



Mr. Kenneth R. Harwood

April 14, 1933 - November 23, 2020

Mr. Kenneth R. Harwood, 87, of Savoy, died Monday afternoon, November 23, 2020, at Craneville Place in Dalton. He was born in Adams on April 14, 1933, a son of the late Archie and Ruth (Kemp) Harwood, and attended Savoy schools. He was a Veteran of the Korean War, serving with Company F, 349th Infantry of the US Army. Ken was a logger and sawyer his whole life, and operated his own sawmill for many years until he retired. He enjoyed hunting, playing the banjo, raising Belgian horses. and was an original member of the Brier Boys. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Isabelle E. Goodermote, whom he married on December 26, 1964; his son, Michael Harwood and his wife, Karen, of Savoy; two daughters, Cindy Blair and her companion, Raffi Abrahamian, of Winter Springs, FL and Joan Harwood and her companion, David Moran of Cheshire; a granddaughter, Clarissa Harwood of Turners Falls; his brother, Donald Harwood of Savoy, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Edith Miner and Marion Torrey. A graveside funeral service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 11:00 AM in Spruce Corner Cemetery, Barnard Rd., Savoy, MA 01256. Due to current regulations, use of face masks and social distancing will be strictly enforced. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd. Waltham, MA 02452. The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, Is in charge of arrangements. To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Spruce Corner Cemetery

Barnard Road
Savoy, MA 01256

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PF

“ *What a great fella, we did much lumber business and music with the Briar Boys. Prayers and condolences to the entire family and Donald. God bless the Harwood Brothers. Thank you Ken for your service, Korea, a tough fight as is any war or Police action, as it was called. Rest inPeace Ken.*

patrick, Connie Gray and family - November 26, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JS

“ *I first met the Harwood brothers back in 1980 when I needed timbers sawn for my very first timber frame barn project. Arriving at the mill was like stepping into a different world, a slower, kinder, and more picturesque one. Ken was a man of few words, nothing was wasted. He ran the farm, the logging work, and sawmill the same way. The operation would be considered "green" in today's nomenclature so they were either decades ahead of the movement, or were living in the past. Either way, it was a pleasure each time I visited the mill or Ken delivered a load of timbers and boards to one of my jobsites. Ken would always take a few moments to chat at those times, taking an interest in what I was doing, and coming to my barn raisings. Don and his band often played at them as well. I also remember the unfortunate time I inadvertently ran over Ken's old dog who had napped under my truck when I visited the mill. Ken was gracious about it and I will always recall his words: "You didn't know it but you run over my old coon dog!"*

Over the years, I purchased a lot of timber from the mill, perhaps more than anyone. Even after I purchased my own timber stand and started sawing my own stuff, Ken brought over his team of Belgians to pull out my logs. Looking back, I see that he helped influence my direction during the early years of my career. It was a pleasure to have known him.

Jack Sobon, Windsor

Jack Sobon - November 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM

RA

“ *To my father in law to be I was honored to meet you and experience your kindness. I still remember the first day we met at your daughter's home. I felt right at home. May god resurrect you soul and may you rest in everlasting peace*
With love and prayers,
Raffi Abrahamian

raffi abrahamian - November 25, 2020 at 05:34 PM

PA

“ *"Our thoughts & prayers to Ken's family & friends. We are so sorry for your loss."
Love from your Brier Rd. Neighbors,
Patty & Al Alcombright*

Patty & Al Alcombright - November 25, 2020 at 02:06 PM

SB

“ *It was always a treat to go to the Harwood's sawmill to get lumber, slabs or sawdust and get a chance to talk a bit with Ken & Don both very quite men who could say what they wanted to in very few words. Appreciated their mechanical ingenuity they could make old machinery run like new. Ken was blessed with his life companion, Isabelle.
Also enjoyed the music of the Brier Boys and the barn dances in Kemp's barn.
Our condolences to Ken's family from a couple of Florida, MA folks,
Stan & Maralyn Brown*

Stanley & Maralyn Brown - November 25, 2020 at 09:44 AM

JP

“ *Isabelle and family, I am very sorry to learn of Kenneth's death. Prayers for you and your family.
Jennie Pierce*

Jennie Pierce - November 25, 2020 at 09:30 AM

MC

“ *Don ,thoughts and prayers to you and the Harwood family,, Mike Clark*

Mike Clark - November 25, 2020 at 07:46 AM

PR

“ *A piece of Savoy history, at least in my lifetime. From the Brier Boys bluegrass music, to the visits to the old saw mill as a boy and young man, Kenny will not be forgotten. My father and the "Harwood Boys" had a running deal for years. We'd sell them logs, they'd give us lumber, and either money or logs were exchanged for the difference in value. All done on a handshake and a little pocket notebook. And, who grew up in Savoy, and can't remember that old cantilever, side loading log truck! You will be missed, Mr. Harwood.*

Phil Reeves - November 25, 2020 at 07:45 AM