



KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND

July 11, 1963 - September 22, 2024

Ken Eugene McFarland. A loving husband, wonderful Dad, a cherished Paw-Paw, Mac-Mac and beloved friend passed away on September 22, 2024 surrounded by those he loved most.

Ken dedicated his life to his family, friends and the family business. He had a servant's heart and wanted nothing more than to make people feel loved and appreciated. Ken had many passions in life that also created incredible memories for his family and friends. He was an avid racer, a car enthusiast, and an aspiring pilot. Ken related to people the way very few do. He connected with them, invested in them and loved them unconditionally. We as his family and friends will miss him greatly and vow to carry on his loving and kind spirit to those we touch.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Sherri, his two children Cory, Kendra (Cole) grand-daughter Kennedy, parents Joe & Lou McFarland, two brothers Corkey and Jay, a host of nieces & nephews, great nephews, and great nieces, and an incredible amount of friends.

The visitation will be from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, Friday, September 27, 2024, at Church of the Highlands, Bessemer Campus. The funeral service will

be at 2:00 PM at the Church. Burial will follow at Forest Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Alabama Independant Auto Dealers Association (AIADA) Foundation. If you knew Ken, you know how much he respected our service men and women. The next time you see a military person or a veteran, pick up their check in honor of Kenny Mac.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ Thomas R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of **KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND**.

Thomas R. - September 30, 2024 at 09:33 AM

MD

“ On behalf of the National Independent Auto Dealers Association our deepest condolences for your family and communities loss.

I had the pleasure to serve with Ken on the National Board and he was always a voice of reason and a gentleman of deep integrity. He will be greatly missed. Gods Speed my friend.

*Michael Darrow
President
NIADA.*

Michael Darrow - September 27, 2024 at 07:17 AM

RH

“ GREAT GUY AND AND GREAT FRIEND AND RACER

Rick Hall - September 26, 2024 at 10:52 PM

MF

“ Misso and Latta Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of **KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND**.



Misso and Latta Families - September 26, 2024 at 09:14 PM

AJ

“ Allen J. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



Allen J. - September 26, 2024 at 04:24 PM

AJ

“ Allen J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

Allen J. - September 26, 2024 at 04:24 PM

TF

“ The Shadrick Family purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



The Shadrick Family - September 26, 2024 at 01:08 PM

TF

“ The Shadrick Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

The Shadrick Family - September 26, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DB

“ I knew Ken from seeing him around in the car business and he was one of the nicest guy’s I ever knew in the business. He surprised me one night at centerpoint auction and asked me to tell him things about Vietnam when I served there in 1970. I asked him why he wanted to know and he said he was just interested in War history. After we talked about 15 minutes he thanked me and was wiping tears and said “ I’m glad you made it “. I knew he had a heart of gold. He was a really great person. I will miss seeing him and our conversations.

Danny Bromley - September 25, 2024 at 06:34 PM

KB

“ Ken was a truly special person and his passing is devastating news. Thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones. May he rest in peace.

ken Bryant - September 25, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



September 25, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



September 25, 2024 at 04:47 PM

WP

“ Wes and Amie Passmore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

Wes and Amie Passmore - September 25, 2024 at 04:47 PM

KW

“ Words can not express how truly sorry I am for your loss. He was a kind man with a wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kim Warren - September 25, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



September 25, 2024 at 01:02 PM

AU

“ America's First Federal Credit Union. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

America's First Federal Credit Union. - September 25, 2024 at 01:02 PM

TC

“ My husband, Billy Joe Chapman, served in the Navy during the Viet Nam war. One year Ken called and thanked him for his service. He was so honored that Ken thought enough to call.

Tanna Chapman - September 25, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TA

“ The McGee’s Vernon AL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



The McGee’s Vernon AL - September 25, 2024 at 10:09 AM

TA

“ The McGee’s Vernon AL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

The McGee’s Vernon AL - September 25, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



September 25, 2024 at 09:43 AM

AF

“ Allison Irvin, JD & Ashley Foster purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



Allison Irvin, JD & Ashley Foster - September 25, 2024 at 12:05 AM

DM

“ Dewayne morris lit a candle in memory of
KEN MCFARLAND



Dewayne morris - September 24, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



September 24, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



September 24, 2024 at 04:25 PM

TM

“ Taylor Bragan Auto Auction of Montgomery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

Taylor Bragan Auto Auction of Montgomery - September 24, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JP

“ Sherri,
Larry and myself send our condolences and prayers. Ken will be missed.

