

Precious

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Brother Ken

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



With heavy hearts, we remember our beloved brother, Ken, and give thanks for the many wonderful times we shared with him. The love, laughter and memories we made together—with Mum, Dad and all our family—will remain with us always. The good times we carry in our hearts will keep Ken's memory alive.

We will treasure the times we spent reminiscing about our childhood and remembering all the wonderful things we did together. Those shared stories brought us joy and reminded us of the special bond that only brothers and sisters can know.

Eslyn fondly remembers Ken as her bodyguard at school—always looking out for her, always ready to protect her, and always being the very best brother. His kindness, loyalty and protective spirit will never be forgotten.

Speaking for all his siblings, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, we wish Ken eternal peace and love. He will be deeply missed, but the love he gave us and the memories we shared will forever be part of our lives.

"To live in the hearts of those we love is never to die."

Rest in peace, our beloved brother Ken.
You will remain in our hearts forever.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*



Kenneth Meertens

Memories

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026 - 10:00AM
Irvington United Methodist Church
31 Union Ave., Irvington, NJ 07111

Obituary

Kenneth Emmanuel Wallace Esmond Cartwright Meertens of Irvington, New Jersey was born in Georgetown, Guyana on February 28, 1946. He found eternal rest while in the care of Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey, on October 16th, 2026, after health complications.

Ken was the son of the late Benjamin Meertens and Maud Savory Meertens, who resided in Soesdyke, Guyana. He was the brother of the deceased Milliam Meertens, Molly Jack, Benjamin Meertens Jr., Ann Meertens, and Arlene Meertens. He is survived by his siblings Yvonne Powlett, Eslyn Meertens, Norma Aird and Leroy Meertens. He is also survived by his wife, Elsie Jones Meertens, and his children Kenneth Meertens Jr., Kirra Meertens, and Roxanne Dey.

Ken completed his high school education at Educational Trust College in Georgetown, Guyana. From his time as a child, he was helping run the family business, which was selling newspapers and confectionery. He also worked in Prime Minister’s Forbes Burnham office at Parliament. He worked at the office until he left Guyana to continue his education in Canada and the United States. Ken received his Bachelors of Science in Accounting at Rutgers University in Newark. Ken worked as Print Manager at LPS Industries for 45 years.

Ken liked to spend his time serving God through his positions as Board of Trustees President and Treasurer during his years spent at Irvington United Methodist Church. He also enjoyed cooking, photography, reading,

yardwork, and discussing politics. Ken also spent every 3rd Saturday of the month, feeding the community. During his children’s youth, he served as the Parent Teacher Association President for several years during their schooling. He also enjoyed supporting his children’s academic, sports and career achievements.

Ken had a calming and peaceful personality. He was soft spoken, but his words could move mountains. He was a great leader, protector, and was a reliable, gentle, humble and stoic man. He believed in obedience, excellence, and being prepared for everything. If you were not paying close attention, you might even miss his sense of humor, which would reveal itself unexpectedly. Ken saw the best in people and had a big heart.

His legacy will live on through his wife, children, nephews, nieces and everyone who had the opportunity to know and love him.



Order of Service

Opening Hymn..... “Because He lives”

Scripture Readings

Psalms 46:1-7 Pastor Paul Lambala

Revelations 21:1-6 Marie Torres

Poem Kirra Meertens

Hymn..... “Blessed Assurance”

Eulogy Pastor Butler

Hymn..... “How Great Thou Art”

Prayer Pastor Christofer Jones

The Expression of Love and Remembrance

(Remark/ Open Commentary)

Friends and Family

Hymn..... “ It is Well with My Soul”

Cremation

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