



## Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst

February 17, 1956 - July 11, 2025

Kenneth Laval Whitehurst was born on February 17, 1956 in Greenville, NC. He was sent to his eternal home on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Transition Lifecare Center, Raleigh, NC.

Kent, as he was affectionately known, was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion and his faith in God. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends and many more whose lives were touched by him. We ask that you remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the way it was lived and for the profound impact it had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

After graduating from J. H. Rose High School in Greenville, NC, Kent moved to Raleigh, NC and started his journey as a painter. There he met his wife Sheila Spencer Whitehurst. They eventually started a life together and were soulmates, married for forty-nine years. Kent loved to fish and hunt during those seasons; he faithfully watched Andy Griffith and old westerns repeatedly. He could tell you about every western that had been on T.V. Those who knew Kent will remember him for his unwavering commitment to spread love and kindness to everyone he encountered. He had a rare gift for making others smile and laugh, leaving a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

Kent was preceded in death by his loving father and mother, Savail Whitehurst and Mary Hemby Whitehurst, a host of aunts and uncles.

Kent is survived by his wife, Sheila Spencer Whitehurst; two daughters, Stacy Dadzie (Emmanuel), Hillary Moye; four grandchildren, Kalil, Keion, Kennedy and Beaulaymone IV; five great-grandchildren, Zakiyah, Kingston, Matteo, Giovanna and Kehlani; his brother, Harold Whitehurst (Van); nephews, Harold Whitehurst, Jr, Sean Spencer; nieces, Shondona Whitehurst, Shannon Pooh (as Kent affectionally called her) Spencer; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Although Kent's physical presence may no longer grace our lives, his spirit will continue to inspire and uplift us. As you continue to worship Jesus up there, dear Kent your light will forever shine brightly in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - August 28, 2025 at 11:43 AM

ST

“ *Rev21:4. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." My sincere condolences.*

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**Stephanie** - July 31, 2025 at 08:17 PM

ST

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**Stephanie** - July 31, 2025 at 08:14 AM

ME

“ *To the Whitehurst Family', God will give you peace during the loss of your love one. Remember he will never leave you (us).. Just keep the faith.*

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**Mildred Elliott** - July 26, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RI

“ *High character man who always treated others well. A stand up guy. You will be missed.*



Richard - July 26, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ *Mr. Kent you will be missed. You will forever be loved. At least you are suffering no more and resting in peace. To his family Rev21:3,4.*

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Veronica Rodwell - July 26, 2025 at 11:05 AM

SP

“ *Love you so much Uncle Kent. Shannon Pooh*



SHANNON SPENCER PICKETT - July 26, 2025 at 08:01 AM

DE

“ *To Harold and all of Kent's family, my sincere condolences to each of you. Kent and Harold stayed around the corner from me. We grew up in the same neighborhood and went to school together. We played together in the neighborhood. I saw Kent a while but and it was great seeing and talking with him. May God's love and peace surround each of you now and the days ahead.*

*Sincerely  
Deborah Hall Ebron*

Deborah Ebron - July 25, 2025 at 09:53 PM

FB

“ Kent will never be forgotten!! Though I never heard him speak loudly, his character spoke boldly...always kind, always friendly...always welcoming. Rest In Heavenly Peace , Kent!! Condolences to Shelia and the entire family!! During this time of mourning, know that Joy comes in the morning!! (FRANKIE)

Frankie Burch - July 25, 2025 at 07:08 PM

GH

“ My Deepet Condolence's. Kent, YOU'RE FREE, SOUL is RESTING in THE ARMS OF GOD



Gloria Howard - July 25, 2025 at 06:56 PM

FB

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Frankie Burch - July 25, 2025 at 06:55 PM

MG

“ Kent will never be forgotten! Though I never heard him speak loudly, his character spoke boldly...always kind, always friendly...always welcoming. Rest In Heavenly Peace Kent!! Condolences to Shelia and the entire family. During a time such as this, there is so much sadness. Hold on!! Joy will come in the morning!! Love Frankie

