



Kenneth Washington Jr

July 26, 1955 - May 30, 2014

Kenneth “Kenny” Washington, Jr. was born on July 26, 1955 at Herrick Hospital in Berkeley, California to Evelyn Jones Washington and Kenneth Washington, Sr. He was the second of five children and the only son. He passed away suddenly, on May 30, 2014 while playing Frisbee at a church retreat in Santa Cruz County. Kenny grew up in Oakland. As fate would have it, he met the woman who would later become his wife and the mother of his children, Rhonda Rambo, at Markham Elementary School. Rhonda’s first impression of Kenny was that he was a “cute little chocolate boy.” Kenny thought Rhonda was smart and he knew he wanted a smart woman to mother his children. The two graduated from Oakland High in 1973 and later began dating and got married on July 7, 1976. Of the union, three children were born: Qiana Teri Washington, Kenneth Jovan Washington, and Brandon Xavier Washington. Rhonda and Kenny share two grandchildren, Japharah Adriana Washington and Pharoah Joseph

Washington.

Kenny was a Vietnam Era Veteran. He joined the Air Force in August 1974 and

served faithfully until his honorable discharge in 1978. Upon leaving the Air Force, he became

an aircraft mechanic at the Alameda Naval Air Base.

It's been said, "Kenny was about living; he wasn't about dying." He lived life to its

fullest laughing heartily, talking to people he knew from all walks of life, and worshiping the

Lord. Sports were a big part of Kenny's life. While he loved many sports, he was a life-long

member of the Raider Nation and also an Oakland A's fan. He attended many games with his

father over the years. Kenny also loved dogs. He often adopted strays. One of his most

cherished dogs was named "Jenny Jones."

After many years of personal struggle, Kenny became like the true "prodigal son." He

found the Lord and relied heavily on Him to rescue him from temptation and to become a better

man. Church became a central part of his life and it is only fitting that he departed this life at

a church function. Kenny served many different shelters and programs in "food service

ministry." He often spent countless hours cooking for the needy and was always willing to

help on a moment's notice.

Cemetery Details

San Joaquin Valley Nat'l Cemetery

32053 McCabe Rd # W
Gustine, CA 95322-9749

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
1331 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 525-1331
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Service

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New Life Christian Church
1265 B Street
Hayward, CA

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