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Kenton Edward Novotny II, 53, of Germantown, TN, loving husband and father, passed away September 17, 2014 in the Northwest Territories of Canada. He was fulfilling a lifelong dream of moose hunting. Ken grew up in Minnesota where his love of the outdoors began. He graduated from Olivia High School, Olivia, MN where he was involved with many activities. He played on the football team at St. Cloud State University where he received his B.S. with honors in accounting. He went on to earn his MBA from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management and graduated as class valedictorian. After working 10 years at Lazard Middle Market in Minnesota, Ken was recruited to Memphis by Morgan Keegan, now Raymond James, where he worked in their investment banking group. Ken married his soul mate Brenda Johnson in 1985. They lived for 13 years in Woodbury, Minnesota. They were blessed with three beautiful children; Jack Edward, 22, Knoxville, TN, Ellen Marie, 20, San Diego, CA, and Olivia Lillian, 17, Germantown, TN. His passion for sports and his love for the outdoors will live on forever in the hearts of his children and wife. Ken was an exceptional father, husband, son, and brother. He will be dearly missed by his mother, Marge Novotny from Olivia, MN and his brothers Kurt (Teren) and Kelly (Cathy), as well as his sister-in-law Peggy, all from MN. He was adored and will be greatly missed by his in-laws, Waldo and Margene Johnson from Phoenix, AZ, as well as his brothers in law, Bryce and Jeff Johnson. Ken also leaves behind many nieces and nephews whom he cherished. He was greeted in heaven by his loving father, Kenton Novotny, and was joined days after by his oldest brother Keith, who has been battling a long term illness. Ken's family will cherish the memories and love that they shared with him. He coached many of their sports teams when they were young, encouraged their passion for baseball, football, and volleyball, and was their number one fan. His trips to Belize, Spain, France, and many visits to San Diego with his family were some of the



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highlights of his life. He was passionate about his faith and had a servant's heart. Ken was a member of Hope Presbyterian Church and served on the board of directors for Concord Academy, a nonprofit junior and senior high school for children with special needs. He had been a volunteer coach for GYAA football. He was a dedicated fan of MUS and Houston High School sports, as well as the San Diego State University's football and volleyball teams, the Memphis Grizzlies and the Minnesota Vikings. He loved hunting and fishing and had a special gift as a talented photographer and artist. He lived his life to the fullest and his passionate spirit will live on with his family and friends. He will be dearly missed. Ken's life will be celebrated on Friday, September 26th at Hope Presbyterian Church, 8500 Walnut Grove Rd., Cordova, TN. Visitation with family will be from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with a memorial service following visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations to Concord Academy, 4942 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN, 38117, would be a wonderful tribute to Ken's life. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall."



Tribute Wall

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JN

John Novotny posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Kenny. I have very fond memories growing up with him and his brothers out in Olivia..... god bless all of you cousin johnny novotny

September 27 at 7:41 AM

MS

Maureen Ryan-Sauerer posted:

I have fond memories of growing up on Breu Avenue in Olivia and the Novotny family was a big part of those memories. I was stunned & saddened by the news! Kenny and his family are in my thoughts & prayers. God Bless & Rest In Peace! Maureen Ryan-Sauerer

September 26 at 7:52 AM

AA

Aaron posted:

Ken was absolutely an amazing man and will be deeply missed. The Novotny family became my second family over these past years and it amazes me how strong they all are. My family's love and prayers go out to Brenda, Jack, Ellen, Olivia, and rest of the Novotny family. I couldn't imagine how hard this is for you all. With Love, Aaron

September 26 at 4:15 AM

SF

Scott & Beth Freburg posted:

Brenda, Jack, Ellen & Olivia, We are just stunned to learn of Ken's passing. We are praying for strength in this time of trial. We will be thinking of all of you Friday during the service and in the weeks ahead. We wish that we could be there to give you big hugs. We will be in contact in the weeks ahead. God's blessings to all of you. Scott & Beth (Newberg) Freburg

September 25 at 3:05 PM

DH

Deb Bailey Hinderks posted:

I grew up with the Novotny's on Breu Avenue. So many memories with our families. Praying for strength to all of you and hope that knowing Kenny is safe in the arms of Jesus brings you comfort. Deb (Bailey) Hinderks

September 25 at 2:57 PM



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DL

David Lavallee posted:

Ken was a terrific colleague at Morgan Keegan for four years and a good friend. He was always kind, professional and the epitome of a team player. In a very competitive industry, Ken stood out for being such grounded and exceptional person. Our hearts go out to his family and friends in Memphis and Minnesota. I hope you are comforted to know that so many people loved and respected Ken. – David Lavallee

September 25 at 2:55 PM

JK

Jean Kokesch posted:

Brenda: My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Know that your entire family is our prayers back in New Ulm, MN. May God's grace and love carry you through these most difficult and heart breaking days. Jean (Lingl) Kokesch Class of 1982

September 24 at 2:09 PM

DH

Diana Laffen Hood posted:

What can a person say about such a kind, wonderful, funny, intelligent, etc., etc. man, except all of that, and more? I am so grateful to have grown up with and known Kenny since moving to Olivia – on Breu Avenue – in the 3rd grade. Night games were a blast, as well as some unmentionables, cheerleading for the football team that he was a huge part of, and, we even went to St. Cloud State University at the same time. He was driven, that's for sure. The world has lost a great man, husband, father, son, brother, friend, classmate, co-worker, etc., but God has received an angel! Prayers of comfort, healing and memories that last forever! Rest in peace, Kenny!

September 24 at 10:35 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ken Novotny.

September 24 at 8:47 AM

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Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Ken Novotny.

September 24 at 7:51 AM



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Lori Hilgert Hansel posted:

Dear Brenda & family: My heart goes out to you all! Ken had a smile that could light up a room and a personality that followed suit. Although I haven't been fortunate enough to have seen him or you in years, I know that I hold memories of both of you in my heart as dear friends! Treasure your memories of a life well lived and know that God has gained a wonderful angel! Hugs to you!

September 23 at 10:29 AM



Randy Hall posted:

I was Kens assistant football coach at Olivia during his high school days and could not have asked for a nicer, more pleasant solid young man. I knew he would do great things and build a great life for himself and his family. We mourn as well in your loss and will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers during this dreadful time. Randy and Nancy Hall

September 23 at 9:27 AM



Mike Kattawar Sr posted:

Ken was a very dear friend. He was always helpful and full of good advise. He was the man you wanted leading your team. He will be truly missed in many ways. The world has lost a great person and God has gained a great man. A great family man. A great human being. A great co worker. A great leader. He had so many great attributes. We all will miss him. Mike Kattawar Sr.

September 21 at 3:15 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ken by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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