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Kenneth F. Clarke, 63, of Crystal Beach, FL, died suddenly on February 10, 2014. He was born in Memphis, TN, October 15, 1950. After receiving a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee, Ken spent much of his 33-year public service career in Washington, DC, working first for the U.S. Government Accountability Office and subsequently at the Department of Energy and the Department of Treasury in the Office of Inspector General. He retired as Inspector General of the International Trade Commission in 2005. Throughout his federal career, he demonstrated outstanding communication, training, and managerial abilities. At the U.S. Government Accountability Office, he managed review of a federal program regulating transportation costs of importing crude oil into the United States, recovering from a major oil company \$8 million in excess charges that had been passed through to the consumer. At the Department of Energy, he directed audits of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in New Orleans, LA and the Savannah River Plant in Aiken, SC. At the Department of the Treasury, he led the Office of Inspector General's oversight of the 1994 White House Security Review and supervised planning of the first nationwide U.S. Customs Service CFO audit. While at Treasury, he was selected to participate in the month long Leadership for the Future program at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, VA. After retiring from the federal government in 2005, Ken founded Kendia Corporation, providing quality assurance audit reviews to various organizations across the United States and internationally. He had a lifelong interest in politics and history and was a proud Democrat. He loved movies, music, writing, and nature. His sense of humor was apparent to all who knew him. He married Dianne Fecteau in 1989. Together, they spent time hiking segments of the Appalachian Trail, covering over 800 miles of its 2,000 plus mile length. Dianne and Ken lived in Washington until 2006 when they moved to Crystal Beach. In 2013, he participated in a successful



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effort in Crystal Beach to prevent a private landowner's attempts to have public land vacated for the purpose of building a private dock that would have had disrupted the aesthetic view and environment. Survivors are his loving wife, Dianne Fecteau; their beloved Xoloitzcuintle dog, Chloe and Russian Blue cat, Basil; and his mother, Mildred Clarke of Dunedin. A service will be held Friday, February 21, 2014 at 10 AM at the Church of the Ascension, 701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756. In lieu of flowers, Dianne is asking that donations be made to the Florida Audubon Society (online at <http://fl.audubon.org/why-support-audubon-florida> or contributions may be sent to Audubon of Florida, 444 Brickell Ave, Suite 850, Miami, FL 33131). Arrangements under the direction of Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Dunedin, FL.



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John Williamson posted:

Ken's intelligence and talents were evident from his undergraduate days at Southwestern at Memphis. It is not surprising that he accomplished much in his lifetime of work and in his private life. It was a privilege to know him.

February 20 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ken was a great neighbor. Always cheerful and caring...asking about the family and house construction woes. He usually was out walking chloe-chloe (our nickname) about the time I picked up the morning paper. He always had a cheerful word to greet the day. A gracious and sweet man. He and Dianne were always a team...whether gardening discussions or just standing together in the driveway or yard. There was always a sense of a very deep bond. Our sadness is with you Dianne. The Lis Family

February 18 at 8:00 PM



David Maccabe posted:

The loss of Ken is very sad news. He was a great guy, an excellent team member, and an accomplished audit professional. We will miss his sense of humor, opinions about the world, and his friendship and support.

February 18 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I loved Ken from the first day I met him at Ascension, and matching banter for banter with him and/or Dianne was never less than a joy. Our deepest sympathy for Dianne in her huge loss. --Al DeNeve and Carol

February 17 at 8:00 PM



Jim Hagen posted:

My deepest sympathy to Dianne. Ken and I started the same day at Treasury OIG on January 2, 1990. Ken had a smile on his face when I met him and always had a warm greeting and smile the entire time I knew him. He will be missed.

February 17 at 8:00 PM



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GC

Gene Claiborne posted:

More than a Best Friend. Ken was my Brother from a different Mother. And Ms. Mildred was my second Mother. Ken touched so many people with his intelligence and great sense of humor. Those who knew him will miss him greatly. Those who knew him as well as I did will miss him forever.

February 16 at 8:00 PM

JT

John Tarwater posted:

Ken was my cousin, and My Dad and Ken took me to my first MLB game in Baltimore. He was a great guy, and he was always upbeat, and sometimes he was very funny. I miss you Ken. Thanks to everyone for posting.

February 15 at 8:00 PM

EB

Emilie Baebel posted:

I worked with Ken at Treasury OIG. He was a kind and considerate coworker who always had a positive approach to problems. All my sympathy to his family. Emilie Baebel

February 15 at 8:00 PM

CH

Chris Heppe posted:

Ken and I worked together in the dept of Treasury's IG office. He and I had some spirited debates. He was kind hearted and always looked for a compromise. He will be truly missed. My prayers are with his wife and mother.

February 14 at 8:00 PM

BB

Becky Sowell Baggett posted:

Thoughts and prayers to Dianne and Mrs. Mildred. Ken was a kind hearted young man. As an adult, he was very accomplished. His childhood friends and classmates are saddened by his passing, but we are remembering him with joy.

February 14 at 8:00 PM



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LL

Libby Dan Lavine posted:

I was sorry to learn of the recent passing of Ken. I remember him to be a nice person in Brownsville. My warmest thoughts are with Dianne and Mrs. Clarke at this time of mourning.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

GH

Gloria Clinton Escue-Haas posted:

I send my thoughts and prayers; Ken was a classmate and Mrs Mildred was one of my teachers.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

JR

Joe Reid posted:

My Sincere Condolences. I remember a kind wonderful person in Ken from school days in Brownsville.....

February 13 at 8:00 PM

RH

Rita English Hathcock posted:

There are quite a few of his classmates in Brownsville who are thinking of Kenneth's family. He was a good friend to many of us growing up. Please give our love to Miss Mildred. Rita English Hathcock

February 13 at 8:00 PM

DB

Dale Black posted:

My husband and I send our love and sincere sympathy for Dianne and Miss Mildred. Praying for you at this difficult time.

February 13 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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