



Kenneth R. Anderson II

December 27, 1966 - October 3, 2021

Kenneth R. Anderson II, 54, of Titusville, passed away on Sunday, October 3, 2021, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A son of Kenneth R. and Paulette Cooper Anderson, who survive and reside in Fayette City. He was born in North Charleroi on December 27, 1966. Formerly of Fayette City, he had resided in Birdsboro, PA working for the DEP for 17 years, prior to moving to Titusville in 2007. He was a biologist for the PA Fish and Boat Commission for 13 years and was most recently employed by PENN VEST for the past 22 months. Ken was an avid fisherman, competing in tournaments as a member of fishing clubs in Crawford, Butler and Delaware Counties. He also loved to play hockey and was a regular player of deck hockey in Oil City as well as a member of the “Ole Dogs” adult ice hockey league in Meadville. Ken had a passion for herpetology and as a member of the citizen science group, PARS, Pennsylvania Amphibian and Reptile Survey, was often out looking for snakes, frogs, toads and salamanders to add to the lists of species found in the state. Ken was also a competitor at the annual “Rock In River” stone skipping competition in Franklin, PA. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of 36 years, Linda Hough Anderson, a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth R. Anderson III, who is serving in the U.S. Air Force, and his wife Chieko who live in Severn, MD, two daughters and sons-in-law, Clairissa and Curtis Hare of Greensboro, NC, and Breanna and Dylan Sonney of Edinboro, PA; four grandchildren, Louie and Sana Anderson, and Scarlett and Violet Hare, three brothers, Paul Anderson of Portersville and

wife Stephanie, Jon Anderson of Fuquay-Varina, NC and wife Nikki, Josh Anderson of Murrysville, PA and wife Lindy, brother-in-law, Mike Hough and his wife, Beth, his mother-in-law, Louanna Guthrie Hough and many nieces, nephews and friends, all whom he dearly loved. Friends will be received in the funeral home on Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., the time of a memorial service with Pastor Mike Hough officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie Fishing Club. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300.
www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
700 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
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Memorial Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Oh I am so sorry to hear about Ken. I worked with him on many projects. He was also so knowledgable about biology and regulations. I am so sad to see this. May God bring uou all His comfort and peace. Ken will be remembered and he will be missed.

Jane Offringa Rowan - June 05, 2024 at 09:11 AM

SA

“ Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Anderson,
I'm very sorry for your loss, your boys were your pride & joy. You are in my thoughts & prayers.
Sincerely, Sue (Ondo) Adams WMNorth

SA Adams - June 26, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DM

“ Ken thought me the bedrock of honesty in Government Service. He told me “once my conscience was clear about my record of decision, I should not worry about what my bosses object about” . He was fun to be with. He believed he could do anything including doing a full engineering design and analyzing the result of a bridge hydraulics HEC-RAS simulation . May his soul Rest In Peace - Daniel O. Mensah, PE, former Co-worker at the PA DEP.

D. Olie Mensah - October 11, 2021 at 07:32 PM

MC

“ Ken was one of the first volunteers for the Pennsylvania Amphibian and Reptile Survey (PARS) I had met, shortly after taking the role of the project's statewide coordinator. He came to my first public presentation on the project in western PA - I already knew his name because he had already contributed hundreds of records, far more than anyone. When he introduced himself, I said 'Oh my god, you're Ken Anderson!' and it was the first time I heard that trademark laugh that we all came to know so well. Ken is beloved in the PARS community and was always someone the other volunteers looked most forward to seeing at the annual meetings. He was a wonderful mentor to some of the project's younger volunteers and incredibly fun to be with in the field. Hooking up with him was something I always looked forward to most on my trips to western PA for 'herp blitz' events. Ken remained the project's most prolific volunteer, contributing an incredible number of records, and collecting them on an almost daily basis. His wonderful sense of humor, contagious laugh and pure heart of gold will be sorely missed by so many.

Marlin Corn - October 09, 2021 at 10:02 AM

BP

“ I worked with Ken on a number of projects over the years, he was a force of nature! One of the most genuine, passionate people I have ever met. He had a gift for being able to see paths to pull together the most difficult projects with seeming ease. Like he could visualize the entire process before it would materialize and pull pieces together where they did not seem to exist. He did it all with a smile and a sense of humor. He will be missed but not forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brian Pilarcik - October 08, 2021 at 11:58 AM

MB

“ Family and friends of Ken,

This is such a tragic loss. Ken and I had cubicles on either side of the stream files on the second floor of the Morristown Regional Office of DEP. As a fellow biologist, we talked often, conducted stream surveys together, fished, played softball and hoisted more than the occasional cold one together. Ken was always upbeat, never seemed to have a bad day, but was a fierce protector of the environment. In the town where I live, the powers that be wanted to build a strip mall on the site of an abandoned amusement park that contained a small lake. As mitigation for a huge parking lot, Ken insisted that the builders keep a large portion of the lake, improve the shoreline, stock the lake with bass and bluegills and designate it as a public fishery. Every time I drive by that lake, I think of Ken. There should be a plaque there with his name on it.

