



Kenneth "Ken" L. Hodges

April 3, 1946 - February 18, 2025

Kenneth Leroy Hodges was born April 3rd, 1946 in Saint Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City, to Mary Irene and Robert Arnold Hodges and passed away February 18th, 2025 at Saint Francis Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma at the age of 78 years.

When Ken was born, he joined a sister, Joy, age 2. The Hodges family moved from Wilburton, OK to Warner in 1946 as Ken's father had been employed with Connors State College as the Agricultural Instructor. While living in the Connors community, Ken and Joy became members of an 'elite' group of instructors' children called "Connors Kids". The yearly college yearbook highlighted these through photographs.

Ken attended Warner Public Schools from 1st through 12th grade. As a Warner Eagle in Jr. High/Sr. High sports, he played on the basketball and baseball teams. In his Jr. High years, he suffered an unfortunate accident that left him blind in one eye. However, Ken continued to play sports and very much enjoyed his role as catcher for the baseball team who were State Champions in 1962 and 1963. Ken graduated in the class of 1964 from Warner Schools and furthered his education at Connors State College and Northeastern State University.

Ken married Sarah Milliken on January 25, 1975 and they became the proud

parents of Daniel in February 1976 and Paul in January 1980.

Ken enjoyed many career paths throughout his life: door-to-door salesman, insurance agent, furniture store manager, history teacher, basketball and baseball coach, sports official, financial advisor, and business owner, to name a few. Needless to say, he made an impact upon many lives throughout his years of service in the community. He was especially proud of the contributions his family made to Connors State College, with a combined service of over 50 years across 3 generations.

Of all the titles Ken had through his life, "Papa Ken" was his most treasured. Ken's grandchildren were the pride and joy of his life. He always delighted in attending one of their many events to "cheer" them on and always wanted to hear about what they were involved in.

Ken was baptized into Christ at age 13 at the Eastside Church of Christ, Muskogee. For the past 25+ years he was an active member of the Lake Road Church of Christ in Gore, OK, and he always wanted to help the church teach others about God's word. He knew the impact it had on his life, and he wanted others to experience that.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Irene Hodges, and all four of his grandparents.

He is survived by his sons, Daniel (wife Jenny) Hodges, Broken Arrow, OK; Paul Hodges, Warner, OK; one sister, Joy Donaldson (husband Robert), Yukon, OK; three grandchildren, Adalyn and Reese Hodges (Broken Arrow, OK), and Kamea Roecker (Savannah, MO); one nephew, one niece, numerous cousins, and many friends.

The family will greet friends from 6-8pm, Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at

Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Services are set for Thursday, February 27th, at 2pm in the Student Union Ballroom at Connors State College, Warner, OK.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Hodges Family Memorial Scholarship at Connors State via the Connors Development Foundation, 700 College Road, Warner, OK 74469.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.
Muskogee, OK 74401

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

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Service

FEB 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Student Union Ballroom @ Connors State College
700 College Rd
Warner, OK 74469

Interment

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rick & Dicksie Walker And Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Hodges.



Rick & Dicksie Walker And Family - February 26, 2025 at 04:11 PM

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“ I met Ken through my husband when we were much younger. They had gone the last 2 years of high school and played sports together at Warner. Once in awhile they would call basketball games together. They had similar outgoing personalities but took the games seriously. I sometimes would hear them rehashing some of the comments hurled at them from the people in the stands. The one they liked best I think was when the fans yelled something that questioned their eyesight on the call. They said they would love to see the fan's reaction if they found out that between the two referees they only had two sighted eyes. Both men had accidents that blinded each of them in one eye earlier. Both of them had great personalities and were jokesters but took their sports seriously. Kenny remained a dear friend all this time. He was always supportive of our kids, Mike and Stef and they loved him too. We didn't see him often in recent years, but still love him and will miss knowing he is not at Warner. He is in a better place probably trying to find a sporting event. The Martin Moore Family.

Aileen Moore - February 25, 2025 at 05:23 PM

DA

Such a very nice comment...thank you so much! I've heard a few of those stories myself! - Daniel Hodges

Daniel - February 25, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - February 25, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Hodges.



February 25, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ *Derrel, Glen&Lisa, SherrieAllen, Sandra* purchased the *Tender Tribute* for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Hodges.



Derrel, Glen&Lisa, SherrieAllen, Sandra - February 24, 2025 at 10:10 AM

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“ Derrel, Glen & Lisa, Sherrie Allen, Sandra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Ken" L. Hodges.

Derrel, Glen & Lisa, Sherrie Allen, Sandra - February 24, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CC

“ Connors State College purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Hodges.



Connors State College - February 24, 2025 at 09:23 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Family



Daniel Hodges - February 24, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Hodges.



February 23, 2025 at 12:11 PM



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February 23, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ My first memory of Coach Hodges is seeing him striding across the front lawn of WHS. Little did I know that he would have a lifelong effect on my life. His intelligence, integrity, sense of humor and compassion were a beacon for me. I will miss him forever.

Jenny Lou Moss Chambers. "Boo" - February 22, 2025 at 09:29 PM



Thank You.....he talked many times over the years about you and some of his teams there! - Daniel Hodges

Daniel - February 25, 2025 at 10:56 PM