wonderful son, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. In his spare time, Kenneth enjoyed fishing, playing

poker, watching TV (especially movies), and loved “his Texas Rangers”. Kenneth also prided himself on his strong attention to detail and his impeccable organization skills.

Although Kenneth experienced sickness during the latter part of his life, he still embraced life and maintained a spiritual walk with God. His daughters were the joy of his life and he thrived on their love and support.

On Tuesday, April 6, 2021 Kenneth transitioned to Glory and departed this life at 71 years of age. In his final days, it was apparent that he felt peace from within and was ready to seek his Heavenly home. Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents, Willie Oliver and Juanita “Madea” Oliver, his grandparents, Arthur Griggs and Mary E. Griggs, his stepdad Oliver Roy Birdow, his great aunt and uncle, Aunt Lois and Uncle Dailey, his siblings, Jill Frances Oliver, Glen Wayne Birdow, Donnie Anthony Oliver, his sons, Kenneth Paul Oliver, Jr. and Lellowynn Douglas Oliver and his ex-wife Mary Louise Anderson.

He leaves to cherish his memory his lovely daughters, Yolande Wilson, Tonya Wilson and Sonya Oliver, his siblings, Elwanda G. Oliver-Thornton, Eartha Kay Birdow, Dr. Faith Oliver-Robertson, Karen Oliver-Hall, and Wilisa Oliver-Pierce, Manuel Oliver, a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends with whom he had a special relationship who will miss him dearly.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Cedar Hill Memorial Park**  
8301 Mansfield Highway  
Arlington, TX, 76001

**APR 16 Visitation with Family & Friends** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Cornerstone Baptist Church  
5415 Matlock Rd, Arlington, TX, US, 76018

**APR 16 Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ My cousin, Emanuel Oliver, just informed me of the homegoing of his brother, Kenneth Paul Oliver. Both these men are sons of my first cousin, Willie Oliver. Condolences are extended to Kenneth's family from all the Oliver family members in southern Texas.

From: Marcie Oliver Brown, Concord, CA

**Marcie Brown** - July 09, 2021 at 03:30 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul Oliver.



April 15, 2021 at 01:11 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul Oliver.



April 15, 2021 at 09:54 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul Oliver.



April 14, 2021 at 05:30 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Paul Oliver.



April 13, 2021 at 04:38 PM

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“ Ken was a dear friend that I connected with and loved since the day I met him. His dry sense of humor and wit made me think for a few seconds before I would LOL at the things he would say. When we went looking at large screen TV's he asked the salesman what is your largest flat screen TV. The salesman said 82", and asked Ken what size he was looking for? With a straight face Ken said 200". I laughed as I know he was joking, and reminded him that he does not have a wall largest in his new home to accommodate that large of TV.

My wife and I are Realtors and sold Ken his new home in Arlington. We had many laughs and finally found the perfect home for him. We were do happy that he was settled.

I will miss Ken terribly, and will focus on the wonderful, kind, considerate and humble man he was. Although he left us too soon, he is with G-D which is who he would have wanted to be with if he could not be with his precious daughters Sonja and Tonya. They were, and always will be his pride and joy.

Marc and Linda



**Marc Burstein** - April 12, 2021 at 02:57 PM

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“ My God is awesome! As the great uncle of my two children I come with love and prayers and tears of sadness. I remember meeting him with his joking words. My daughter Aliyah loved him and remembers his jokes and going to his house for gatherings. Uncle Ken known to myself and my kids will be greatly missed. To God be the praise. RIP Sending love peace and understanding to his daughters my children Aliyah and Michael Donnie Kay and Kim and the rest of his loving family.

**Kaamilya Birdow** - April 08, 2021 at 08:28 AM