



## Mr. Kenneth R. Vereen

May 23, 1958 - November 26, 2023

Kenneth R. Vereen, affectionately known as Kenny, was born on May 23, 1958, in New Rochelle, New York. Kenny was the second of three children born to the late James and Dorothy Vereen.

Kenny attended Daniel Webster Elementary School in New Rochelle and graduated from Yorktown High School in Yorktown Heights, New York in 1976. While in school, Kenny learned and played several musical instruments, including tenor saxophone, clarinet, and drums. In high school, he was an active participant in musical productions and the marching band.

After visiting many colleges and universities, Kenny decided to attend Hampton Institute (now Hampton University). During his first day on campus, he met his college sweetheart, Debra Adkins, his wife of 31 years. At Hampton Institute, Kenny majored in Marketing, but always knew that his gift was in sales. In addition to Marketing studies, Kenny's college years were also devoted to developing long-lasting friendships while pursuing courtship with Debra. He was always confident, kind, fun-loving, and humorous.

After graduating in 1980, Kenny held positions at Xerox and ADP, but quickly pivoted to his passion for entrepreneurial endeavors, creating businesses in the consumer magazine and hair care industries.

Following in his father's and brother's footsteps, Kenny pledged the graduate chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

On June 6, 1992, Kenny and Debra married. They loved to spend vacations in the Caribbean. Their first trip was to the quiet island of Anguilla, and from there they visited St. Maarten, Turks and Caicos, Belize, Bahamas, Eleuthera and Harbor Island, and one of their favorites, Bimini. In 2017, while on vacation, Kenny and Debra encountered hurricane Irma – a Category 5 hurricane. They recalled experiencing the eerie calmness of being in the ‘eye of the storm’. While Kenny slept during the chaotic disturbance, Debra frantically scurried through the suite trying to find a safe place to survive. Cruising became one of Kenny’s favorite pastimes, inspiring him to become a travel agent. Kenny enjoyed being a travel agent and was always excited about helping others plan their vacations.... especially cruises!

Kenny also had a passion for classic cars. This first became evident when his father gave him his old out of commission Volkswagen to work on to see if he could get it running again. Kenny worked tirelessly every day after his classes in middle school to get the car running. One day, his mother came home to find his sister Debora struggling to hold up the engine that was propped on a board, with Kenny underneath the car tinkling with the mechanics. That was the end of that endeavor! Later in life, Kenny became interested in high performance cars, culminating with the restoration of his pride and joy.... a 1976 Porsche 911.

Kenny was very supportive of Debra’s desire to become a physician after being a registered nurse for 12 years and was instrumental in assisting Debra in developing her medical practice. As the administrative backbone, Kenny played a major role in making ‘their’ medical practice a success.

Kenneth leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife Debra, and a host of family and friends.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oakland Baptist Church  
3408 King St  
Alexandria, VA 22302-3015  
(703) 998-9006

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Ken in High School. He and I were both sax players. He was super cool and had a great sense of humor. I'm truly sorry for his passing and will continue to think of him fondly. Praying for his family. Rest in Peace, Super Sax! Your friend, Larry

Larry Eidelman - February 11, 2024 at 01:00 PM

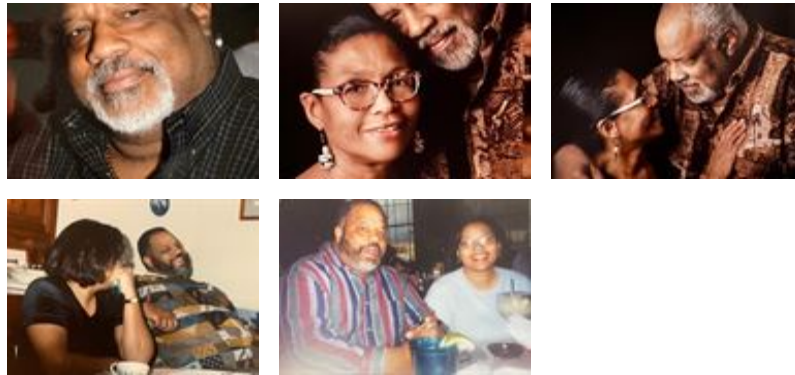
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“ Ken was a true gentleman. I remember when we first met and I remember our last conversation. We are all honored to have had him in our lives for any period of time. God Bless his soul. C Murphy

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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - December 11, 2023 at 10:45 PM

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“ Our love and sympathy goes out to the entire Vereen family. Kenny had a warmth of personality that left a lasting impression upon all who met him. "Jesus Wept" bringing him home to Heaven but he will surely be missed here on earth! Mr. & Mrs. R.

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**Vernon Rivers** - December 08, 2023 at 11:11 PM