Ken was an uncanny fisherman. It seemed as though he could get into the head of the species he was after. One day, we went shad fishing on the Lehigh River at the first dam above the mouth at Easton. We parked on the north bank, made a few casts. Ken stared at the water flowing over the dam for a couple of minutes, pointed to the other side, said "That's where we need to be", and took off across the river. I was about 60 at the time, with very bad knees, but I followed him on tiptoes, trying to keep the water from sloshing over my chest waders. Sure enough, we get to the other side and start catching fish after fish. He was spot on. That hike back to the car was pretty easy.

I remember the day he left DEP for a new job with the PFBC. He was really excited about moving to his new home in Titusville with a pond and a trout stream nearby.

The last time I saw him was a couple of years ago at a retirement party for one of the other biologists from DEP. We talked about fishing and kids and grandkids and probably closed the bar. I will miss him and think about him often. My sincere condolences to his family.

Mike Boyer

Mike Boyer - October 08, 2021 at 09:36 AM

RB

“ I am very sorry to hear of this , I went fishing with Kenny a few times nobody was more passionate about fishing. He was a good guy and I want express my sincere condolences to the family from Rob Kris and Malerie Bickhart

Robert Bickhart - October 07, 2021 at 09:21 PM

LM

“ Linda, Bre, and family,

Ken was such a wonderful man! I remember having the pleasure of working with him on the bog turtle surveys at Erie NWR. His passion, humor and energy were infectious. I learned so much from him in a few short hours. He could make any day of trudging through a swamp fun. I am so sorry for your loss! As you go through this difficult time, I just want you to know your friends (even those at a distance) are here to help and support you in anyway we can. Sending big hugs your way!

Lelaina Muth - October 07, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.*



October 07, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



October 07, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



October 07, 2021 at 12:24 PM

NW

“ Ken was a passionate fisherman, naturalist, and biologist who wanted to make a positive difference for Pennsylvania and the critters that he cared so much about. We all probably have a book’s worth of great Ken stories and his personable personality made us all laugh uncontrollably more than once. Fishing-wise, I will never forget being out fished by Ken while he used a rigged half pf a broken fishing rod and a reel that barely worked. Ken didn’t just fish, though. He typically found us places to look for reptiles, amphibians, and freshwater mussels by scouting areas during his evening fishing trips. His eagle eyes spotted for us the first live endangered mussel in Conewango upstream of Warren, the first endangered Rayed Bean ever and first live Northern Riffleshells in Oil Creek, just to name a few of his important observations. Ken’s conservation ethic and contributions to species protection and restoration – particularly his help with coordinating the relocation of thousands of mussels for restoration efforts in the Clarion River – won’t be forgotten. We will miss you, Ken.

Nevin Welte - October 07, 2021 at 11:17 AM

RH

“ When I told Ken, shortly after he started at PENNVEST, that our Border Collie would only fetch rocks that skipped, he started in on a rock-skipping coaching for me and Ross. We laughed so hard working to improve our technique! I have so many rock skipping videos he sent me! He was a wonderful member of the Pennsylvania conservation community, and his love of water and natural resources was a source of many conversations between us. All of us in project management at PENNVEST are heartbroken, and we all wish his friends and beloved family peace. What a wonderful man!

Rebecca, PENNVEST

Rebecca Hayden - October 07, 2021 at 11:07 AM

PY

All of the folks that played adult badminton, will remember Ken as a player with high energy to hit every birdie, even in other's space. We loved his stories and wisdom of animals, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. He boasted about his wife's cooking. He loved spending time with family. We met Ken a few times walking the bird trail from Tidioute, on the old railroad grade. We will miss him dearly, but will remember him, when the the bull frogs call. Patti and Dale Yashinski

patti yashinski - October 13, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.*



October 07, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.*



October 07, 2021 at 09:18 AM

"H

“ *"Ole Dawgs Hockey" purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.*



"Ole Dawgs Hockey" - October 07, 2021 at 06:13 AM

MS

“ Mike & Helicia Sonney lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Anderson II



Mike & Helicia Sonney - October 06, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



October 06, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



October 06, 2021 at 05:58 PM

RL

“ Richard Lenhart lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. Anderson II



Richard Lenhart - October 06, 2021 at 04:33 PM

ES

“ Ken was always willing to help. He assisted me with the Tionesta Creek trout stocking and was always available for technical assistance with water quality issues. My condolences to his family.



