



Kenneth Tessener

December 13, 1939 - March 6, 2021

SHELBY-Kenneth Ray Tessener, 81, stepped into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Caromont Regional Medical Center.

He was born on December 13, 1939, in Rutherford County to the late Arthur and Nettie Tessener. He spent his childhood years in Grover, NC, many days helping his dad at the Gulf Service Station. He was a graduate of Grover High School.

Kenneth attended Clemson University prior to his service in the U.S. Navy from 1958-1962. Following his service in the Navy, he worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company as a lineman and line foreman, among various other positions. He eventually retired as an outside plant engineer from AT&T. For several years he served as a consultant in the telecommunication industry with TICS and Parsons.

He introduced and mentored many young people in financial planning, securities, and investments.

Some of his favorite past-times included listening to jazz music, fishing, hunting with his son and grandson, watching NASCAR racing, NFL football, classic western movies, and most of all spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Annette Tessener; his daughter, Kim Browne and husband Steve; his son, Brian Tessener and wife Vickie. He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Ashley Tessener, Colton Tessener and wife Giannina, and Ethan Browne and partner Isabella Guttuso, in addition to a niece and nephew and many friends and loved ones.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

It is respectfully requested that memorial donations be made to Fresenius Kidney Care, 604 Canterbury Road, Kings Mountain, NC, 28086 or Pleasant City Church, 1146 County Home Road, Shelby, NC, 28152.

Arrangements are entrusted to Clay-Barnette Funeral Home & Aquamation Center

Tribute Wall

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“ Ken and I didn't get to work together very much but he was always positive and cheerful as he went about his work. We were the "younger generation" of telephone folks who were lucky to get to be the "older generation". Prater for his family and friends as I know he will be missed.

Jim Sansing

Jim Sansing - March 09, 2021 at 03:26 PM

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“ What sweet, sweet memories I have of Mr. Tessener growing up. I'm so thankful my parents had a special friendship throughout the years with him and Mrs. Tessener! He left such a wonderful Christian legacy that I will always treasure. Many prayers for Kim and Brian and all the family members. Love you all.

Jenny Upton Landis

Jennifer Upton Landis - March 08, 2021 at 04:35 PM

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“ Annette so sorry for your loss.
Love and prayers for your family.

Carole Gantt - March 08, 2021 at 08:22 AM