

## Kenny Paul Graves

September 11, 1937 - April 20, 2021

In the late evening of Tuesday, April 20, 2021, Kenny P. Graves, age 83, gained his wings peacefully at his home surrounded by family and Cindy, his wife of 61 years. Kenny was born in Perry Co. on September 11, 1937, to the late Fred Kenny & Janie Ruth (Epley) Graves.

He has one son-Kenny Brian Graves of Smyrna, two grandsons- Aaron Chase (Santana) Larue and Kenny Landon Graves of Smyrna, two great grandchildren-Kenny Ross Graves of Smyrna and Kylie Briann Larue of Spring Hill. He has one sister, Helen Graves Brewer of Columbus, MS.

After graduating from high school, Mr. Graves received his B.S. in Music and Masters in Education in Administration and Supervision at Austin Peay University. He also studied for his doctorate of management and organizational management at the University of Phoenix.

Mr. Graves served as band director for 16 years including Lewis Co. High School, Hickman Co. High School, and Clarksville High School in Montgomery Co. He furthered his career as Lewis Co. Middle School Principal, and then director of schools for Lewis Co. Schools.

Mr. Graves, after retiring from education in the Lewis Co. School System, pursued other fields in the realm of education. He was the former executive

director of the Leadership Program Center at Eckard Youth Alternatives in Largo, Florida. Mr. G was the former executive director of the Community Services Agency in Columbia. Lastly, he was the former Accreditation Coordinator/Quality Assurance Director at Highland Youth Center in Hohenwald.

After complete retirement and after building a new house, he began landscaping the property turning it into a show place throughout the years. His wife, Cindy, lovingly crowned him the nickname of the "Happy Gardner." He frequently gave a tour to friends and family.

Mr. G and his wife did quite a bit of traveling on their houseboat and their fifth wheel, the latter of which was used to visit many places in the U.S.

Visitation with the family will be held at McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. on Thursday, April 22, from 5:00-8:00PM. Funeral services will follow on Friday, April 23, at 2:00 PM, at the Hohenwald First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Graves Cemetery at Sinking Creek in Perry Co.

# Cemetery Details

## Graves Cemetery

Sinking Creek Rd  
Linden, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County  
20 West 2nd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2207

## Funeral Service

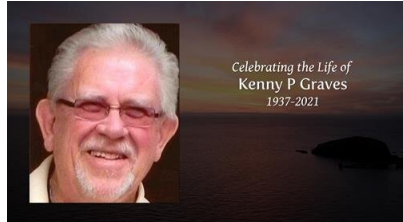
APR **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hohenwald First United Methodist Church  
200 S Court St, Hohenwald  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2681

# Tribute Wall



“ *McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**McDonald Funeral Home, Inc** - October 25, 2021 at 10:34 AM

LG

“ *Linda Baker Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Linda Baker Gilliam** - April 26, 2021 at 02:35 PM

PS

“ *Mr. Graves was a wonderful band director and wanted us to do our best . He had a fun side as well and as students that meant so much to us . I am so sorry for your loss .*

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**Patty Seiber** - April 24, 2021 at 02:36 PM

MW

“ *I fondly remember high school band , playing trombone and marching. Kenny was a perfectionist director as well as a great mentor. He will be sadly missed. Peace be with you Cindy and family.*

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**Mackey White** - April 23, 2021 at 12:58 PM

CK

“ Cynthia @Tommy Kilpatrick lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves



Cynthia @Tommy Kilpatrick - April 23, 2021 at 02:14 AM

EK

“ Thank You Lord For Always Allowing A Glimpse Of Jesus Christ to be seen Daily In Kenny’s Life. †  
The Maestro Will Fit Perfectly In your Choir 🎵🙏💙. Eric/Sandra Kidder💕💕

Eric Kidder - April 23, 2021 at 02:08 AM

MM

“ Always loved Cindy & Kenny, they used to drive occasionally on Saturday to Centerville to attend the Grinders Switch Hour, there we would meet where music was flowing thru our souls. Also, Cindy was a member of the 1961 Hickman High School class, we were and are a very close class, Kenny & Cindy are always there, we will have a reunion coming up this year in June, we will miss Kenny so much, may he rest in peace.



Margaret & Norman Martin - April 22, 2021 at 05:42 PM

GH

God bless you Cindy and all of your & Kennys family.

