



Kenneth Edward Hughes

August 18, 1961 - August 28, 2018

Kenneth Edward Hughes passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2018 in Butte. He was born in Butte, Friday, August 18, 1961 to Kenneth A. and Cheryl (Ross) Hughes. He was raised and educated in Spokane and married the love of his life, Theresa O'Connell in Butte on June 22, 2012.

Ken was many things to many people. He was a great friend, loving husband, proud father and grandfather, caring brother and son. He loved his family deeply and was a hardworking man. He enjoyed fishing, food, fun, woodworking, music and his work. Perhaps what he would most want to be remembered as was a builder. He worked with his hands and worked hard. He was very talented and creative. He loved wood working, enjoyed making jewelry boxes, picture frames, pirate ships, peace pipes and lately, walking sticks, but his true passion was stone work. He loved brick laying and concrete work and each day as he left for work would say "Going to build America." His stone work can be seen all over Butte and across the state. Some fine examples of his work are the restoration of Many Glacier Hotel, the Sears building, Mackenzie River Pizza, Pizza Ranch in Butte, the Copper Mountain ticket booth and dug outs and numerous other building throughout the state. At the time of his death, he was employed by Stearns Masonry of Belgrade, MT. As a union member, Ken was employed by many prominent contractors where he met many new friends from all different trades. He enjoyed going to work each day proudly saying, "Even the boss can't beat me to work."

Ken had a beautiful voice and when blasting his music could bring a smile to your face by putting his own spin on a song by adding his own words. He loved to make people laugh and had a quick sense of humor.

Ken is survived by his wife, Theresa Hughes of Butte, son Eric O'Connell and Shaila Nickholson of Butte, grandchildren, Kailey, Shayla and Jayden O'Connell, his mother and step-father, Cheryl and Eugene Brandt of Chester, Montana, Father-in-law. Butch O'Connell of Butte, sisters and brothers-in-law, Susan and Bill Greeson of Spokane, Joni and Ben Garza of Fort Worth, TX, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Dan and Kay O'Connell of Butte, Barbara and Bob Raridon of Helena, Wayne and Tami O'Connell of Butte, Timothy and Teri O'Connell of Twin Falls, ID, Kim O'Connell of Dupree, SD and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Ken is preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Hughes, brother-in-law, Greg O'Connell and mother-in-law, Carolyn O'Connell.

He rests from his labor here but now Ken will be going to help the Lord build Heaven to be a more beautiful and steadied place for us when we get there!

Previous Events

Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
1800 Florence Ave
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-3221
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Steve, Lisa and Bradley DeMars purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Edward Hughes.



Steve, Lisa and Bradley DeMars - August 31, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy to Teresa O'connell and family. Our hearts go out to you at this sad time in your life. Love Lillie Ivey, Martha Frazier, Joe Frazier, Michael Conell.

Lillie Ivey - August 31, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward Hughes.



August 31, 2018 at 11:56 AM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - August 30, 2018 at 01:41 PM

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“ Thank you, Ken, for being part of our family. Theresa and family you have our prayers, stay strong my friend. Remember you are Braver than you think, Stronger than you seem and More Loved than you know. Uncle Pat & Aunt Patsy

Patsy O'Connell - August 30, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ Ken was a great man, brought laughter and joy to so many. Very loved, he'll be missed. Remember the joy to find comfort and healing strength. Peace and love to you all.
Cheryl Rippley, Tucson, AZ

C.R. Rippley - August 30, 2018 at 10:15 AM