



## Kenneth Barr "Ken" Caldcleugh

August 22, 1949 - December 5, 2019

Kenneth Barr "Ken" Caldcleugh, age 70, of River Ridge, Louisiana passed away peacefully on Thursday December 5, 2019 with his family by his side.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Matthew the Apostle in River Ridge on Friday, December 13th with visitation starting at 10:30am and mass at noon.

Ken was born in San Antonio, Texas on August 22, 1949 to Owen and Francis Caldcleugh. He attended Lubbock High and went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. He met his wife, Joanne Marie Hart, in Lubbock and they were married on March 25, 1972.

Ken's career and passion for the wine industry started at an early age when he accepted a job working for Glazers Wholesale Distributors. His career took them to Amarillo, Houston, Dallas and finally to New Orleans, Louisiana in 1981 which became home for the past 38 years. By this time Ken's business acumen, natural leadership, hard work and dedication led him to become Vice President of Glazers, a company he successfully ran until he decided to start his own business in 1995. He designed, built and opened The Cellars of River Ridge, a boutique neighborhood wine shop and deli. He poured his passion into this new venture and working alongside his wife and four children, met many lifelong friends and built a life's time worth of memories. After hurricane Katrina, Ken set out on yet another professional adventure when he was asked to start a new Wine and Spirits division for the Anheuser-Bush distributor, Southern Eagle, and once more when the Benson's asked him to become the General Manager of their new acquisition of a classic New Orleans brand, Dixie Beer.

Ken had a zeal and passion for life that was seldom matched. He had a quick wit and could tell a great tale. He had the biggest of hearts and he had a unique way of making everyone around him feel loved and respected. He cared deeply about others and because of that he touched so many people's lives and changed them for the better. He was an avid sports fan and was particularly passionate about his Texas Tech Red Raiders and his New Orleans Saints.

He was a family man and spent most of his time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Owen Caldcleugh and sister, Gail Dean. Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 47 years, Joanne Marie Hart

Caldcleugh; his four children, Joey Caldcleugh (Jennifer), Jamie Caldcleugh (Ana), JP Caldcleugh (Mandy) and Josh Caldcleugh (Jackie); two brothers, Scott Caldcleugh and Ron Caldcleugh (Jill); and five grandchildren, Christian Guillory, Caleb Caldcleugh, Adrianna Caldcleugh, Jude Caldcleugh and Mallory Caldcleugh.

The family offers its many thanks for the loving support, concern and prayers of friends and family and requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Benson Cancer Center.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Memorial Visitation**                      10:30AM - 12:00PM

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St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church  
10021 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge, LA, US, 70123

**DEC**   **Memorial Mass**    12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Joanne, We just heard today about Ken's passing, and we are so saddened by it. Ken was one of my best friends in high school and even though our paths barely crossed after that, I always felt he was one of my best friends ever. I'm so glad we had the opportunity to visit with you and Ken at the high school reunion, and talk with him on the phone during the summer. I wish I had known that he had become sick again. You and your children and grandchildren, and his brother Ron are in our prayers.  
Ron & Janie Young

Janie Young - December 28, 2019 at 02:00 AM

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“ Joanne, I'm sorry i wasn't able to attend Ken's funeral, but please know that I'm praying for the repose of his soul, and for comfort & consolation for you and your family.

Walter Bonam

Walter Bonam - December 18, 2019 at 04:36 PM

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“ I worked for Ken from 1981 till 1995 at Glazer's in Louisiana. Ken had a heart as big as Texas and will be missed by all. RIP my friend. Kay and I offer Joanne and family our prayers.

Kay and Jameal Michael

Jameal Michael - December 13, 2019 at 10:06 AM

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“ Joanne and family our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Ken was a good man with a big smile and great personality. He will be missed.  
Sonny and Shirley Cancienne

Shirley Cancienne - December 11, 2019 at 11:48 PM

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“ I met Ken in the late 70's in Houston. We were both very young. Ken's energy and can do attitude changed my opinion of the beverage alcohol business. He showed me how exciting it could be.  
We have all lost a very good man. Prim and I offer Joanne and the family our prayers.

**Buzz Wilson** - December 09, 2019 at 08:12 PM

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“ Joanne and family I was so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. We certainly had many visits with Ken when he had The Cellars. RIP Ken!

**Janet Reed** - December 09, 2019 at 01:26 PM

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“ A great person. When this Yankee headed south in 1982, Kenny welcomed me and my team in the most personal and business like way. He was one of those individuals who made us feel at home in a new environment. My thoughts and prayers to his friends and family.

**Gerry Ruvo** - December 09, 2019 at 10:09 AM

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“ Sad to hear this news. Kenny always had a smile on his face and made time for everyone. He was a pleasure to work with, and my condolences to the family and all his friends.

**Doug Defferari** - December 09, 2019 at 09:25 AM

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“ Ken Caldcleugh was one of kind, the best kind, and very simply the most optimistic person I have ever met.....maybe the most optimistic person ever! I cannot believe he has passed away and send my condolences and love to Joanne and the entire family.  
Martin Sinkoff, Tel Aviv, Israel.

**Martin Sinkoff** - December 09, 2019 at 04:57 AM

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“ So sorry what a wonderful man! He left his mark of friendliness and kindness. Condolences to his family and friends.

**Betty Beary** - December 08, 2019 at 08:57 AM

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“ The first time I met Ken we became friends. He had the kind of personality that everyone loved. Whether we talked about business or family he was always positive. One thing you could always count on was Ken's smile. He made everyone feel special and he will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.

**Dan Massa** - December 07, 2019 at 11:04 PM