



## Kenneth "Kenno" Shoaf

January 15, 1957 - May 14, 2026

Kenneth "Kenno" Shoaf, 69, passed away peacefully at his home on May 14, 2026. Born on January 15, 1957, in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Jim and Vera Mae Shoaf. Kenno was a graduate of West Rowan High School in 1975. He was a lifelong member of the community who will be remembered for his kind heart, quiet strength, and dedication to those he loved.

Kenno faithfully worked for 38 years before retiring from the Salisbury YMCA, where he helped with after-school programs, coached teams, and built lasting friendships, while touching the lives of many through his years of service. He was known at the YMCA and throughout the community for his humor, kindness and the way he made others feel welcome. Kenno was a kid at heart who loved planning games and activities such as scavenger hunts and never passed up a game of Connect Four. He was a devoted Tar Heel fan and enjoyed cheering on the University of North Carolina.

Kenno was a proud Mason and a devoted member of the Fulton #99 Masonic Lodge. He was also an active Shriner, belonging to the Oasis Shriners and the Rowan County Shrine Club. He greatly valued the fellowship, friendships, and charitable work these organizations represented and was honored to support their mission to help children and families in need.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vera Mae Shoaf, his father, Jim Shoaf; his sister-in-law, Jean Shoaf; and his niece, Angie Shoaf.

Those left to cherish his memory are his brothers, Jimmy Shoaf Jr. and Donnie Shoaf (June); his sister, Kay Hager (Tony Sr.); nephews, Tony Hager

Jr. (Betsy), Heath Hager (Julie), Jimmie Shoaf III (Jennifer), Eric Trexler and Alan Trexler; niece, Tonya Barber (Jason); great-nephews, Ben Hager, Chase Shoaf, and Shane Barber; great-nieces, Sidney Hager, Eden Hager, Kaitlyn Sells (Lee), McKenzie Shoaf, and Paige Barber; as well as many cousins and extended family members.

Kenno was a part of the "Old Fart" group, a group of men from the YMCA who were close friends and shared laughter, jokes and compassion over the years. The family would like to thank his caregivers for the love, support and care they provided to Kenno.

Kenno will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will forever remain in the heart of those he loved.

A graveside service will be held at 12 pm Tuesday, (May 19) at Rowan Memorial Park. Visitation and service will follow at Shoaf's Barn Dance., 151 Barn Dance Drive, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Shoaf family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 636-8751

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Salisbury, NC 28144  
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## Visitation Following Service

MAY 19 (ET)

Shoaf's Barn Dance  
151 Barn Dance Drive  
Salisbury, NC 28147

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Our condolences to the Shoaf family. Keno was a bright light to everyone that knew him. Our deepest sympathy.  
C-optical, Inc.  
Doug & Michelle

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**Doug & Michelle, Coptical** - May 20 at 11:34 AM

SV

“ So sorry for your loss! Praying for the family! Sharon Varner

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**Sharon Varner** - May 19 at 09:26 AM

TF

“ The Sajdak and Shoaf families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth "Kenno" Shoaf.



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**The Sajdak and Shoaf families** - May 18 at 11:06 PM

LM

“ Keno never met a stranger and never complained. We are so saddened by his passing and our sympathy, love and prayers are with his family. What a special angel in Heaven today. We love you and will miss you Keno.



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**Lynn Marsh** - May 18 at 11:26 AM

MJ

“ *My deepest condolences to his family. Always wonderful to see him at the YMCA, or anywhere, for that matter. Lovely guy! Will be missed dearly.*

MJ Jarvis - May 18 at 08:54 AM

BD

“ *Bebbe D. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth "Kenno" Shoaf.*



Bebbe D. - May 18 at 08:41 AM

CJ

“ *Kenno was a true friend and an inspiration to me while I was Director of the YMCA. I will never forget the dedication he had for the "Y".*  
*Charles Johnson*

Charles Johnson - May 18 at 03:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Kenno" Shoaf.*



May 17 at 12:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth "Kenno" Shoaf.

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May 17 at 06:26 AM



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“ *I remember when Kenno and I were kids riding horses and mopeds out on his parents' property with the other kids. We were doing things all kids do; running, jumping, challenging each other, laughing and just having the best of times. I am so sorry for his loss, but am more grateful that he is walking with that great smile of his through Heaven's gates. Sending love and prayers to all the family.*

**Beth Peacock** - May 16 at 12:27 PM

AH

“ Kay,  
So sorry to read of your brother's passing. May the Lord give you  
the strength, comfort, and peace you need for the days ahead.  
God's blessings,  
Ann Heard  
Marion, NC  
Formerly of Salisbury

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**Ann Heard** - May 16 at 09:52 AM

AP

“ Arnold, Richard and Phyllis purchased the Ocean  
Breeze Spray for the family of Kenneth "Kenno"  
Shoaf.



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**Arnold, Richard and Phyllis** - May 16 at 09:34 AM

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Shoaf.

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**Arnold, Richard and Phyllis** - May 16 at 09:34 AM

RP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Kenno's passing. What a wonderful  
guy!!!!  
Ken and Rebecca Pressley

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**Rebecca Pressley** - May 16 at 12:49 AM

SL

“ So sorry to read this Jimmy, Kay and the rest of the family. I remember the day that Daddy came home from the Sheriff's office and was so sad for his dear cousin Jim and his family when Keeno had his accident. It touched all of us Shupings. Keeno made a good life for himself with the help of his family and so many friends. He will be missed. Sending condolences to my cousins.

Susan Shuping Linn - May 15 at 03:02 PM

SG

I am so sorry to hear about Kenno, we worked together at the YMCA. He touched alot of lives through the Y and he will be missed. Condolences to his family  
Sheliah Gainer.

Sheliah Gainer - May 16 at 01:07 PM

SJ

“ Kenno and I are cousins in a very large family. He always wore a smile, had time for conversation and left you with much love. He showed us all what courage, perseverance and humble strength looked like. May God's love surround you Kenno and be in the hearts of all who loved you!



Sissy Jarrell - May 15 at 02:16 PM

RO

*just the salt of the earth rip dear friend*

roger - May 23 at 12:44 AM