Mary Frances Gamble-Burch - July 25, 2025 at 06:38 PM

TR

*Such great memories....my love and prayers to the family* ❤️

Teah Reed - July 26, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TH

“ *Sending my condolences to Sheila, his daughter's and the family. Kent was so kind and was so welcoming to us college kids coming with Sean to enjoy celebrations at their home. May he rest in peace.* ”



Tamara Helms - July 25, 2025 at 06:32 PM

RW

“ *Ramona W Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst* ”



Ramona W Williams - July 25, 2025 at 10:46 AM

CA

“ *My condolences to Mrs. Whitehurst and the family.* ”



Chanteal Alston - July 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM

EJ

“ My condolences to Shelia and all the family. I pray that you will find some peace in fond memories of Kent.  
Effie Jefferson



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**Effie W Jefferson** - July 18, 2025 at 08:46 PM

MM

“ Michele Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst



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**Michele Moore** - July 16, 2025 at 05:19 PM

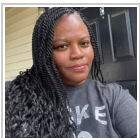
DH

“ Denise Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst



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**Denise Horton** - July 15, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ Sip Kent no more pain and suffering. You were truly a great and kind person to have known. My condolences to his brother/stepdad Harold Whitehurst, and Kents wife and family.

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**Octavia Shabazz** - July 15, 2025 at 06:55 PM

CO

“ Rest in peace, Kent! I remember the last 4th of July gathering. And how we all had such a good time in Marvin's backyard. Cause that's how we roll. God's speed to you, Sheila and family.

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**Colette** - July 15, 2025 at 03:58 PM

FA

“ Franklin Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst



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**Franklin Andrews** - July 15, 2025 at 11:05 AM

AR

“ Anthonette "Annette Hines " Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst



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**Anthonette "Annette Hines " Robertson** - July 15, 2025 at 12:36 AM

CA

“ Cora Foster Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst



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**Cora Foster Adams** - July 14, 2025 at 09:51 PM

JC

“ *My condolences to the Whitehurst family.*

James Corey - July 14, 2025 at 05:40 PM

DJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to my first cousin, Kenneth's family. Ken was a mild mannered person just like his father. He never forgot my birthday and would always present or touch bases with family on holidays. Shelia, in sorrow and trouble and sickness and pain, there's just one place that we can go. This is a place wherein our heart can find sweet release, so put your trust in God and lean on Him. Blessings!*

*Dr. Alice F. Joyner (Faye)*

Dr. Alice F. Joyner - July 14, 2025 at 04:21 PM

RC

“ *Ricky & Paulinda Council lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Whitehurst*



Ricky & Paulinda Council - July 14, 2025 at 03:56 PM

TC

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to Aunt Shelia, Stacy and Hillary and the rest of the family. Uncle Kent will be missed. Praying for the days ahead. We love you Takisha, Akira, Trenton and Zoe Craven. ❤️🙏*



Takisha Craven - July 14, 2025 at 01:01 PM

DP

“*Kent was a friend of my sister Debbie. He was always the consummate gentleman in my company with exceptional wit. My heart grieves for his wife, family and friends. May the Ancestors gently welcome Kent home.*”



**Dr. Brenda Pridgen** - July 13, 2025 at 02:19 PM

PE

*My Condolences to the Whitehurst Family. You all in my Prayers.*

**Pearl** - July 14, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DH

“*Kenneth and zi went to school L together also he is my cousin. He was always well mannered and friendly. He will be missed.*”

**Dr. Barbara Hester** - July 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

CS

“*Cecily Staton Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst*”



**Cecily Staton Sene** - July 12, 2025 at 04:23 PM

JD

“*James Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst*”



**James Dawson** - July 12, 2025 at 11:12 AM

KC

“ *Karen Cannady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Laval Whitehurst*



Karen Cannady - July 12, 2025 at 11:09 AM

FA

*To the Whitehurst family, my brother and friend will be missed, our prayers and support are with you*

Franklin Andrews - July 15, 2025 at 11:01 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - July 12, 2025 at 10:55 AM