



Kenneth Lomar Upshaw

February 15, 1970 - September 5, 2020

Kenneth Lomar Upshaw was born on February 15th, 1970 in East Orange, New Jersey. Kenny was the youngest of seven children. Born to Clara & James Upshaw, Kenny was a neighborhood favorite.

Kenny married Janice Forbes and to that union three children were born – Shaniqua, Shaquille, and Shadaijah. Kenny & Janice often discussed a better life for their family, which resulted in his discipline and hard work in multiple industries.

Kenny dedicated his life to God, music, comedy, and most important family. Born into a family of bowlers, Kenny excelled in the sport. Often in deep thought, Kenny was portrayed as a preacher like figure. Kenny's contagious laugh can be heard for blocks, often laughing at his own jokes. Kenny's wisdom helped many through troubling times, from family members to colleagues.

Kenny accomplished his personal goals by investing in his hometown and excelling in the pharmaceutical industry. Part of his success was due to his ability to read books – often quoting segments from “Rich Dad, Poor Dad” & “Why Should White Guys Have All The Fun”.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Clara Upshaw, and his brother,

Dwayne Upshaw. He is survived by his wife Janice, his three children, Shaniqua, Shaquille, and Shadaijah, his grandkids, Isa'bella and Ava, his brothers Kevin and Kirk, his sisters, Patricia, Letitia, Shawn, and a host of other relatives.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
770.338.5558

Cemetery Details

East Shadow Lawn

87 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall



“Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw

 Tribute Video

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - September 11, 2020 at 08:12 AM

KR

Sending my prayers and condolences to the Upshaw family.

K. Reid - September 11, 2020 at 12:32 PM

EM

Kenny was a great man, friend, father, cousin, and brother. He brightened a room with his presence, his wisdom and compassion was genuine, his laughter could heal a million souls. This is heartbreaking, I'm deeply saddened and to the family I'm sending my deepest sympathy and condolences and asking that God wrap his loving arms around you and watch over each and everyone of you at this difficult time sending love and hugs from NJ.

Evette (Na-Na)

Evette Mahony - September 12, 2020 at 11:33 AM

KA

“*Kenny you are truly missed. Didn't get a chance to post was sick for awhile but you are always on my mind and in my heart. Sleep on cousin love you*❤️



Karen - March 22, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *Kevin Upshaw lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Kevin Upshaw - December 30, 2020 at 12:38 AM



“ *It is with a deep heart felt emotion that goes out to the family in which I offer my condolences. I am and so moved at this time, to see so many, so young with so much potential to leave in a memory. I lieu of flowers to the departed, I would like to offer a no-cost insurance policy for those whom care to receive it. 201-702-1418 bless you*

William Phillips - October 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *My favorite cousin you goin to be miss, it was a good lovely home service, I couldn't be there but I felt like I was there, well done, love u cuzzo until we meet again!❤️*

kaleena gillispie - September 11, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *From Denzil, Fay & Denise Thomas purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.*



From Denzil, Fay & Denise Thomas - September 11, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JS

“ Meeting Kenny and Janice last year after our daughter Brittany and Kenny’s son Shaq moved to New Jersey. It was an impromptu meeting that Kenny set up. It was so wonderful meeting Janice and him, especially seeing that our kids have been dating for 7 years. His smile and kind words were all that resonate with myself and my husband. He told us how much he loves our daughter Brittany and that she was just “peaches”... at that moment we were so happy that they were looking after our daughter in NJ.

Joyce Stenovitch - September 11, 2020 at 04:21 PM



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William Phillips - October 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM

SL

“ Kenny marry my cousin Janice..Kenny was a joy to be around. He was such a happy person —never takes anything personal and always have the ability to change your mood from anger to laughter. You liked everyone and no one ever felt left out if he was around..We love you Kenny! Keep the jokes going!

sharon loder - September 11, 2020 at 03:11 PM

SL

“ Janice, my heart breaks for you because I know the pain you are going through . May you find comfort in the memories that are left behind .
I will keep you in my prayers!



sharon loder - September 11, 2020 at 02:56 PM

KR

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the Upshaw family. Im going to miss those rides out to Jersey in the summers to cousin Bridgette's house to visit. You will be missed... Rest In Paradise*



K. Reid - September 11, 2020 at 12:39 PM

RG

“ *Richele Gilchrist lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Richele Gilchrist - September 11, 2020 at 12:31 PM

RG

“ *My Dear Cuzzin Kenny, U Were Luvd Beyond Words & Will Be Missed Beyond Measures. S.I.P*



Rhelda Gilchrist - September 11, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Jones lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Joyce Jones - September 11, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Kenny was a cousin of mine that I will truly miss. I send my condolences and heart felt sympathy to the Upshaw family.....Praying for you all S.I.P. Kenny*

Richele Gilchrist - September 11, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Janice and the Upshaw Family for the passing of Kenny (my neighbor from my home state, Jersey). We will miss your infectious positive spirit. RIH Kenny... until we meet again. Anthony and Jackie McGown*



Jackie McGown - September 11, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Lillian Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Lillian Hamilton - September 11, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Tyrone Wilson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



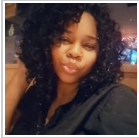
Tyrone Wilson - September 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM

WF

“ Willis Family, Julie, Jeffrey & Kids lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw



Willis Family, Julie, Jeffrey & Kids - September 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Rashonna Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw



Rashonna Hamilton - September 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM

FA

“ Faith lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw



faith - September 11, 2020 at 10:48 AM

CW

“ Charles & Linda Williams purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.



