



## Kenneth Gordon Ross Nolan

December 31, 1959 - March 14, 2012

Kenneth Ross Nolan, of Huntsville, Texas passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at home with his loving family and friends surrounding him. During his lengthy battle with cancer he became known as a warrior and as a hero. Ken was born on December 31, 1959, in Hearne, Texas to Joe and Neva Nolan. He spent his childhood in Hallsville, Texas, graduating from Hallsville High School in 1978. He then completed his business degree at Kilgore College. After college, Ken began his ministry in the youth camp industry. It was his passion. He went to work for Lakeview Baptist Assembly in Lone Star, Texas in 1981. It was there that he met his wife, Sue. They were married on May 11, 1985. Ken was blessed with a son, Tyler and a daughter, Lindsay. While at Lone Star, Ken became a volunteer firefighter and an EMT. Along the way Ken and Sue began to "adopt" college students and summer staffers. These students became a true part of the Nolan family. Ken became known as "Daddy Ken" and "Papa Nolan". In 1998 the family moved to Huntsville, Texas. Ken became a part of Forest Glen Christian Camp. He was revived and recharged every time he went to work. He loved the outdoors and nature. He loved to fish and hunt. He loved helping children discover nature and find happiness. Ken was a member of University Heights Baptist Church where he worked as leadership in the college department and the family continued to "adopt" college students. He was also a deacon at UHBC serving until his health prevented him. Ken was preceded in death by his father Joe M. Nolan. He is survived by his wife, Susan Nolan of Huntsville, his son, Tyler

Nolan, and his daughter, Lindsay Nolan, both of Huntsville. He is also survived by his mother, Neva Nolan of Sanger, Texas, his sister and brother-in-law Ibrahim and Geneva Zebaneh of Gilmer, Texas, his brother and sister-in-law Dan and Andi Nolan of Sanger, Texas and his Step-Mother, Clarise Nolan of Longview, TX. Other survivors include, Mother and Father-in-law, Dan and Barbara Hill of Lone Star, Texas, brother-in-law and wife, Steve and Melissa Hill of Oak Ridge, Texas along with 2 nephews and 6 nieces and a multitude of "adopted" children. Papa Nolan, you have fought the good fight. You have finished your race. You have kept the faith. Now there is in store for you the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, has awarded you. As one good friend said, "You did it right the first time." The family wishes to thank Thee Hospice of Huntsville for their care and compassion, especially, Tammy, Leah, and Jamie. We also would like to thank Dr. Greg McKeever and his staff, of Huntsville Pediatric and Adult Medicine for all of his care and friendship during the years of Ken's cancer fight. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Thee Hospice of Huntsville, or University Heights Baptist Church College Ministry, Forest Glen Christian Camp. Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 10:00 A.M. at University Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Richard Rogers officiating. Graveside services will be on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 1:00 P.M., at Snow Hill Cemetery in Daingerfield, Texas with Bro. Rick Monds officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Gordon Ross Nolan*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Tyler and family,*

*Adam called to let us know about your Dad. We're so sorry for your loss. We're praying Col 3:15 over your family. We're praying, even in this difficult time, you will rejoice knowing you will once again see your Dad.*

**Joe, Kathy and Adam Sarhage** - March 15, 2012 at 08:49 PM



“ *It seems not too long ago I went with Bill & Marilyn Haas to pick up "our newly graduated Maintenance Man" at Le Tourneau College. I was in 6th Grade then! We were very new to Lakeview, ourselves. We had the opportunity to learn and grow together over the years. I will treasure some special memories of Ken and his wonderful family forever. I'll be lifting you up as often as I think of you over the next several weeks--or longer. Rest in the Lord.*

**Kay (Haas) Olson** - March 15, 2012 at 05:56 PM



“ *Sue and family - it was a honor and privilege to care for your beloved Ken. Your family is amazing and a true testimony to the peace that Jesus gives in the midst of extreme pain. May you feel the comfort only Jesus gives, and may His presence guide you in the days to come. We continue to be just a phone call away if you need us. Sincerely...THEE Hospice Team*

**Tami Dees, RN** - March 14, 2012 at 12:31 PM

BC

“ He will be missed greatly. We can only hope to be there for you guys in the coming days, months, and years when it is needed. He was a great man, a true man, and I'm honored to call him my friend. Thank you for sharing him with us! All of our love goes out to you guys.

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**Brad, Christine, Gabriel, David, and Cherish Chittenden** - March 14, 2012 at 09:43 AM

RC

“ Guys  
I want to thank you for sharing Ken with our family. Ken and the rest of you have truly touched us and we will always remember him and you. When I grow up I want to be Ken.

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**roger collins** - March 14, 2012 at 08:29 AM

BH

“ Dearest Sue and family; It has been quite a journey--from you young camp-staffers all the way to this bend in the road now.... How we praise GOD for such a model of His Love being lived out in you, and your family--and thru the loving legacy of your departed spouse/dad.  
We call upon God to provide all kinds of support and strength to each of you, as well as your parents--Sue. May HE see each of you thru this ordeal, and this Victory Celebration. We shall all gather at the Throne in a huge ReUnion! We both send our love, and our apologies for not being able to be present. LOVE---HAASES

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**Bill & Marilyn HAAS** - March 13, 2012 at 12:11 PM

BP

“ Susan, Tyler, and Lindsay we are so sorry to hear about your loss! Know that you are our heart and prayers. Beth, James, Matthew and Rachel

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**Beth Pipkin** - March 12, 2012 at 04:41 PM

KC

“ Words cannot express how sorry I am. May God wrap his loving arms around you , Tyler and Lindsey and give peace and comfort during the days ahead. Love you!!

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**Kaye Chessher** - March 12, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JB

“ Sympathy and prayers for the Nolan family and staff family at Forest Glen. We are lifting you up today at 10am.

*Livin' in Sonshine,  
Jim Behling  
Deer Creek Adventure Camp  
Founder*

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**Jim Behling** - March 12, 2012 at 11:13 AM

KJ

“ Susan, Tyler, and Lindsay: my heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time. What a special man Ken was and I hope you can find some comfort in the many wonderful times you all had together during this life. Hold on to the promise that you will see him again, that he is with his savior and has been made whole again. I have been thinking about a song written by Mark Schultz that reminds me of that promise. I hope these lyrics may help bring you some peace... "For anybody who has ever lost a loved one, and you feel like you had to let go too soon, I know it hurts to say goodbye but don't you know it's just a matter of time, you'll see them once again and in that moment every knee shall bow every tongue confess that God is Love and Love has come for us all." I love you all and will be praying that God will bring you comfort, peace, and understanding in the days ahead.

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**Kim Johnson** - March 11, 2012 at 08:47 PM

JM

“ Sue, Tyler & Lindsay; we are praying for you and know that you are comforted by our Savior because you know without any doubts where Ken is. We are blessed that we knew him and admire the courage he had. Love you.

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**Jim & Linda McKenzie** - March 11, 2012 at 06:33 PM