



Kenneth Wayne Edelen

May 3, 1946 - March 24, 2019

Kenneth Wayne Edelen of Durant, peacefully passed away at his home on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the age of 72. He was born in Mead, OK on May 3, 1946 to Carl Alton Edelen and Ina Pearl (Beal) Edelen.

Ken began first grade in Mead, OK. He moved to Durant in 1956 at the age of 10. He enjoyed riding horses with friends and playing Pony League Baseball at D.V. Keithley Park. At Durant High School, Ken played varsity football and basketball. He proudly served our country in the United States Navy Reserve.

Ken married the love of his life, Susan Cantrell on August 1, 1964 in Durant, OK. The couple spent over 54 wonderful years together.

During his studies at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, he worked at the Durant Safeway for four years. After Southeastern, he became a corporate executive for Safeway. He worked in Tulsa, OK, Oakland, CA, San Diego, CA, Butte, MT, Billings, MT, and Edmond, OK before eventually retiring.

Upon retirement, Ken became President and Chairman of the Board at National Food and Beverage, Inc in Dallas, TX.

Ken and Susan returned to his childhood home of Durant, OK after his second

retirement. Ken volunteered his time to the Durant Riding Club, while maintaining a goal to create the best rodeo experience for the community.

Ken loved watching Fallon play soccer, Jacey and J.W. participating in their rodeo events, going deer hunting with Creed and watching Ciara's drill team.

Preceding him in death are his parents Carl and Ina Edelen; siblings, Mary Lou Smith, Carlene Phillips, James Edelen, Charles Edelen, and Hazel Hendrix.

Loved ones left to cherish Kenneth's memory are his wife Susan of the home; sons, Jeff Edelen of Durant, OK and Aaron Edelen and wife Terri of Prosper, TX; grandchildren, Ciara Edelen, Fallon Edelen, Jacey Edelen, J.W. Edelen, and Creed Edelen; brother in law Pete Cantrell and wife Wyvonne of Richardson, TX along with several nieces, nephews, great-nephews, great-nieces and numerous dear friends.

Services to honor Kenneth's life will be held 1:00 PM Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel in Durant with Pastor Monty Wood and Bro. Pete Cantrell officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery with Arthur Tidwell, Eric Loftis, Ben Smith, Pete Cantrell, Joe Edelen, and Jimmy Edelen serving as pallbearers. The family will accept friends, Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at brownsfuneralservice.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd
Durant, OK

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
(580) 920-0393
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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Wayne Edelen*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *CREED*
This is Kenneth Edelen's grandson I loved to hunt with me and my dad's hunting buddy
GOD BLESS YOU

Creed Edelen - April 19, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ *Dear Edelen & Cantrell Families,*
Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Ken! We will always remember his infectious smile, athleticism and good nature.
The DHS Class of 1964 has lost a true Ambassador.
Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers!
Sincerely
Pat and Linda Moran

Pat Moran - March 27, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .*



March 26, 2019 at 11:20 PM

BI

“ *Brent & Lisa Hamilton, Hell on the Red, Inc. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .*



Brent & Lisa Hamilton, Hell on the Red, Inc. - March 26, 2019
at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .*



March 26, 2019 at 12:46 PM

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“ *-National Food and Beverage purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .*



-National Food and Beverage - March 26, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .*



March 26, 2019 at 08:46 AM

PS

“ So sorry to see this tonight Jeff I did not know your Dad had passed away today when I seen you today he sure had a raised a good man when he raised you just wanted to tell you I am sorry Peggy Scott

Peggy scott - March 25, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .



March 25, 2019 at 08:03 PM

SD

“ Sue and Harlie Dietrich purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .



Sue and Harlie Dietrich - March 25, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Edelen .



March 25, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Kenneth Wayne Edelen* .



March 25, 2019 at 04:29 PM