Jenny (Snider) and Larry Pickle

jenny pickle - September 24, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



September 24, 2024 at 11:30 AM

DM

“ Donice, Cathy, and Penny Morris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

Donice, Cathy, and Penny Morris - September 24, 2024 at 11:30 AM

LT

“ Praying strength, comfort, and the peace that only time and faith can bring. Ken may be gone, but his legacy will live on through all who loved him.

Larry Turner - September 24, 2024 at 11:29 AM

RA

“ R&M Automotive purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of **KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND**.



R&M Automotive - September 24, 2024 at 11:13 AM

AT

“ Avadian Credit Union Indirect Team purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of **KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND**.



Avadian Credit Union Indirect Team - September 24, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DP

“ Donna P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of **KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND**.

Donna P. - September 24, 2024 at 09:49 AM

DM

“ I will always remember the great times I had with Ken and the entire family at BIR will always cherish these memories of Ken

Dewayne morris - September 24, 2024 at 09:46 AM

AH

“ RIP buddy

Allen Hastings - September 23, 2024 at 09:13 PM

JE

“ John and Sarah Elam lit a candle in memory of KEN MCFARLAND



John and Sarah Elam - September 23, 2024 at 07:21 PM

IK

“ Ken gave me a job at the Birmingham Auto Auction when I was in college (where I met Sherri and most of his family). This was the beginning of a friendship as well. He was always up for car racing, and he sure was a family man. Ken will be missed in a big, bad way! He was such a great person.

Irisa Kahn - September 23, 2024 at 07:02 PM

BG

“ Bama Auto Glass purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.



Bama Auto Glass - September 23, 2024 at 06:56 PM

TS

“ Ken was not only a true friend but a great automobile person in general I moved to Oneonta Al in 2000 and he came to my dealership at least ever 2 weeks We had great talks and a lot of fun We kidded it other about the friendship we had through the years and the lessons we learned from each other He willed be missed greatly I want Sherri and the kids to know that i am only a phone call away Rest in peace my brother Terry Sligh

Terry Sligh - September 23, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.*



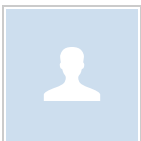
September 23, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ *I would say Ken was a very unique person, the kind that never meets a stranger, or refuses to greet or help anyone. He called us Veterans every year to thank us for our service, and like clockwork, he would call every year on my birthday. Always enjoy running into him and Sherrie , he will be forever missed by all that knew him. Words could never express the way he could communicate, or care for people. I truly feel , My Father will summon you up in time to show you the Mansion he has prepared for you. Forever your Friend.*

Bryan Popee. Respectfully

bryan popee - September 23, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.*



September 23, 2024 at 06:19 PM

FC

“ From George, Buddy and Dale Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.

From George, Buddy and Dale Carter - September 23, 2024 at 06:19 PM

GA

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Ken’s family. I always enjoyed our Snowball Derby days as competitors, and then as friends. A great Man that will be missed dearly 🙏

Gary St. Amant - September 23, 2024 at 06:17 PM

DC

“ I met Ken when we were kids and Joe would bring him along to the salvage auction my family owned. I have never known a better person and, despite rarely seeing each other after I left the business, he always took my calls to offer advice on setting up my stock car or where to get something done, never failing to help out.

The day of an auction at our Florence location, a massive ice storm hit, making northbound travel very difficult and closing I65 southbound. Louise Prestwood and I took my 3/4 ton, 454 Suburban to pick Ken up at City Auto Parts before heading north. As we approached Lacon Mountain, traffic was backed up for miles due to a truck wreck, stopping us completely. The southbound lanes of I-65 were closed and completely empty. I looked over at an "alternate" route north, turned to Ken and he just said, "Mash the motor, Dale"

As we crossed the median, Ken was laughing and Louise was yelling at me that I was crazy and going to kill us all!! Ken just kept saying "Mash the motor".

And I did.

We made the trip to the auction and the return trip home without any other excitement.

Like this past Sunday at a race in South Carolina, I can't imagine how many times I have needed an "adventurous spirit" to get things done in a vehicle, just thought of Ken and said "Mash the motor, Dale".

We'll miss you.

We love you.

Thanks for being my friend.

Dale Carter

Dale Carter - September 23, 2024 at 06:04 PM

JB

“ *Jeff Bynum purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.*



Jeff Bynum - September 23, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JB

“ *Jeff Bynum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of KEN EUGENE MCFARLAND.*

Jeff Bynum - September 23, 2024 at 05:46 PM