



KENNETH "KENNY" HOWARD YOUNG SR.

October 25, 2022

Kenneth Howard (Kenny) Young, Sr, 82, of Hueytown, Alabama passed away on October 25, 2022, at Princeton Baptist Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, surrounded by his wife and children.

Kenny was born in November 1939 in Hemphill, West Virginia, to Maggie Ethel Jordan and Sidney Clyde Young and was the youngest of 5 children. He grew up in the various U.S Steel coal mining camps in McDowell County, WV and attended Gary High School. In 1959, Kenny married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Sue Kelly and soon after started their family of what would ultimately be 6 children. To provide for his growing family, Kenny initially worked as a gas station mechanic in Deland, Florida and a meat cutter in Richmond, Virginia prior to joining U.S. Steel Mining in Gary, West Virginia in 1966 where he eventually became a maintenance foreman. In 1987, upon the closing of U.S. Steel Mining operations in West Virginia, Kenny and Nancy moved to Alabama where he continued to work at the Oak Grove Mine as a longwall foreman until his retirement after 31 years in 1997. After retirement from U.S. Steel Mining, Kenny worked as a sales and service representative for Wilson Machine & Welding in Cordova, Alabama until 2015.

Kenny will be remembered for his sense of humor, his love of music and for his "Kenneth-isms," his words of wisdom that served to comfort and guide us in many situations. His legacy is not only the family he grew and nurtured but

also his immeasurable love of the Lord, of life and for his family. Unknown to many, he would routinely capture his thoughts in various notepads and scraps of paper. Below is an excerpt of how he viewed the world around him after he found Christ in 1975:

The raindrops on my face; the perfect pattern of Queen Anne's Lace

The warmth of the sun on my brow; all the answers to why and how

The smell of honeysuckle in the air; the warm summer breeze for all to share

The busy sound of honeybees; the flowing water of lakes and streams.

The lonesome sound of the whippoorwill's call; the love that binds just one to all

The splashing waves on an unseen beach; the extended hand of a baby's reach

The wagging of a puppy's tail; the joyful sound of wedding bells

A mountain peak where no one is found; the aroma of newly turned ground

A newborn baby's solemn cry; the blueness of the summer sky

All of this will cease to be, but the Word of God will always abide with me

Kenny is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy Kelly Young of Hueytown, AL, his 6 children, Kenneth H. Young, Jr. of Alabaster, AL, Kelly L. Shrader of Holly Ridge, NC, Kathy J. Roland of Greensboro, NC, Timothy S. Young of Boston, MA, Jeffery A. Young of Wichita, KS and John M. Young of Hueytown,

AL; 13 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren.

The memorial service for Kenneth will be held at a later date.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. II Corinthians 5:17

Tribute Wall

JY

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Jeff Young - November 08, 2022 at 09:24 PM

TK

“ I loved you so much, Uncle Kenny. One of my fondest memories of you is when mom and dad left me with you when they went to a class reunion and you and I sat in the backyard on the ground and taught me how to eat birch bark. I had a bundle you got for me to eat on the way home when we left and you always grabbed my knee saying, "You got a bone in your knee."

Tracy Kelly - November 06, 2022 at 04:16 PM

SL

“ I remember I showed up at the Young house on my dirt bike one day, Big Ken was working on a car looked up at me and said " If it has a wheel Sherry can drive it". Lovely family and I am blessed to know and love you all!

Sherry Lassak - November 05, 2022 at 09:53 PM

JM

“ I loved my "Uncle Kenny". During my childhood on up through high school I got to spend many summers, Thanksgivings, Christmas Holidays and just any time we could get our parents to let us stay together at Uncle Kenny and Aunt Nancy"s. I always felt loved and safe. He always has that cute smile and big hug for me and a quick little joke or tease. It was always so apparent how much he loved his family and how much he was adored by them. I am so thankful for those years and all the times later in life when I would get to hug Uncle Kenny. He was steadfast, joyful, funny and loving. I love this Young family so much and share in your grief .
Jeannie Meade

Jeannie Meade - November 05, 2022 at 12:08 PM

JT

“ So many great memories of Kenny. First met him in Worcester England in 1987 (maybe 88). Little did I know then he would become a life long friend. When the Longwall was down at Oak Grove I always breathed a sigh of relief when Kenny walked up "great Kenny is here" I would think to myself. Kenny told me years later that he thought the same when the positions were reversed, lol. Such a wonderful man, he will be missed, Gods speed my friend. RIP.

John Taylor - November 05, 2022 at 11:02 AM

KL

“ When I think of Uncle Kenny I think of laughter. Whenever he was around laughter and joy followed. I can not pick a single memory of him because there are so many that I think of. We spent at least a week every summer growing up staying with Aunt Nancy and Uncle Kenny or my grandparents at Number 9. Those are such precious memories of playing in the creek, walking around the camp and getting into mischief. Uncle Kenny always had us laughing with a silly face or one of his sayings and he had a nickname for all of us. After we all became adults and started having our own families we would all always get together in the “country” at Grandma and Grandpa Kelly’s. The memory of Grandpa, Dad and Uncle Kenny always competing over who had the best “symphony” after a dinner of Grandma’s beans and cornbread has to be the memory that brings me so much laughter. We would all be sitting in the room trying to visit and all of us laughing so hard. We have been blessed with some wonderful, joyful and loving times together and I am so grateful for each and every one. Kenny will surely be missed and all the laughter he brought into our lives! With love, Kim Henderson Laprad ❤️

Kim Henderson Laprad - November 02, 2022 at 03:44 PM

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Timothy Young - November 02, 2022 at 11:08 AM