Erik Shellgren - October 06, 2021 at 03:30 PM

PD

“ Ken was part of our "badminton gang". He was so much fun. He was a great competitor and made me laugh all the time. I will miss Ken and his antics while playing badminton. My heart breaks for his wife and family. What a great guy

PJ Dahle

PJ Dahle - October 06, 2021 at 02:52 PM

DP

“ Deepest condolences. I remember Ken well from his days at PADEP and his involvement with the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals. I learned a lot from him and know that he will be fondly remembered and missed by many.

With sympathy to all his family and friends- Deborah Poppel

Deborah Poppel - October 06, 2021 at 12:10 PM

PS

“ PFBC Division of Environmental Services purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



PFBC Division of Environmental Services - October 06, 2021 at 10:13 AM

SW

“ *sandra zajac. chris and addy waters purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.*



sandra zajac. chris and addy waters - October 06, 2021 at 09:24 AM

BJ

“ *I first met Ken when we were discussing his moving to PENNVEST, I knew right away that he was the best person for the job, and was not surprised when he brought a strong sense of purpose and dedication to the position. He will be missed by his family here at PENNVEST and the communities he served. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

Brion Johnson - October 06, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.*



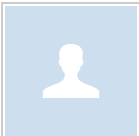
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SM

“ Stacy Theakston Morris sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth R. Anderson II



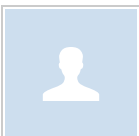
Stacy Theakston Morris - October 06, 2021 at 05:48 AM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



October 06, 2021 at 02:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



October 06, 2021 at 02:15 AM

AL

“ Autumn and Lisha purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



Autumn and Lisha - October 05, 2021 at 10:51 PM

LI

“ I got to know Ken from being a member of the Bassmasters of Crawford County. He was without a doubt one of the nicest people I have ever met. We got to say "Hello" to him just a few weeks ago and of course he had that big smile on his face that never seemed to go away.



Rob and I were so sad to hear of this tragedy. We wish all of his family peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Lisa Imperiale & Rob Genter

Lisa Imperiale - October 05, 2021 at 09:45 PM

KE

“ *Inspirational comes to mind. So does passionate and crazy - but he inspired me, so we'll go with inspirational. The turtles, frogs, snakes, and salamanders of the world matter. Wake up and take note. Love you Ken.*

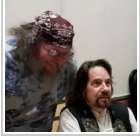
Kevin - October 05, 2021 at 09:41 PM

GS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Gary Smith - October 05, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ I watched as Kenny grew up from a baby to adulthood, from throwing football down by river to sending him songs on Facebook.. I have many fond memories of Thanksgivings and Christmas holidays just sitting and talking with Kenny about pretty much fishing and hunting.. He will never be forgotten in my heart, and I regret never getting to hear him play the banjo.. But one day we will all see each other again in a much better place than this.. My deepest sympathy goes out to family and loved ones that are left behind.. Prayers, love and hope to all of you that you may find peace..

Thom Johnson - October 05, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ Kenny was not only the best fisherman I've ever known but he was also just a really good guy. I loved to tease him over his obsession with snakes.

Jim Guthrie - October 05, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Anderson II.



October 05, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JM

“ My first memory of Ken was in the early 1990's when he stopped by my office to thank me for a memo I had written on one of my PA DEP projects. Evidently, this memo came in very helpful for him on the same project. I remember how happy Ken was when he received the offer from the PA Fish Commission, primarily because he was going to be able to live where he wanted in the middle of the woods with a trout stream in the backyard. Prior to his interviewing for a position with PENNVEST, Ken gave me a call asking for some insight in what the job would entail. Again, Ken was very happy when he received that position with PENNVEST. I am deeply saddened by his passing and I will miss him. Love, Peace, and Many Prayers, Jim McTish.....

James M. Mctish, - October 05, 2021 at 03:07 PM

DR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ken from 1993 to 2007 while he was at DEP. We worked side by side on many complex projects. He was there to help many of his colleagues including me during my formative years as a section chief. We've kept in touch since that time and during his tenure at the PA Fish and Boat Commission and most recently at PennVest. We've shared many good times together both within and outside the office. Though he lacked b-ball skills, he joined us many times for after work games in his jean shorts and t-shirt that came to his belly button He always made us laugh and he was genuinely full of life. I have fond memories of our families trying to check out the fireworks in Philly one year. I think I speak for many of his former colleagues at DEP, that we are going to miss him dearly. Rest in peace my friend. Thank you to the Anderson Family for giving us the opportunity to share these memories.

Saludos,
Domenic Rocco

Domenic Rocco - October 05, 2021 at 02:18 PM