



Kenneth Arnold Lister

October 20, 1950 - September 1, 2019

Kenneth Arnold Lister, 68, passed away on September 1, 2019, in St. George Utah at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on October 20, 1950 in Paragonah Utah to John R & Annabelle Lister. He married LaRee Jacobson in 1972, together they had five children, they later divorced. He married Terri Jones in Pine Valley, Utah, in 1998. They were later sealed in the St. George Temple.

He was raised in Paragonah along with his five brothers. His childhood was full of family, farming and fun. From a young age he developed a passion for all things outdoors – including fishing, hunting and exploring the “Red Hills” of Paragonah. He graduated from Parowan High School and Southern Utah State College in Cedar City with a Bachelors in Sociology. He later graduated with a Masters from BYU, where he gained a love for all things BYU especially football. He started his career in Price, Utah then later moved to St. George. He was a certified Social Service Worker, Rehabilitation Professional, Professional Counselor, Vocational Expert and Expert Witness for disability hearings.

His interests were gardening, wood working and taking care of his beautiful yard. He loved fishing and hunting especially with his son and family in Alaska. He had a lot of pride in his family and loved getting together often. He was not afraid of telling everyone he knew about how amazing his home and his family are. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where he served in many callings.

He is survived by: his spouse Terri Lister; children, Jay Quinn (Cherise) Lister, Janelle (Cap'n Bob) Kenworthy, Shannon (Jeremy) Graff, Angie (Shon) Seely, ShamaRee (Landon) Welch. Step Children; Amori (Mike) Shaw, Troy (Toni) Herman. Thirty-one grandchildren, and His brothers Larry, Ralph, and Kay Lister. He was preceded in death by: His parents John R and Annabelle Parkinson Lister; Brothers: John and Allan Lister.

The family would like to thank SunTree Hospice; Dr. Ryan Borrowman, Torri, Laura, Trinity, Bailey and Della. Care to Stay Home; Elliot. All the Staff at Beehive Memory Care. Everyone at Memory Matters of Utah. And his special friend John Hansen.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 7, 2019, at 10 am, at the Morningside LDS Chapel, 930 South Morningside Drive, St. George, Utah. A viewing will be held from 8:30-9:30 am prior to the service at the chapel.

Interment will take place at the Paragonah Cemetery at 2:00pm.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Memory Matters Utah/Nevada www.memorymattersutah.org in memory of Ken Lister.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah 986-9100.

Cemetery Details

Paragonah

Paragonah, UT

Tribute Wall

TA

“ One of my many memories of Ken is going to Alaska and fishing for Halibut and shrimp. He picked up a shrimp from the bucket and started singing Itsy Bitsy spider and moving it up and down as he sang. He got to the end of the song and pretended to throw the shrimp at us ... I dropped the phone and Terri and I were screaming. Ken laughed and laughed and the experience exemplified his fun, teasing nature.

He was always loving and complimentary and made others feel that you were his best friend. I will always remember his friendly, loving smile and all the good times we shared. I will miss you dear cousin!

May your family and dear wife feel comfort and love during this difficult time.

*Much love,
Tami*

Tami - September 10, 2019 at 05:49 PM

IC

“ Terri...

Sending you love and hugs of support as you journey down this road. Those we love do not go away. They walk beside us everyday.

Your friend

Iris

Iris Churchill - September 08, 2019 at 11:46 PM

JD

“ I first met Ken in Price, Utah over 20 years ago when he was a Rehabilitation Counselor with the State of Utah. I represented a number of clients in Price who were coal miners and sometimes others who had severe physical and/or mental problems, and learned a lot of Ken about using state services to help me obtain Social Security, Black Lung and Workers Compensation medical care and financial assistance. After I moved to St. George in 1995, I ran into Ken again as he had moved here also. As time went on, we started working with Ken as an Expert Witness in my law practice here where I continued to represent the young, the old and those who were either injured at work or who suffered various kinds of diseases and serious impairments that prevented them from working much too soon in life. Ken was a lifesaver for those people. He not only was willing to help however he could but he cared about them. We tried many cases over the 15 years we worked together and without his help and depth of knowledge, hundreds of people and hundreds of families would have gone without. I always looked forward to going over medical records, vocational records and preparing Ken for trial as my vocational expert. He was not someone you wanted to have to cross-examine because he was so sharp and just knew each case backward and forward. Many Saturdays and week nights we spent in my law office going over and typing out my direct examination of him in great detail and practicing for the next Permanent, Total Disability case. The opposition knew they were in deep trouble when Ken and I walked into the courtroom. Some of my cases had great evidence and others were long shots, but Ken was always, always willing to go the extra mile to win those cases. I loved to watch him handle insurance and government lawyers try their best to trip him up or catch him in something that would hurt our case, but Ken deftly deflected their attempts and many times won the case for us just making the opposition look like they did not know what they were talking about. He was the best Vocational Expert in Workers Compensation in the State of Utah. I introduced Ken to a number of other attorneys in St. George and some up north where he continued to help us battle the Workers Compensation Fund of Utah (WCFU) and other insurance

companies where other families placed their fate in his hands. He always came through. I still handle such cases but I have lost the best witness I ever had. I miss him. My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to Terry and his family during this sad and difficult time. He was a good man and an ever greater human being. Goodbye, Ken, until we meet again. JINKS DABNEY

Jinks Dabney - September 07, 2019 at 08:15 AM

TB

“ *We have enjoyed sharing the same street and Ken and Terri the past five years. We will miss Ken's cheerful smile as he walked by our house, his visits to our front door to bring something from his garden and interest in our children. We are grateful for the small time we have been neighbors and friends.*

A memory that brings a smile is of he and Terri Christmas caroling with their Sunday School class (one of whom was our son) to our front door.

Sending love to the Lister family at this time!

Tonia Bennett - September 06, 2019 at 08:44 AM

BP

“ *When we lived across the street from the Listers Ken ALWAYS had a fantastic garden! He had a green thumb more than anyone i have ever known in my life! He would protect those plants like they were his babies! I was always impressed with his skills of a garden because mine never produced much. ❤️❤️❤️*

Becky Petersen - September 05, 2019 at 01:45 PM

AA

“ *Some twenty years ago I met Ken. Later we spent countless hours working for clients who had been badly hurt and were being bulldozed by a system that couldn't care less about them. Ken loved the fray, not because he enjoyed conflict, but because he was committed to help people who did not have the words or the knowledge to speak for themselves. He was their mouthpiece in a world run amok, where money, greed and power run roughshod over the less fortunate.*

The gospel is simple, If you love him, feed his sheep. Ken spent his adult life helping those less fortunate than himself. I am forever grateful that our paths crossed, as are the hundreds that he helped in the most trying times in their lives. Carry on brother.

Aaron

Aaron - September 05, 2019 at 01:11 PM

GB

“ *Ginger Bright lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Arnold Lister*



Ginger Bright - September 05, 2019 at 09:21 AM

GB

“ *Ken was a great man. I first met him when attending the Carbonville Ward in the Price area. I babysat for his children on several occasions. He was an inspiration to me when becoming my first Voc. Rehab counselor. If it weren't for Ken i never would have gone to college. Ken was also the only person I knew when i moved to St. George. He encouraged me in my work. Ken will be missed!*

Ginger Bright - September 05, 2019 at 09:12 AM