Gen Gary G Harber - April 23, 2021 at 09:31 AM

BG

“ So very sorry for your loss.



**Bobbie Armstrong Baird Graf** - April 22, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ I am so sorry for y'all's loss. He was a great Band director. I had taken Band when I was in the 7th grade. R.I.P. Kenny. Sending prayers to the family 🙏🙏



**Margaret Staggs** - April 22, 2021 at 01:50 PM

HL

“ Helen Lois Love lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves



**Helen Lois Love** - April 22, 2021 at 01:07 PM

DP

“ Deborah Moss Peery lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves



**Deborah Moss Peery** - April 22, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *David Spears lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**David Spears** - April 22, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Jewell Prince lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Jewell Prince** - April 22, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ *Nina Adamson lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Nina Adamson** - April 22, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *Iva Farris lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Iva Farris** - April 22, 2021 at 08:34 AM

BW

“ We am so sorry to hear about Kenny. Cindy our hearts go out to you and Brian. I’m going to date myself but I think I speak for everybody my age when I say Mr..Graves brought music to Hohenwald. He was a young and enthusiastic teacher and we reaped the reward. We loved the days we had music. First grade we had xylophones- second and third grades we had our little flutes. He made a lot of kids very very happy. This is my memories of Mr. Kenny Graves. We are sure he is leading beautiful music among the angels today. Prayers and blessings to you and your family.  
*Beverly & Stephen Webb*

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**Beverly Webb** - April 22, 2021 at 05:40 AM

PM

“ *Peggy Breece May lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Peggy Breece May** - April 21, 2021 at 10:29 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Hudson lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Wanda Hudson** - April 21, 2021 at 10:17 PM

SF

“ Sarah And Harvey Frye lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves



Sarah and Harvey Frye - April 21, 2021 at 10:05 PM

FF

“ Fern Fisher sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenny Paul Graves



Fern Fisher - April 21, 2021 at 09:57 PM

DS

“ Mr. Graves was a wonderful band director when I was in high school many, many, many years ago. In later years I would see him at educational meetings, and we would reminisce about the funny things that happened during band rehearsals and trips.



Darlon Smith - April 21, 2021 at 09:38 PM

DW

“ Such a wonderful man and I will pray for comfort for Cindy and the family. 🙏



Damon Wherry - April 21, 2021 at 09:27 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Randall-Sandra Barber** - April 21, 2021 at 09:07 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Curry lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Lisa Curry** - April 21, 2021 at 08:22 PM

KM

“ *Kay Lynch Murphy lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Kay Lynch Murphy** - April 21, 2021 at 08:13 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Carrol lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



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**Deborah Carrol** - April 21, 2021 at 07:55 PM

PA

“ We are praying for you all in this difficult time.  
Love ya!



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**Phillip, Letitia & Mckenna Allen** - April 21, 2021 at 07:49 PM

JH

“ Jeanette Hooper lit a candle in memory of  
Kenny Paul Graves



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**jeanette hooper** - April 21, 2021 at 07:12 PM

RJ

“ Rita Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Kenny  
Paul Graves



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**Rita Jenkins** - April 21, 2021 at 07:07 PM

MS

“ A legacy in our lives, loved his wife ever so much. So sorry Cindy.

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**Mary Simmons** - April 21, 2021 at 06:35 PM

LH

“ *Loretta Chessor Harrington lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



Loretta Chessor Harrington - April 21, 2021 at 06:23 PM

SO

“ *Sandra Overbey lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



Sandra Overbey - April 21, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



Joyce Mayberry - April 21, 2021 at 03:41 PM

RV

“ *Ralph, Wanda Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



Ralph, Wanda Vineyard - April 21, 2021 at 03:09 PM

LI

“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



**lisa** - April 21, 2021 at 03:07 PM

BM

“ *Many prayers for you Cindy and family for comfort, strength and peace.*



**Brenda Mash** - April 21, 2021 at 02:42 PM

AD

“ *So sorry for your loss. He will be missed by family, friends, and the community. 🙏❤️*



**Arelus & Ernestine Dye** - April 21, 2021 at 02:39 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie And Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Kenny Paul Graves*



**Lonnie and Marilyn Gilliam** - April 21, 2021 at 02:31 PM