



Kenneth Thornton Chism

February 8, 1945 - March 16, 2025

Kenneth Thornton Chism, 80, passed away on March 16, 2025, at Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo. He was born on February 8, 1945, to Jessie “Jet” and Dewdrop Chism. He was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church and he loved the Lord. Ken graduated from Baldwyn High School, where he was a star athlete. He later went on to get his master’s degree in Administration. Ken worked hard to take care of his family. He was an education administrator, principal, teacher, and coach for over 30 years. He loved his work with teachers and students.

Ken enjoyed rabbit hunting, gardening and spending time with his pride and joy-his family, especially his granddaughters. He never met a stranger and would help anyone in need. He will be greatly missed, but his family rejoices in knowing he has gone to his Heavenly home.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Carol; three sons, Chris Chism, Scott Chism (Lynsey) and Clay Chism; two granddaughters, Katlyn Chaney (Richard) and Laken Guest (Grant); great-granddaughter, Millie Guest; daughter-in-Law, Averi Crawford Chism; two sisters, Sue Little (Joe) and Betty Floyd (William); three brothers, Jessie Chism (Rosemary), Mitch Chism (Tammy) and Bill Chism (Brenda); sisters-in-law, Pat Chism, Jan Chism, Teresa Chism and Judy Chism; a host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, JW Chism (Mary Lou), Leroy Chism, Dewey Chism (Keitha), Charles Chism, David “Bo” Chism, Jackie Chism and JC Chism.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 3:00 PM in the Chapel of Booneville Funeral Home. Visitation will begin on Thursday at 1:00 PM. Bro. Lonnie Murphy and Bro. Marty Roberts will be officiating. Burial will be in The Ridge Cemetery in Belmont, MS. Booneville Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Clay Chism, Jason Chism, Jayson Adams, Darryal Wooldridge, Scott Chism, and Chris Chism. Honorary pallbearers will be Jessie Chism, Mitch Chism, and Bill Chism.

Cemetery Details

The Ridge

Belmont, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Booneville Funeral Home
506 N Third St
Booneville, MS 38829
info@boonevillefuneralhome.net

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

MAR 20.

The Ridge
Belmont, MS

Tribute Wall

BF

“ 1 file added to the album *Kenneth Chism Family*



Bill Floyd - April 07, 2025 at 07:54 PM

BW

“ My the memory of Ken's love surround you as you cling to all the wonderful memories you have of the life you shared with him. God bless you in the days ahead. RIP dear brother in law, Ken. In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore. Rest in the arms of Jesus. 🙏❤️🙏
Brenda Pitts Wester



Brenda Wester - March 20, 2025 at 11:55 PM

LC

“ Ken was my uncle. As an educator, I always looked up to him. I would always ask him questions before teaching interviews. Heaven sure got a great angel. Prayers for Aunt Carol, Chris, Scott, and Clay. ❤️

Lisa Coggin - March 20, 2025 at 09:45 PM

KG

“ Deepest sympathy to all Mr. Chism's loved ones.
I had the pleasure of knowing him the years that I worked in
Booneville and he was always so helpful anytime he was called on
for assistance.

Kendall Goode - March 19, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JM

“ It was a pleasure working with Mr Chism.

Jan McGreger - March 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM

WF

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William Floyd - March 18, 2025 at 05:02 PM

WF

Kenneth was my wife's oldest surviving brother (of her parents' original 11 boys & 2 girls) & just passed away. My wife, Betty Chism Floyd, now has only an older sister & 3 brothers remaining. This is one of the hardships of getting old - watching so many you love pass on. Even before Betty & I married in 1971, all of her siblings always treated me like a brother & I had played basketball against the younger boys from 7th through 12th grade - them for Baldwyn (MS) & me for Marietta & then Booneville (MS) so some knew me long before I met Betty. All great guys & most tremendous athletes - after growing up as a small farmer's children, many of the boys got college scholarships & several, like Kenneth, became educators because they saw what good teachers did for them in a rural area where it is sometimes hard to find good teachers. Kenneth definitely gave a lot to the area schools in North MS in many roles, including teacher, coach & superintendent. He will be greatly missed.

William Floyd - March 18, 2025 at 06:18 PM

AH

*I knew Kenneth in school!
I can remember he was an awesome Basketball player!
Ann Haydock*

Ann Haydock - March 19, 2025 at 06:12 PM

KP

“ HE AND MY LATE HUSBAND WERE DEAR FRIENDS. HE WAS ALWAYS SO KIND TO ME. MY HUSBAND GREW UP WITH THE CHISM BOYS AS NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. KENNETH WAS A WONDERFUL, FAIR AND KIND, EDUCATOR. HE WILL BE MISSED. PRAYERS FOR HIS FAMILY. KAY POPE WIFE OF STEPHEN POPE

KAY POPE - March 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM

BW

You have our deepest sympathy. We loved Ken with all our hearts. RIP dear brother. 💔💔

Brenda and Mike Wester - March 19, 2025 at 02:18 PM

RD

Coach Chism was a great teacher and coach at Guntown School. I would like to send my prayers and heartfelt condolences to his wife Carol and his family now and in the days ahead. 🙏

Regina Donald - March 22, 2025 at 07:33 PM

TB

“ He carried my grandsons rabbit hunting one time - they never forgot that , neither did he!

Tony Brown

tony brown - March 18, 2025 at 03:32 PM