



Kenneth G. Sibley

August 5, 1942 - August 8, 2011

EAST LONGMEADOW-Kenneth G. Sibley, 69, died August 8, 2011 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Born in Springfield, MA on August 5, 1942 to the late Louis W. and Louise G. (Beley) Sibley, he was a graduate of Springfield Technical High School, Class of 1961. The first person in his family to graduate college and the only person to achieve a Masters degree, he was very proud of his ability to support himself through college while working full time, often ironing clothes late at night for wages. Kenneth earned a Bachelor of Theology degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College and a Master of Education in Counseling Psychology from Springfield College. He had a distinguished career as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker serving the community at Massachusetts Rehabilitation Counseling, Children's Study Home, Greater Springfield Senior Services, Western Massachusetts Hospital, as Director of Social Work at Springfield Municipal Hospital and as a Medical Social Worker at the Chicopee VNA. Ken also served on the Advisory Board of Social Work Education at Western New England College. Predeceased by his parents, brothers, Charles and Robert and sister, Jeanette, he leaves his life time friend, companion and partner, Jack Goodsell of East Longmeadow, MA; his brother, Clayton Sibley and his wife, Kathy of Monson, MA; his sisters: Odette Gustafson and her husband, Roy of WA , Barbara Wright of Longmeadow, MA and Carole Racicot of East Longmeadow, MA; Theresa Albano of East Longmeadow, MA, whom he regarded like a sister; his sister-in-law, Joyce Sibley of East Longmeadow and many nieces and nephews.

Ken's intentions for his funeral will be carried out. There will be a solemn high mass and a joyful celebration and thanksgiving for his life. Friends are invited to gather for the funeral mass at 11 AM on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1 Porter Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. For expressions of sympathy please visit www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

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“ *Psalm 23*
A psalm of David.
The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
This was something he shared with me very early on in my youth and it has stayed with me forever!! Rest my baby, you are in a better place now, I will miss our long talks and our soul baring truths about where we came from, and how we survived, my buddy, my friend, my Uncle!!!
Forever blessed for having you in my life!!
Stephanie (Pookie)

Stephanie Dearing - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

MW

“ *I am saddened to hear of Ken's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time.*

Michael Wrisley - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Carole and family, May God bless you all during this time of sorrow. You are all in our prayers! God's Peace. Tom and Isabel*

Tom and Isabel Dumais - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

JG

“ Ken was the great love of my life and I spent 32 years sharing life with him. We were partners, friends, lovers and the connection was deep from the day we met. We had ups and downs like every couple but always loved each other, always shared our thoughts, hopes and dreams. We accomplished our dreams together, always supporting each other. He was a rarity, a truly good man, lived his life the way he wanted and expected others to live. He was a gentle soul with an open heart and it was an honour to share my life with him. He was the smartest and kindest person I will ever know. He was funny and loved to laugh. His sense of humour blew me away so many times and I just loved him all the more. I was with him when he passed as he'd always asked me to be and it was one of the most profound moments of my life. A huge part of me left with him. He will remain with me in my heart forever. I will never love anyone again the way I loved Ken. He passed peacefully with people who loved him and I'm grateful he was the biggest and most significant part of my life. May he rest in peace with those who love him til I meet him again one day. \r\n~ Jack Goodsell, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Jack Goodsell - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences to Jack and the entire Sibley family at this most difficult time. \r\n\r\n\r\nThe staff at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

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“ Kenny was a great brother and brother in-law. We shared many memories together. Most were happy times. I will miss all those phone calls and get togethers we had. \r\n\r\n\r\nlove your sister-in-law \r\nJoyce

JOYCE SIBLEY - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

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“ My brother, Kenneth, had many qualities. As children we grew up without a television. Kenny, his twin Clayton and I would quietly huddle around a new red radio, listening to our favorite programs. Amos and Andy, Jack Benny, Charlie Mc'Carthy, and the Shadow, to name a few. Often, after our programs Kenny and I would talk late into the night, pretending to mother that we had fallen asleep. Kenny had a gift for sharing and he brought that out in others.\n\n\nIn recent years his communicating with family kept all the family connected with one another.\n\n\nMy heart is broken and he, forever, will be missed.

Carole Racicot - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM