



Kenneth Roger Heaberlin

March 16, 1944 - February 23, 2025

Kenneth Roger Heaberlin, a retired oil and gas executive and father of three, died February 23rd after a heroic battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 80. A memorial service will be held at Rejoice Church in Owasso, OK on Thursday, March 6th at 3 p.m.

Ken was born on March 16th, 1944, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Mildred and Earl Heaberlin. Ken grew up in Mitchellville, Iowa.

The son of a teacher and tradesman, Ken learned the value of hard work at an early age while throwing newspapers and as a teenager pumping gas at a local filling station. Later in life, Ken and his father owned and operated Heaberlin's Farmers CO-OP. Ken volunteered as a firefighter in Mitchellville and was a civic organization member of the Jaycees, United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Ken graduated from Mitchellville High School in 1962. He studied at Grandview College and later, graduated from Drake University in 1973.

Ken married Diana Kay Bulver in 1963, they had two boys, Tony and Dennis. Diana passed away suddenly just before her 21st birthday in 1966.

Ken met and married Kathleen Marie Newman in 1968, they later had a daughter, Dana.

Ken began his career in the oil and gas industry at Skelly Oil Company in Des Moines, Iowa and Denver, Colorado where he became an avid Denver Broncos fan. Through several transitions and company buyouts, Ken later worked for Getty Oil which landed he and his family in Tulsa, OK. Later

working for Texaco in Tulsa, Los Angeles and Houston, he ultimately retired from Chevron at the age of 55.

In retirement, Ken and Kathy enjoyed their home on Beaver Lake in Rogers, Arkansas and many years traveling in their motorhome, camping with friends and family. They later returned to Oklahoma to live in the country near Owasso.

Preceded in death by parents Mildred and Earl Heaberlin, wife Diana Heaberlin, son Dennis Heaberlin and daughter-in-law Mollie Heaberlin. Survivors include his wife Kathleen, son Tony and his wife Casey Lynn, daughter Dana Watson and her husband Cary. Other survivors include his sister Margret Heaberlin Sexton, and grandchildren Collin Heath and his wife Becca, Casey Abbott Heaberlin, Grace Bannerlyn, Jack Heaberlin as well as great grandson Levi Heath and dog, Charlie. In lieu of flowers, family and friends are encouraged to donate to the Parkinson's Association or Rejoice Church, Owasso Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

Rejoice Church
13413 East 106th Street North
Owasso, OK 74055

Memorial Fund

MAR 6 (CT)

American Parkinson Disease Association- Oklahoma Chapter
P.O. Box 3113
Broken Arrow, OK 74013
<http://www.parkinson.org>

<https://www.apdaparkinson.org/community/oklahoma/ways-give-ok/>

Memorial Fund

MAR 6 (CT)

Rejoice Church
13413 East 106th Street North
Owasso, OK 74055

<https://rejoicechurch.com/give/>

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“ What a wonderful man! Ken was part of our Groovy Fitness Group at Owasso Community Center since its inception in 2009. Our last class with Ken was in October, when he checked in the last time. Ken was always cheerful and courteous, despite the things Parkinson's disease was doing to him. We al miss him profoundly.

Ken and Kathleen attended Owasso Golden Agers activities, always the life of the luncheon! A beautiful legacy of gracious living stands as testament to Ken's Christlike temperament. Lesser folks would have handled far differently that which Ken fought daily. He is an example and inspiration to us all!

Johnna Troglin - March 03, 2025 at 05:14 PM

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“ Sam & Ann Cox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Roger Heaberlin.

Sam & Ann Cox - February 27, 2025 at 02:53 PM

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“ No two couples ever had more fun than the four of us. Ordering one Sunday dinner at the drive through chicken place after the lights went out, looking for Grampas Catfish in Arkansas and many more. We will miss you Ken and our hearts are with Kathy and the entire family. Love, Dee and Glenna Roberts

LESLIE ROBERTS - February 26, 2025 at 02:48 PM