



## Mr. Kenneth "Ken" James Harwood

September 29, 1955 - April 18, 2024

Kenneth "Ken" James Harwood, 68, of Lithia, born on September 29, 1955, in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, entered into eternal rest on April 18, 2024. He was a member of Riverhills Country Club, worked for Publix for 15 years, and retired from Procter & Gamble after 30 years. He loved his family dearly, and enjoyed, fitness, skiing, and outdoor sporting activities. He was preceded in death by wife, Sharlene Harwood. He is survived by wife, Melinda Norton Bent; children, Rachel Sutter, and Travis Harwood; grandchildren, Faith, Madalyn, and Elijah; siblings, Barbara, Michael, and Mark; and many other family, and friends. A graveside service will be held Friday, April 26 at 3:00 P.M. at Alderman-Pelote Cemetery, 990 Pelote Cemetery Road, Lithia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at <https://www.komen.org/donate>. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Alderman-Pelote Cemetery

Pelote Cemetery Road  
Lithia, FL 33547

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **26**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Kenneth "Ken" James Harwood



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 25, 2024 at 12:58 PM

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“ I met Ken on my first day as an employee of Procter & Gamble. He picked me up at 8:00 sharp at my hotel in Jacksonville. He actually walked in the door as the second hand swung past 12 for 8:00. I noted that 8:00 meant 8:00 with my new trainer. It turned out that I was his first trainee. What an extraordinary person Ken Harwood was! Ken performed everything he did at the highest level, and he inspired me and everyone we worked with to greater things than I thought we were capable of.

*I left P&G in 1992 after finishing a bachelor degree in engineering.*

*Ken was always genuine, sincere, open-minded, and helpful, even when I didn't agree with his approach, which was rare. He dearly loved all his family and friends, and he was fiercely loyal to us, at all times and in all things.*

*In 2018 I reached out to Ken after 16 years, and he was and is my friend - the friend I knew, respected and loved, just like always. When I was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer that year, we met every week. He continued to inspire and encourage me, and my cancer was cured. I never got to tell him that, but I knew he was profoundly affected that some of us got well, but his wife didn't.*

*His wife was his first love and he was hers. They married young, so I had to factor that in when I saw how completely innocent he was when he started dating. Ken had no experience of unrequited love; he couldn't see that not everyone we give love to gives love in return.*

*Ken is one of the most inspired and inspiring people I have been blessed to know. I am a far better person for having known Ken Harwood, and I am forever grateful to him.*

*I reached out today to wish Ken a happy 69th birthday. He is a month and a half older than me. I am shocked to the core to see I have lost my friend. Rest in Peace, Ken. Enjoy your eternity.*

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**Fred Glenn** - September 29, 2024 at 01:58 PM

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“ *Dad,  
You where a ok dad it's probably a good thing that you left this place  
I'm sorry that you had to suffer dearly the last two years of your life  
and that you married a lying caniviing thief that not only took all your  
money and robbed you and also took your legacy from both your  
kids and grandkids I promise you that I am going to make Melinda  
suffer the consequences for doing you so wrong I hope your looking  
down on me and Rachel and I promise I am going to make you  
proud I love you*

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**Travis Harwood** - August 20, 2024 at 05:07 PM

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“ *Well Dad it's been a long almost 2 months since you been gone you  
are so missed and so loved I want you to know that everything here  
on Earth is okay I hope that you Mom have reunited and I can't wait  
to see y'all again I miss y'all and I love you all I want you to know  
you are loved and very much so missed*

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**Travis Harwood** - June 08, 2024 at 08:55 AM

LP

“ *I have known, Kenneth Harwood a year.. I've heard this phrase, that  
some people are salts of the earth, I never knew what it meant...  
Until I met Ken Harwood... I'm just a poor boy, From a poor family...  
So long Mr Harwood I won't forget you... Love Red.*

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**Linda.M Pope** - April 25, 2024 at 07:49 PM

LP

“ Linda.m P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kenneth "Ken" James Harwood.

Linda.m P. - April 25, 2024 at 07:32 PM

BA

“ Barbara Alari lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth "Ken" James Harwood



Barbara Alari - April 25, 2024 at 02:43 PM

RG

“ I meet Ken almost 3 years ago he was such a good person !!! Fly high in them deep blue skies Mr. Ken you may be gone but you will never be forgotten!!!!

Renai Glausier - April 25, 2024 at 07:56 AM

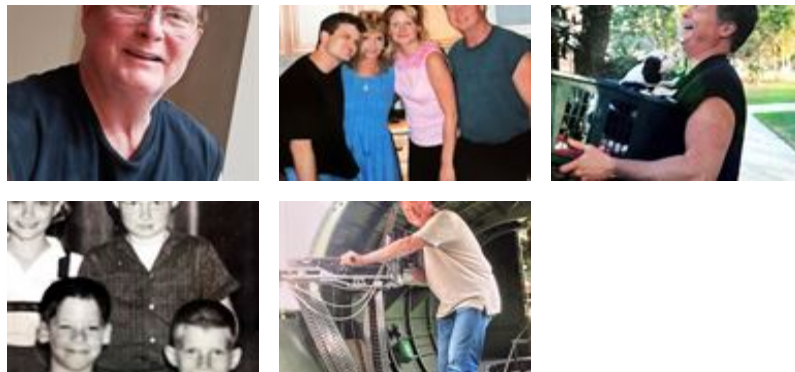
AC

“ i met ken as a caregiver and he turned into my friend, i love him dearly and will never forget him

Anthony Carbo - April 24, 2024 at 10:15 PM



“ 36 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 24, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ *Thresa, Jerry and Amy McCarley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Kenneth "Ken" James Harwood.*



**Thresa, Jerry and Amy McCarley** - April 24, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *Your son Travis purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mr. Kenneth "Ken" James Harwood.*



**Your son Travis** - April 23, 2024 at 08:46 PM

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**Your son Travis** - April 23, 2024 at 08:46 PM