



## Kenneth "Ken" L. Barton

September 30, 1970 - November 15, 2025

Kenneth 'Ken' Lee Barton, passed away unexpectedly on November 15, 2025, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, at the age of 55. Born on September 30, 1970, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Ken was a cherished figure in his community and a loving family man.

Ken graduated from North High School in Wichita, KS, which laid the foundation for his future endeavors and successes. He married his soul mate, Jennifer 'Jenny' Pinkerton on September 20, 1996 in Wichita, Kansas. They have made their home in Grove for 10 years, relocating from Mexico, Missouri.

Ken spent over ten years with Aramark Facility Services as a Director of Operations, but happily left that successful career to ensure he was available and home for his family. Ken has spent the last five years of his career as a chef at N.E. Tech in Afton, where he was admired for his culinary skills and his ability to bring people together, his specialty being the same as his moms, German Chocolate Cake. His passion for cooking was only matched by his love for movies, music, and travel, having visited places like New York, Florida, and England, just to name a few.

Described as very easy-going and easy to like, Ken was an admirable father and a central figure in his large family. He was a 'dad' to many and was a

cheerful and loving man who was passionately devoted to his family. Ken is survived by his wife, Jenny Barton; his father, Steve Barton (Kathy); his children, Trevor Barton (Jessica) of Zena, OK, Ella Barton, Bobbi Barton (Hunter), Emma Barton, Harley Barton, DeeDee Barton, and Grace Barton, all of Grove; his grandchild, Rider, and he was looking forward to another grandchild on the way; his brother, Kevin Barton (Jennifer) of Dallas, TX; and numerous extended family members and friends. Ken was preceded in death by his mother, Barbra (Justvig) Barton, his sister, Jody Barton, and his brother, Mark Barton.

Visitation for family and friends is scheduled from 3 - 5 pm on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Visitation and Reception area in Grove, OK. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Contributions may be made in Ken's memory to help lend support for his special daughters, Grace and DeeDee at <https://square.link/u/zKxZfcuQ>.

His legacy of kindness is sure to live on through the many lives he touched.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
[nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com](mailto:nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Wall

EI

“ Erin Meehan & Pritchard Industries purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Barton.



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**Erin Meehan & Pritchard Industries** - November 18, 2025 at 11:58 AM

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“ Erin Meehan & Pritchard Industries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Ken" L. Barton.

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**Erin Meehan & Pritchard Industries** - November 18, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LB

“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Barton.



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November 18, 2025 at 10:29 AM

LB

“ Love Monica Cathey & Purney Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Ken" L. Barton.

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**Love Monica Cathey & Purney Baker** - November 18, 2025 at 10:29 AM

CB

“ Cheri & Bill purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth "Ken" L. Barton.



Cheri & Bill - November 18, 2025 at 09:51 AM

KB

“ For over thirty years Ken and I talked about going sky diving together. This year we finally went for his 55th birthday in September. He wasn't just my brother, he was my best friend!

*For all we had in common, we had just as many differences, but those differences made us each better. I'll miss my brother and best friend for the rest of my life.*



Kevin Barton - November 17, 2025 at 03:20 PM

KP

*Ken was a kind soul. I didn't get to visit him often but he welcomed me every time.  
I am so grateful for his love and care to my childhood friend.*

Kathryn Perez - November 17, 2025 at 06:14 PM

BK

*Ken and the good ol Deluxe Carpet Cleaning days. He was a amazing funny person who will be missed*

Becky Kniffen - November 17, 2025 at 08:57 PM

MN

*I had the privilege of working with Ken at NTC. I looked forward to seeing him as he always had a smile on his face and was excited about the day. He was fun and energetic and I loved his laugh. He will be missed by many. Praying for comfort and strength for the family.  
Sincerely, Mary Nelson*

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**Mary Nelson** - November 18, 2025 at 04:49 PM