



Kenneth Leon Batchelor

October 26, 1942 - June 25, 2025

Ken Batchelor, cherished husband, father, grandfather and friend, 82, passed away

peacefully at home on June 25, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Ken was born on October 26, 1942, in Kermit, Texas, the third youngest of eight

siblings. A proud graduate of Kermit High School, he earned a football scholarship

to Hardin-Simmons University and later transferred to Sul Ross State University,

where he excelled as wide receiver and was named MVP of the AllSports Bowl in 1965.

Ken began his professional life in the insurance industry, but soon found his true

calling in the automotive business. In 1969, he joined Sewell Village Cadillac, where he quickly distinguished himself as a top salesman. His success led to the

opportunity to open his own dealership, and in 1980, Ken Batchelor Cadillac was

born. Ken remained a respected leader and fixture at the dealership until his retirement in 2024. Under his leadership, Ken Batchelor Cadillac earned

Cadillac's

prestigious Master Dealer award for 38 of his 44 years at the helm.

Ken married the love of his life, Sharron, in 2009. They have eight children and fifteen grandchildren between them.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ollie Lee and Clara Mae Batchelor; his brothers Claude, Oliver, David, and Terry Batchelor; and his sister, Bobbie Louise Batchelor.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharron Batchelor; his children: Eric Batchelor (Julee), Chelsea Batchelor, Colea Podoloff (Mike), Colton Batchelor (Kim), Kendall Batchelor, Greg McDaniel (Tammi), Justin McDaniel, and Tanya Taylor (Jon); his grandchildren: Dax Batchelor, Claire Batchelor, Caroline Batchelor, Clara Podoloff, Caleb Podoloff, Olivia Batchelor, Parker Batchelor, Hunter Batchelor, Taylor McDaniel, Loftin McDaniel, Ashton McDaniel, Triston McDaniel, Savannah Brown, Clayton Taylor (Gracie), Harrison Taylor, and Ava Taylor; his sister Dorothy Petersen (Beau); his brother Mike Batchelor (Kay) and lifelong friend, David McGuire.

Ken lived his life with generosity, energy, and dedication to family, friends, and customers. He took pride in wearing a coat and tie every day and greeting customers to ensure they received best possible service. He found joy in creating

unforgettable moments—whether it was on father-daughter road trips, hunting adventures, lively dinners with family and friends, or simply sitting around the fire.

Ken had a gift for making people feel welcome. His friends came from all walks of life, and he never met a stranger. Whether mentoring young professionals or sharing stories around the table, Ken had a natural ability to connect, lead, inspire and entertain.

A proud supporter of his alma mater, Sul Ross State University, Ken was honored with the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Outstanding Service Award and Distinguished Alumnus Award for his contributions.

Ken Batchelor's life was one of hard work, a lot of fun, deep love, and enduring impact. He had a sense of humor that kept us laughing until the very end. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service for Ken will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 319 E. Mulberry Avenue in San Antonio on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, Ken's family requests that contributions be made in his memory to Sul

Ross State University Letterman Foundation ~ <https://www.sulross.edu/giving/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
319 E. Mulberry Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212

Tribute Wall

FA

“ *My sincere condolences to all the family. May he rest in peace.*
Fidel Alvarado
Oak Hills Country club

Fidel Alvarado - July 09, 2025 at 09:02 PM

RK

“ *Roberta & Kaylee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.*



Roberta & Kaylee - July 08, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.*



July 08, 2025 at 11:14 AM

DL

“ *Few people could touch one's heart so profoundly as Ken Batchelor. He will always be remembered and forever in our hearts.*
Cheri and Dickie Longoria

dickie Longoria - July 08, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.



July 08, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Oliver Batchelor Family Branch purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.



Oliver Batchelor Family Branch - July 08, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ Ken was one of the best friends that one could have. I regret that I was unable to see Ken more often after moving away from San Antonio, however I will always cherish the times we shared. Ken was a man's man and a true "bud." Just the thought of him will always put a "grin" on my face, he will be sorely missed. May the Lord be with the entire Batchelor Family during this solemn time.
Phil, Kimberli Busick & Family

Phil Busick - July 07, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.



July 07, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.*



July 02, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.*



July 02, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *Ken will be missed.
Knowing this man as his doctor and his friend for over 20 yrs was a blessing that I can't replace!
We will miss you my very dear amazing friend.
Doc J*

Saleh Jaafar - July 02, 2025 at 08:09 AM



I meant him at Franklin Park retirement.very handsome man always in his suit.i was a drive at Franklin Park.rip.

Elvira Gonzalez - July 04, 2025 at 03:03 PM

BT

“ *Boar’s Head Purveyors and their teams. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Kenneth Leon Batchelor.*



Boar’s Head Purveyors and their teams. - July 01, 2025 at 06:55 PM

MB

“ *One of the nicest men I have ever met . He was a man’s man . I always enjoyed when he would come to have lunch or dinner at StoneWerks . When I would see him out , he was friendly and genuine . I was very lucky to have met him in my life .*

Michael Bernal

Michael T. Bernal - June 30, 2025 at 01:38 PM

BK

“ Uncle Ken we love you friend, Uncle Ken gave me the courage and entrepreneurial spirit to start my own business rather than stay stuck where I was, also I always remember him being very generous, He would pay for the whole family to go out to dinner not just his family, but our family and other parts of our family as well, He was always very kind loving and had a great sense of humor. He inspired me to be like him in many ways. I know He will be sorely missed by many. I remember him designing a 1 of a kind concept car Cadillac for his wife way back when I was pretty young but I thought that was the coolest car and a great sign of Love and generosity. My Mom Dottie taught us to be kind Loving and generous, I think she got that from the Bible & her Mother and Ken definitely had that in Him as well. RIP Ken, May God richly reward you for your kindness and generosity. I doubt that you're resting in peace right now, you're probably racing around with the Angels up there on the streets of gold having the time of your life. Love ya Ken

Brian Krutsinger - June 30, 2025 at 06:26 AM

NM

“ My Uncle Ken was a great role model. He helped me find my bearings and to set my feet on a good path when I was a struggling teenager. Over the years I've noticed how caring and thoughtful he was. Family was important to Ken. At gatherings, he always made a point of touching base with every person. If you were with him and another relative or family friend walked in, Ken immediately made sure you knew each other and how you were connected. I will miss you so very much Uncle Ken. Go with God and be at peace.

Norma L Milner - June 29, 2025 at 11:39 PM

DR

“ I started working for Ken in September of 1980 - 2003. He was the best boss ever. He was a great mentor and friend. Thank You Ken for all you've taught me and for all you've done for me. Prayers to your family. RIP Ken. Love you bud

David Rice - June 28, 2025 at 09:34 AM

MD

I worked for Ken from 1997 to 1999. I always loved talking to him. I remember him asking me "How are ye?" In this deep voice. Condolences to his family.

Manny Davila - June 28, 2025 at 06:25 PM