



Kenneth Ardell Myers

June 7, 1941 - December 28, 2013

Kenneth Ardell Myers Jr, 72, of Manassas, VA, passed away Saturday, December 28.

He was born to the late Kenneth and Mary Myers, June 7, 1941, in Johnson City, NY. Ken graduated from Johnson City High School in 1959 and received a BA from Colgate University and PHDs from John Hopkins University with degrees in international security studies.

Ken served in the U.S. Senate for nearly 30 years. He was the Chief of Staff of the Foreign Relations Committee until he retired last year. He also worked on the staff of Senator Richard G. Lugar and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Ken made the world a safer place through his role in the passage of numerous arms control treaties and the Nunn-Lugar legislation which dramatically reduces the threats facing our country.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Susan E. Myers; his son and daughter in law, Kenneth and Heather Myers III, of Virginia; his sister Karen Gomer of Florida; and his grandchildren Kenneth IV and Mackenzie.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Colonial Newfoundland Club at www.cncnews.com . Ken was passionate about providing these majestic animals loving homes.

The family will receive friends from 7:00pm to 9:00pm Friday, January 3, 2014 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas where funeral services will be held 10am Saturday, January 4, 2013 with Rev. Jim Boltz officiating. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Kenneth was my grandpa he was a great man but when you looked in his eyes you could see nothing but love we miss him very much thank you everyone-Mackenzie Myers

Mackenzie Myers - July 05, 2015 at 05:38 AM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. Ken was the consummate professional - he had the intelligence, integrity, judgment and compassion to always do the right thing. All of us who worked with him across the aisle (as I did for decades) had great respect for his wisdom and experience and we will miss him deeply.

Diana Ohlbaum - January 06, 2014 at 06:37 PM

KA

“ I had the great fortune to work directly for Ken on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for four wonderful years. He cared deeply for his work and put his heart and soul into serving our country. He mentored all of us, both in work and in life, and he encouraged us to follow our dreams, no matter where in the world they lead us. I will never forget the stories he told of his truly amazing life - they have and will be remembered always. Most importantly, I will remember his ardent love and commitment to his family. Su, Kenny, Heather, and his grandchildren were his world, and my heart and prayers are with them now. Ken, we will miss you dearly!

Kristen Armitage - January 04, 2014 at 09:35 AM

DH

“ Ken, you started out with one Newf when I met you, to now four beautiful babies in which you have given a wonderful loving home. Your fostering for Colonial Newfoundland Club and foster failure has meant so much to those souls in need. May you meet your past Newfies at the Rainbow Bridge and continue to walk with theses Gentle Giants. Watch over the Newfoundlands and trust them to watch over Su and your family.



Dotty Hudson - January 03, 2014 at 05:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ardell Myers.



January 02, 2014 at 09:12 PM

BB

“ Bill and Helen Brooks purchased the Inspirational Poetry of Comfort & Hope for the Grieving for the family of Kenneth Ardell Myers.



Bill and Helen Brooks - January 02, 2014 at 07:28 PM

BD

“ Ken was my first boss and my first mentor. I spent three wonderful years working with him and all the other amazing colleagues I had on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I echo all their sentiments below. He was a dear friend who was fiercely loyal and protective of those he loved. He gave me the opportunity to travel the world, he encouraged me to go to law school, and he shaped the person that I am today. I will never forget his wonderful stories that we all heard time and again. Ken adored his family and I am sending all my love to Su, Kenny, Heather, his grandchildren and everyone else he leaves behind that loved him. His incredible legacy lives on in those of us that he taught, encouraged and inspired. We will miss him dearly.

Brooke Daley - January 02, 2014 at 01:18 PM

AS

“ Very sad news. Ken and I overlapped on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and in Senator Lugar's office for about 15 years. He was an exceptionally competent, behind-the-scenes, good governance-oriented public official. His knowledge of arms control and strategic issues was unsurpassed in the Senate. He tutored his son, Kenny, who remains one of Ken's many lasting positive legacies in the world of public service. Andy Semmel

Andrew Semmel - January 01, 2014 at 11:09 AM

TM

“ *"The Parting Glass"*

*Oh all the money that e'er I spent
I spent it in good company
And all the harm that e'er I've done
Alas, it was to none but me
And all I've done for want of wit
To memory now I can't recall
So fill to me the parting glass
Good night and joy be with you all*

*Oh all the comrades that e'er I've had
Are sorry for my going away
And all the sweethearts that e'er I've had
Would wish me one more day to stay
But since it falls unto my lot
That I should rise and you should not
I'll gently rise and I'll softly call
Good night and joy be with you all*

Thomas Colin Moore - December 31, 2013 at 04:03 PM

AI

“ *As he was to so many, Ken was my mentor too. Travel with him was effortless, fun, inspirational, and rewarding. He opened my eyes to things in Eastern Europe, NATO and gin and tonics with a bay leaf. carol and i will miss him greatly.
arch galloway*

arch galloway II - December 31, 2013 at 11:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ardell Myers.*



December 31, 2013 at 09:59 AM



“ *Ken was one of the best bosses (and biggest teddy bears) I've ever known or had the pleasure to work for. I learned so much from him about working in Washington and on the Hill, and he was a wonderful mentor. He was much more than a Staff Director, and I always felt that he was the “father” of our Foreign Relations Committee “family,” because he cared so much about how each of us was doing, both in and outside of the office. I smile when I think of so many fond memories from that time, even the ones that include Ken yelling at me about something! Kenny, I am so sorry for your loss, and will be keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Chris Ann Keehner - December 31, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ *I'm remembering a lot of things this morning - too many bottles of Virginia wine at work celebrations, stories about his growing up in upstate New York, his most genuine and sincere excitement upon meeting my first child. The memories are distracting me from work and I can hear him yelling at me to sit down, stop yapping and get some work done. I wouldn't be sitting at this desk this morning without him. Su, Kenny and Heather, love to you all.*

Ellona Fritschie - December 31, 2013 at 09:13 AM

DS

“ Sending prayers and condolences to Ken's loved ones as I recall with fondness my year working for the SFRC on loan from the State Department. I learned a lot from the "old warhorse," as he used to call himself.

--Dorothy Shea

Dorothy Shea - December 31, 2013 at 07:45 AM

DM

“ My prayers go out to the Myers family. I met Ken when I joined the Lugar staff in 1989. He was a dear friend. He will be missed.

Darlee McCollum - December 31, 2013 at 04:11 AM

NB

“ Few people have had as tremendous an impact on the world and maintained as fierce a devotion to family as Ken. He is missed by man and newfies alike.

Neil Brown - December 31, 2013 at 03:50 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Ardell Myers.



December 31, 2013 at 12:34 AM

MH

“ Kenny, I am very saddened to hear about the loss of your father. He was one of the greats and I feel honored to have had a chance to serve with him and to work together on many important national security issues in the Senate. We shared some laughs and some challenges. I am so sorry that you and your family have lost him and I send you all my deepest sympathies.

Mary Alice Hayward - December 30, 2013 at 09:19 PM

JC

“ Sympathies to the Myers family for there loss--a loss shared by a grateful nation.

Joyce Connery - December 30, 2013 at 07:26 PM

KK

“ Kenny, you and your family have my deepest sympathy. I loved and admired your dad and consider him one of my favorite colleagues with which I've had the privilege to work. He was a brilliant mind and will be greatly missed.

Keith Knepp - December 30, 2013 at 06:08 PM



“ Lou and I extend our prayers to the Myers family. I cherish 30 years as Ken's colleague in the senate.

Lou and Andy Fisher

Andy Fisher - December 30, 2013 at 04:39 PM