



## Kenneth William Tillotson

September 20, 1957 - January 24, 2022

Kenneth William Tillotson, 64, of Bay Shore, NY passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022, at his residence in Mooresville, NC. Born September 20, 1957, in Rosedale, NY, he was a son of the late Frank and Carolyn Vetter Tillotson. Mr. Tillotson was a retired police officer for the Suffolk County Police Department. He started his career at Allstate, but once he was accepted into the police academy, he pursued that career and aspiration. Mr. Tillotson was a family man at heart. He loved his three daughters very much; they were his pride and joy. Mr. Tillotson was fanatical about landscaping and always keeping his yard looking nice. He was a huge fan of the NY Islanders hockey team; he was a season ticket holder for many years and loved taking his daughters to games. He was also a fan of the NY Jets football team and the NY Yankees. Mr. Tillotson loved playing sports, especially hockey, baseball, and basketball. He played in the Suffolk County Police Department hockey league, played in men's soccer leagues for years on Long Island and always found pick-up basketball games to compete in. Sports and staying active were always at the center of his hobbies. He was a coach at heart; he coached his girls' basketball and soccer teams for many childhood years. He always made time to attend his kids' sporting events, school plays and award ceremonies. He was a very involved and present father. Before moving to North Carolina, he had lived in the Myrtle Beach area. He enjoyed taking long walks on the beach and hearing the ocean waves; that was his happy place. He loved being a grandpa, his grandkids called him Papi. Mr. Tillotson had a love for

snack foods, some of his favorites included devil dogs, twinkies, Swiss rolls, Cheetos, soft pretzels, and he always loved a box of his cheerios or cocoa puffs. He was a brave, strong and resilient man. He was a doer and a helper. He had a work ethic like no one else. He always used to tell us, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." He would have taken his shirt off his back for anyone, he was always someone you could count on. In addition to his parents, Mr. Tillotson was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Sylvia and Stephen Zawyrucha. He is survived by his daughters, Amy Tillotson, Lauren Tillotson and Heather Columbano; ex-wife, Janet Tillotson; sons-in-law, Douglas Moulton and Chris Columbano; grandchildren, Jackson, Dominic, Paul and Gabriella Columbano; brothers, Frank Tillotson, Robert Tillotson, Steven Tillotson and Richard Tillotson; sister, Carolyn Baksa and many loved nieces and nephews along with brothers and sisters-in-law. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, with Father Mark Lawlor officiating. For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1643677482163618> Donations can be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, In Honor of Kenneth W. Tillotson, <https://t2t.org>. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Tillotson. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
494 East Plaza Drive  
Hwy 150  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Ken was my landlord in Myrtle Beach, SC and he was a fantastic landlord and gentleman. This really saddens me to learn of his passing. RIP Ken.

Margaret LaCalle - March 26, 2024 at 11:29 AM

KM

“ I worked with Kenny, K.T. as we called him in the 1st pct. for many years in fact I was one of his field training officers. We golfed, fished and went on trips to Florida and Myrtle Beach together. We shared many beers and I always had a good time with him. He was in the sector car next to me for years and we would have coffee and talk about our family's and his daughters who he adored and I knew he always had my back on calls. I will miss him and always remember the good times. Rest In Peace K.T.

Ken Meyerback - February 06, 2022 at 08:56 AM

KM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Meyerback - February 06, 2022 at 08:40 AM

JC

Godspeed Kenny, always a good guy, many good memories, look at that photo, what a squad, the First Pct. was truly the Island of Mis Fit Toys.

John Patrick Christie - February 11, 2022 at 03:22 PM

JM

“ Jeff, Eric, Cara & family Joann & Millie purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Kenneth William Tillotson.



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**Jeff, Eric, Cara & family Joann & Millie** - February 02, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth William Tillotson.



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February 01, 2022 at 09:05 PM