



Kenneth T Barkhuff

September 8, 1976 - February 15, 2026

In Loving Memory of Kenneth Thomas Barkhuff

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Kenneth "Ken" Thomas Barkhuff, aged 49, passed away in the comfort of his home on February 12, 2026. A man of deep conviction, boundless energy, and a legendary "can-do" (and occasionally "can-break") attitude, Ken lived a life defined by service, adventure, and the Great Outdoors.

A Life of Service and Skill

Ken proudly served his country in the United States Army, a period of his life that forged his disciplined spirit and his desire to protect and provide.

Following his service, he became known as a "jack-of-all-trades" in the truest sense. It was often said that Ken could fix—or break—just about anything; he approached every mechanical challenge with a curious mind and a pair of steady hands.

His true passion, however, was in the sharing of knowledge. Ken was a gifted and patient teacher who found joy in mentoring others in the skills he loved most. Whether it was the precision of long-range shooting, the focus of archery, or the weightless freedom of scuba diving, Ken didn't just practice his hobbies—he instilled a love for them in everyone he taught.

Family and Legacy

Ken's greatest pride was his family. He is survived by:

- His Daughters: Michelle Phelps (and husband) of Woodland Park, CO, and Katjana Barkhuff of Bogart, GA.
- His Grandson: Theo Phelps (1 year old) of Woodland Park, CO, who brought him immense joy.
- His Sister: Stephanie Lunn of Rialto, CA.
- His Mother: Dorothy Snow of Rochester, WA.

Final Journey to the Sea

Arrangements are currently in process and will be announced at a later date.

In a final tribute to his adventurous soul and his love for the ocean, a memorial service will be held in his favorite place: Key West, Florida.

Following the service, family and friends will honor Ken's memory through an underwater burial. His remains will be embedded within an artificial reef structure, allowing him to forever contribute to the marine life and the ocean he so dearly loved.

Donations and Memorials

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ken's honor to support his daughters and the veteran causes he held dear:

- Family Support: GoFundMe to Honor Ken's Memory (<https://gofund.me/25070021e>)
- No Fallen Heroes Foundation
- Disabled Veterans National Foundation

Ken's spirit of adventure will be deeply missed, but his legacy lives on in the ripples of the ocean and the many lives he touched with his teachings.

The family is being cared for by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Kenny in his early teens when he came to live with my parents. My dad Tom taught Kenny how to ride a motorcycle and with my 2 sons and nephew Shawn we spent alot of time riding, camping and just having fun. The last time I saw Kenny was when he rode his Harley to where we were camping. It was really cool to see him all grown up and a good man. He will be missed

Jeff Hildesheim - February 24 at 11:53 AM

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“ My condolences to your family my friend. I met Ken through scuba diving. He was an instant friend he picked on me for being a Marine I picked on him for being in the Army. We always had a good time hanging out I sure am going to miss you my friend rest in peace you are no longer in pain. I will see you again

Tim Boyer - February 23 at 08:55 PM