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Ken was born the first child to Harriett and Vern Schroeder in Shelton, WA. A few years later they settled into the community of Tillamook, OR. It was here the family welcomed brother David and life focused on raising the two boys, friends, family visits and church activities, which all became a part of their loving environment.

When Ken was a preteen, he had an event of rheumatic fever and this forever changed his way of processing life. Not necessarily in a bad way; just a new way. He went on to learn to drive and ride motorcycles, thanks to his Uncle Don. His family support was amazing throughout his life, from his little brother having his back, to living at home with his parents until he was 60. Life would take the family from Tillamook to Portland to Palm Springs and back to Portland again. He found his other family at Providence ElderPlace Cully where he lived his last many years. It was here the activities director, took on a new title as "Vice President of Operations of Ken's imagination".

He walked through life having never met a stranger! His opening line was: "Hi, I'm Ken Schroeder.....do you know me"? He was a bonified phone-a-holic. He loved people, laughter, BBQ's, holiday parties, family and family dinners, hamburgers and the next event was always a reason to reach out by phone to anyone who would answer!

In the early seventies, he found the Portland Trailblazers. This became a passion that lasted until his last day. He loved following the Blazers, keeping stats, calling in to RipCity Sports Radio and talking to his dear friend, Chad Doing, going to games, then of course, calling everyone to talk about it!

His ability to always have a smile, tell a joke and share his enthusiasm to involve everyone in the next upcoming event, was really quite remarkable. He taught us all what is important in life, being with friends and family and doing what makes you happy.

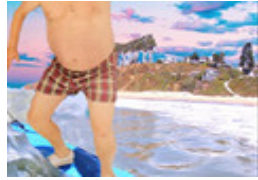
Survived by his brother David Schroeder (Becky Rae); nephews Trace Schroeder (Faith) and Jeff Schroeder (Jillian); great nephews Max and Zephyr and great nieces Taylor and Izabella; along with extended family, numerous friends and Blazer Ken fans.

A memorial tribute was held Friday, April 30 at his residence. Ken will be placed next to his parents at Valley Memorial Park in Hillsboro, Oregon. We want to thank everyone who was a part of Ken's life, especially those who cared for him at Providence ElderPlace.

Tribute Wall



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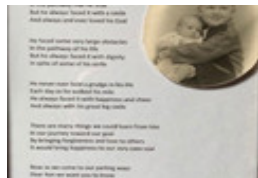
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KG

“ *Blazer Ken was so kind to my father, Jim Garrett, when they lived at Cherrywood. We always looked forward to seeing Ken, and are grateful that they were able to strike up a friendship. Perhaps they are having a Blazer talk right now! Blessings to the Schroeder family! Ken Garrett*

Ken Garrett - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *That is a very nice Obituary of Ken. I'll share a short time that Ken was a big part of my Dad's trailblazer basketball fan club. We had season tickets for 22 year. During their Jailblazer era, we deferred going to most games. So I gave our seats to my dad. He knew Ken from church and when trailblazer basketball came up, neither one would shut up. So dad always called Ken to go to the games. I can remember the Steve (Snapper) Jones radio talk show and Ken called in every night. Called our house looking for my dad to talk trailblazer basketball. Of course I talked as even more. Gene & Kathy Nordstrom*

Gene Nordstrom - May 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kent Vern Schroeder*

May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Dear Schroeder Family...what an amazing tribute to a wonderful son, brother and friend. Ken certainly lived life to its fullest, with a zest and joy that was certainly contagious. We really enjoyed watching the video of big Brother Ken growing up amongst all of the people who loved him and he loved to be with!!! Ken will be greatly missed by so many, but he will remain forever young in all of our hearts.

Nancy and Tom Karwin - May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Kent Vern Schroeder

May 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ As Ken's oldest nephew. I want to thank all the people in Blazer Ken's life for being so kind to my uncle. He was (still is) my best friend and ruler of inspiration for anyone who wants to do good in the world ,and truly my greatest super hero. The Portland Trail Blazers ment the world to him. Chad, and a wonderful group of people, made him a part of his greatest love. I got to go to a few Blazer games with Uncle Ken when I was younger, as well as the Portland Beavers, Timber's, Winterhawks, and a whole slew of stuff growing up. I truly appreciate everything everyone has done for my uncle. He was the greatest example of how humans should treat each other ever. Again my deepest thanks to life for letting me grow up with, and again to all those that welcomed him to become the LEGENDARY BLAZER KEN 🙏

Trace Schroeder - May 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ A master of kindness love and comedy. I will truly miss you and wish I would have spent more time with you in this life. You were an inspiration as an eight, nine, ten year old and continued to be as a 30, 40, 50 year old. Hope you're slam dunking the game winner right now. I love you.

Jeff Schroeder - April 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kent Vern Schroeder*

April 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Well what can I say, anyone who knew Ken knows they broke the mold after they made him. A singular heart and spirit, he saw the best in everyone. I got to spend a lot of time with Brother Ken at the end of his life, and he constantly inspired us caregivers. He was indefatigable, and is giving God a workout, and he was a fount of ideas and good comic mischief. Many blessings to him and his family.*

James H - April 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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