



C. K. Irby

August 22, 1935 - December 14, 2013

Charles Kenneth Irby, Sr., passed from this life on Saturday Morning, December 14th at 7 AM in the Russellville Hospital from complications of a heart attack. He was 78 years of age.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 2 PM at Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville, Alabama with Reverend Chilton Busler officiating.

Burial will follow in Franklin Memory Gardens in Russellville. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 noon until 2 PM at the funeral home.

C.K. as he was known by friends and business associates was born in Bastop, Louisiana on August 9, 1935.

He was a graduate of Mississippi State University and played on the 1958 and 1959 MSU football team. He was a long time member of the Elks Lodge 820 in Florence and was recently selected to the Mississippi Delta Community College Sports Hall of fame where he began his college football career.

CK's passions were business and helping those who needed help. He developed many multifamily projects, golf course, fitness center, the nursery business and also helping those with substance abuse issues.

Survivors include his children Cindy Ann Pierce of Lake Jackson, Texas, Ken Irby, Jr., Florence, Alabama, Sarah Beall of Tuscumbia, Alabama, Robert Irby, Tuscumbia, Alabama, and Leslie Chilton of Greensboro, North Carolina. Sisters JoAnn Hughes, Miami, Oklahoma, brothers Emmett Irby and Dan Irby both of Bastop, Louisiana; grandchildren Kyle Pierce, Allison Pierce, Robert Beall, Brian Beall, Charles Kenneth Irby, Mary Kate Beall, Glenn Irby, Jack Irby, Madelyn Irby, Tyler Chilton and Drew Chilton, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Lenoir and Maude Irby; sister Doilene Akins.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Charles Kenneth Irby Endowed Scholarship in Education at Mississippi State University, PO Box 6149, MS. State, MS 39762 or A New Beginning, a sober living facility for women at 4100 Hatch Blvd. Sheffield, Alabama 35660 or a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be left at www.pinkardfh.com

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
<http://www.pinkardfh.com>

Tribute Wall

TG

“ Ken sold me the Crossroads in Mayhew Mississippi which gave me a great start in life we talked several times and he invited me to Florence. Wish i had made the trip. Tom Green Milton Fl.

Tom Green - September 01, 2022 at 07:14 PM

PS

“ Robert,

We were sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You and all of your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Johnny and Patricia Smith

Patricia Smith - December 19, 2013 at 07:14 PM

BN

“ Condolences in the loss of your father, Charles Irby. Betty Nix

Betty Nix - December 19, 2013 at 10:09 AM

CW

“ Great guy and long time friend. I shared many experiences with him at Miss. State and played football with him there in '58 & '59. He did so much for so many.

Charles Weatherly-Msu - December 17, 2013 at 07:36 PM

GS

“ KJ, I would like to offer my condolences to you and your family.
Gerald Steeley

Gerald Steeley - December 17, 2013 at 06:39 PM

EG

“ *Mr. Irby was a very fine Christian gentleman. He was very supportive of many of our Baptist Churches in Colbert, Lauderdale and Franklin Counties. He was very generous in helping our World Changers Projects each year. He donated supplies so volunteer teenagers could make repairs to substandard housing. We will always be grateful for his generosity and kind Christian spirit. He was a blessing to the Shoals area.*

Eddy Garner - December 17, 2013 at 02:44 PM

TS

“ *It was an honor for me to know Ken and call him a friend. He was a good man who loved his family and friends. He will greatly be missed.*

Tom Smith

Tom Smith - December 17, 2013 at 11:47 AM

DN

“ *Dr. Neelon, John Aycoth, and all the staff at the Rice House Healthcare Program remember CK with great fondness. We are saddened at this loss of a "bigger-than-life" patient.*

Dr. Neelon - December 17, 2013 at 11:32 AM

AM

“ *Ken was one of the first people I met when I came to Florence in 1979. He rented me my first apartment. Thru all the years and all of my life since he has been a part that life and I would not change one thing. He was a unique man who was always good and kind to me. I tried to visit him several times over the past six months, but always seemed to barely miss him. I will greatly miss him now. KJ, Rob and family, I love your Dad very much.*

Allen "Big Al" Massey - December 17, 2013 at 10:46 AM

JB

“ Jack Bush lit a candle in memory of C. K. Irby



Jack Bush - December 17, 2013 at 10:15 AM

MG

“ Sarah, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. Marla Goad

Marla Goad - December 17, 2013 at 10:04 AM

MR

“ I went to high school with Kenneth and used to talk with him often as long as we both had family living in Bastrop. He was loud , boisterous and loved to have a good time but also had a serious side. He will be missed by many.

Merrilee Parker Rogers - December 16, 2013 at 09:23 PM

SM

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Ken, Sr. was a unique individual with a kind heart who left an impact on the peoples lives he touched. Our prayers will be the family during this time.

Steve and Teresa Maddox

Steve and Teresa Maddox - December 16, 2013 at 12:04 PM

BJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to your family. Mr. Charles was a pillar of this community and will be sorely missed. But, his legacy will continue to live on through his children and grandchildren.*



Brenda Johnson - December 16, 2013 at 09:27 AM

JH

“ *Ken was 14 months older than me!! We were very close growing up together!! I have such good memories growing up on our farm. We picked cotton together as kids, feed the chickens, helped Mom can vegetables and many others things that have to be done on a farm!! Ken had a paper route and delivered Grit papers! I will miss him so much!! I love my big brother!!*

Jo Ann Irby Hughes - December 15, 2013 at 02:49 PM