Charles & Linda Williams - September 11, 2020 at 10:26 AM

DT

“ *DASHANTILA D THOMAS lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



DASHANTILA D THOMAS - September 11, 2020 at 10:14 AM

DT

To a a very loving and funny man. Kenny you will be missed sooooo much. That smile, that laugh and great conversations. I love you cousin. RIP Kenny til we meet again.

Love Always DeeDee and Tony Thomas

DASHANTILA D THOMAS - September 11, 2020 at 10:17 AM

MT

“ *Mary E Truesdale lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Mary E Truesdale - September 11, 2020 at 01:36 AM

MT

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

To my Upshaw Family,

Our hearts are heavy right now but know that we all have another Angel watching over us. I will miss Kenny (the unofficial Mayor of Paterson) with his fun spirit, crazy sense of humor and that infectious laugh of his (with one eye closed).

He was always willing to help anyone, any way he could. Know that his love and kindness is forever a part of us all. May God grant you peace & comfort.

Love you all always,

The Truesdale Family

(Mary K., Mary E., and Rena M.)

Mary E Truesdale - September 11, 2020 at 01:59 AM

TM

“ *Trinice Mason lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Trinice Mason - September 10, 2020 at 11:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.* ”



September 10, 2020 at 11:42 PM



“ *Cedric Jackson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw* ”



Cedric Jackson - September 10, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *LaTrenda S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.* ”



LaTrenda S. - September 10, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *LaTrenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw* ”



LaTrenda Smith - September 10, 2020 at 01:35 PM

YJ

“ *Yvette Jones lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Yvette Jones - September 10, 2020 at 11:55 AM

YJ

Kenny was indeed the life of the party. The one who would make his own announcement when he arrived to the party or just visiting family. A family man he was. He called, visited and always made it appoint to speak to everyone individually. That laugh of course will be missed. Love you my cousin and you will forever be in my heart.

Yvette Jones - September 10, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.*



September 10, 2020 at 03:13 AM

MB

“ *I remember Kenny At family parties. He was always joking around . He had this unique laugh which was Contagious. He gave the party life. You will never be board once Kenny is around. R.I. P with the Angels Kenny*

Maria & Jerold Black - September 09, 2020 at 11:01 PM

DS

“ *Diary Salas lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Diary Salas - September 09, 2020 at 10:52 PM

MB

“ *Maria And Jerold Black sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Maria and Jerold Black - September 09, 2020 at 10:50 PM

FM

“ *Upshaw family
I am deeply saddened by the loss that you
and your family have encountered. My
condolences.
||*



felix maldonado - September 09, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.*



September 09, 2020 at 01:43 PM

SB

“ Kenny was a friend and coworker of mine from the old Biocraft days. I was so sorry to hear the news of his passing. He had a wonderful sense of humor with a smile and laugh that was so contagious no one was immune. I know he's in a better place and am sure he's making others smile and looking down with love onto his friends and family. He will be surely missed. May God rest his soul.

My prayers rest with his other friends and family - til we meet again Kenny.

-Sharon Burrell (nee Mulligan)

Sharon Burrell - September 09, 2020 at 12:10 PM



I worked with Kenny at Teva for a couple of very-enjoyable years. Kenny was one of those rare people who was always "on" -- his glass was never half-full or half-empty, it was always brimming over. His standard greeting to me was, "Joe Mulligan, the man of the hour, too sweet to be sour!", followed by that giggle of a laugh of his. And it didn't matter how often I'd heard the line, it still raised a smile from me every time. Or, rather, Kenny himself did. I'd regularly ask him his opinions on this or that just to hear how he'd respond; Kenny had a witty observation for just about everything. Here is an opinion I know that nobody who knew him will argue: Kenny Upshaw left the world around him a better place than when he found it. Peace, my friend.

Joe Mulligan - September 12, 2020 at 06:08 PM

RP

“ We worked with Kenny at biocraft/Teva for many years. He was always a gentleman and a pleasure to be around. Although we weren't together for a few years, it is sad to know that Kenny is no longer on this earth. May he rest in peace.

*Regards and condolences to his family,
Butch and Louis Parra.*

Robert parra - September 09, 2020 at 11:44 AM

SF

“ *Samuel Castro & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.*



Samuel Castro & Family - September 09, 2020 at 10:55 AM

SC

“ *Dear Janice,*

We are sorry for your loss. Our condolences to you and the kids.

Sam Castro and Family.



Sam Castro - September 09, 2020 at 10:39 AM

DC

To Janice and Family, we are deeply sadden of the loss of your Beloved Husband, Dad and Grandad. We are praying for your peace beyond all understanding. Love the Campbells, Denton & Myra

Denton & Myra Campbell - September 09, 2020 at 07:23 PM

SM

“ *Kenny was a nice man, had a chance to work with him for a brief time. He was full of life and always spread positivity around him. May his soul rest in peace.*

S. Malik - September 08, 2020 at 10:48 PM

NK

“ Nelson, Diary Salas, and kids purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw.



Nelson, Diary Salas, and kids - September 08, 2020 at 04:10 PM

DW

“ Kenny was always the first one in to the office. We would start the work day talking about the joys of life; family, friends and the like. We often talked about bowling and the crazy weather down here Georgia. One morning Kenny was telling me one of his colorful bowling stories, as a summer storm was blowing through. Just as he was excitedly describing hitting the final strike in the 10th frame, a huge crack of thunder broke above the building. We both laughed; a combination of surprise and scared.

From this day forward, whenever I hear the crashing thunder I will know it's you, my friend, bowling that perfect game in heaven.

D.Ware

Duane Ware - September 08, 2020 at 08:42 AM

KW

“ Kerine Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Lomar Upshaw



Kerine wright - September 07, 2020 at 11:40 PM

KW

“ *Kerine Wright lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Lomar Upshaw*



Kerine wright - September 07, 2020 at 11:38 PM