



## Kenneth Oldenkamp

April 14, 1958 - July 9, 2008

I trust all of you have been informed of the untimely passing of Kenneth Oldenkamp. John Oldenkamp's, son and Don Oldenkamp's brother. He passed suddenly and unexpectedly on July 9, 2008. I was Ken's stepmother, and I knew him from the time he was 16 years of age. He turned 50 this year on April 14. He was born April 14, 1958. We cherish the times we had with Ken over my memory of more than 30 years, and of course his dad's and brother's memories of Kenneth's life since birth. Ken reveled in riding his Harley motorcycles for many years. He "souped up" his last bike, and it was quite a show piece and had the speed and the "beautiful sound" he so enjoyed. Ken's brother Don will particularly remember how Ken fought Multiple Sclerosis for many years, striving to keep riding his Harley in spite of his gradually weakening condition. The rides they took together will be treasured memories. We all enjoyed having Ken at family gatherings where he always enjoyed some Southern home cooking. We will all remember Kenneth in different ways, but his dad and I remember him as a caring son. He was quite a buddy to his dad the last years after he moved to the Prescott area about seven years ago. Ken's four footed buddy, Tigger his cat, lived to be almost 20, and she passed in 2007. Ken adopted Tigger as a kitten from a feral litter, and Ken and almost no one else could coax her into a little lovin'. They had a special relationship. Kenneth's memorial service will be held Saturday July 26, 2008, at our church, Prescott United Methodist Church, 505 West Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301, Phone (928)778.1950. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, we suggest donations in the name of Kenneth Oldenkamp to the Yavapai Humane Society (designated for the feline population), at 1625 Sundog Ranch Road, Prescott, AZ 86301, Phone (928)445.2666. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Love John & Lyn Oldenkamp

# Comments

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“ Ken

We'll sure miss you buddy. We had so much fun messing around with motorcycles. Thirty years beginning with days working at the Honda shop all the way to hot rodding your last Harley. I remember our trip together to Daytona Bike Week and what a pleasure it was having you there. We always looked forward to your visits when you came to Mesa. You were a gentle, kind man and the world is a lesser place without you.

TJ, Pam and the crew at EastSide Performance.

**TJ and Pam Jackson** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember him well, trying to climb on the cupboards in the kitchen to get his cereal. Very active little guy.

I know his family will miss him but cherish all the good thoughts of his growing up.

Joan and Jerry

**Joan and Jerry Coppess** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ken, I'm really going to miss you bro.

Trying to summarize 35 years, wow. Ken and I met the summer before my junior year in high school. We met riding our motorcycles out in the easement that would later become the Superstition Freeway (US-60). For the rest of high school we were pretty much inseparable, although Ken didn't attend class much. Our common thread was our love of motorcycles.

After we both found ourselves single, Ken moved in to a spare room I had and we were housemates for a long time. I have a son and daughter, and they always considered Ken to be their Uncle.

In 1985 Ken and I each bought a Harley Police Special, our first Harley's, and we spent the next few years just wrenching and riding.

One of our plans, through everything, was to do Sturgis together. It took 30 years but in 2004, Ken trailered his bike up here to Colorado, and then on to Sturgis SD. The MS made long rides impossible for him, but he had rigged up a trailer that he could load and unload himself, so he was able to make the trip. We were able to spend most of the week touring the Black Hills and watching the insanity on Main St. Finally after all those years.

Those who knew you, will surely miss your smiling face !

**Jim Jones** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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**Rachel** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wish I had known Kenneth better! It has been very special to get to know him through the eyes of his dad and stepmom, and to know how much they loved him... John and Lyn, please know how very sorry we are and how much we care about you both. You are in our prayers, dear friends.

**Carol Mumford** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I will miss you Uncle Ken!

**Jessica** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were so sorry to hear about Ken's passing. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Nick and Mary Esther

**Nick and Mary Esther Oldenkamp** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will miss Ken's kind and gentle soul. We were always happy to see him at the Bowers Family Gatherings. He would arrive from Prescott Valley via his Harley with a smile on his face.

**Jerry & Mary Bowers** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM