



Kenneth James Simpson

January 4, 2021

Kenneth (Kenny) James Simpson

Thursday December 31, 2020. Survived by parents Dianne & Eliote, sisters Krystal and Helina, brother Matthew, grandmother Helen, nieces Daphne and Sage, aunt Paulina Schiffer, uncles Paul Schiffer, Tai Lafaele, Terrence (Michelle), Tony (Jannette), Kenneth (Jackie) Simpson, Paul (Lillieth) and Devon (Pam) Christopher and many cousins and cherished friends too numerous to mention.

Kenny was born in San Diego California on August 29, 1990. He moved, with his family to Rochester, NY at the age of 9 where he graduated from Gates-Chili High School, attended The Father's House church and developed his love for music. He began writing song lyrics and creating his own music at the age of 11. Kenny went on to write many songs, produce melodies & beats, collaborate with other artists and compete in music competitions.

From the time he was a toddler, Kenny's interest in music was evident. Typically a higher energy child, he would stand frozen, in front of the tv, whenever a Michael Jackson video aired. This seemed odd until we realized that he shared a birthday with the King of Pop. As a young child, when playing

the last note at his piano recital, he would turn to the crowd as if to say "You may now applaud".

A true Renaissance Man, Kenny also tried his hand at writing a novel, assisting in home renovations, designing clothing & logos, experimenting with food recipes and collaborating on cake designs for formal events. He possessed a high level of creativity, in so many different areas, it was difficult to keep up with his many interests.

Kenny was a star that shown so brightly that his energy lit-up every room that he entered. He loved you with all of his might, encouraged you intensely and his embrace enveloped you genuinely. You welcomed his next visit, anticipated his next performance, marveled at his many impersonations and belly-laughed at his retelling of past experiences.

There was only one mode: all-out. One speed: full speed ahead. One level: super-high. And one goal: to enjoy life. Consider all of the people you know, or have ever met. You've likely never met anyone that compares to Kenny, and you likely never will. You could not know him and your life not have been impacted by your connection to him.

The Bible tells us of the gloriousness of Heaven. Heaven is a little more glorious today.

Kenny was special in so many ways and we will miss him greatly.

Family and friends may call from 3-6pm on Thursday, January 7, 2020. Please come dressed inspired by Kenny's style: light, bright and fashionable. Private service to follow. Please follow all CDC guidelines regarding face masks and social distancing.

There will also be a Zoom meeting available for the private funeral service

beginning at 6:30PM Thursday, January 7th. The information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tfhny-org.zoom.us/j/96687569469?pwd=d2JZb3NTeFZKa29YVUIGSGhzSWxYQT09>

Meeting ID: 966 8756 9469

Passcode: Kenny

In lieu of flowers please donate to Musicians Support, [https://www.musicianssupport.org/](https://www.musiciansupport.org/).

Tribute Wall

HE

“Kenny, you crossed my mind today and I just wanted to let you know that I'm thinking about you. I will never forget the fun times and laughter that we shared. One memory that sticks out to me was after a night out, you came back to the dorms with your McDonalds smoothie and said it was "so good that Jesus himself must be at the bottom of this cup". You never failed to make me laugh and instantly brighten my day. I'm still bumpin my fav song of yours (Infatuation) and it makes me feel like you're singing to me again. Love and miss you!

Heather - May 11, 2022 at 01:57 PM

AR

“Kenny was one of a kind. He was one of my closest friends when I was goinf through so much in my life. Sad to hear about his passing.

Adrienne Rodriguez - January 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DA

“Heartfelt sorrow. Diane and family my heart breaks for what breaks yours.

Love Dee

Doris Armston - January 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dearest Dianne, Eliote and Family,

My condolences on your loss. Kenny sounds like a beautiful man, the kind of person that all parents would be proud to call "son". May the years of memories you have of Kenny continue to fill you with love that you all shared. To you all I say Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. May god grant you peace during your time of morning.

Warmly, Alan

Alan Blumenstock - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *My condolences to the Simpson Family and I pray that the Lord will provide comfort to you as no other can. Kenny was a delightful and talented young man that touched the hearts of UP Church as he would sing with such sincerity. He Blessed the church with his sweet spirit and he will be missed. God Bless his Soul.*

Diedra Ndiaye - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Eliote,
My condolences to you and your family. I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers.
Sending love and hugs,
Stefania LoMonaco Palozzi*

Stefania LoMonaco Palozzi - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Eliote my condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Scott Geitner - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My heart aches! Kenneth I cannot believe that you are gone! You were pure energy and light in the room. All you talked about was sister Krystal, you will be missed! Sleep In Peace Sweetheart...

My deepest sympathy for your family.

Cousin Sharon

Sharon Spearing - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ We are lost with words. Our hearts go out to the family. Kenny you will always be with us. Rip my old friend. Xoxo

Lisa Grego and Samantha Grego - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My condolences and prayers are with you and family. So sorry for your loss.

Lily Garcia - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I had Kenny as a student many years ago at GCMS. He was the most exuberant, talented, joyful student. He brought joy into the room when he entered. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Rosemary Scheuch - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ my dearest kenny, you and your family have my whole heart. i will always hold dear every riotous moment we spent together. I still have the dress we made together. i always play kings with the new rules you made up. i still wish i could do my makeup as good as you did it for me. i hear your songs in my heart and your voice in my head. i smile when thinking of your smile. i lament all the times we wanted to get together and never got around to it. i laugh when i think of all the ridiculous things youd say. i miss how much fun we'd have in the car on the way to bars. we never had a dull moment. every visit was always special. i miss you terribly. i love you so much.

samantha bauer - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Elliott, Diane, Krystal & family,

No words can express how I feel for you all. I will always remember Kenny as this bundle of endless energy & talent ready to set this world on fire! A few years ago I used to lead a HS Bible study at church - what a challenge! I thank God I knew I always had two kids I could count on Kenny & Krystal. May God's grace & mercy continue to be with your family.

Chip Turner - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ So Now my young prince, Heaven will know your voice and kindness. I send Love, Peace and Grace to the Simpson Family.

Margrette Peterson - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Can't believe what I'm about to log onto in just a few minjtes

Kim & Josh Gingrich - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Elliotte, Dianne and family, so sorry for your great loss. I am thinking of you all and have you in my prayers for you to find comfort from Him above.*

*Love always,
Sandra*

Sandra Richardson - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *My dearest sister Dianne & brother El,
I'm sending you my deepest condolences for this tremendous loss. Oh how I will miss Ken and I am still trying to wrap my mind around acknowledging his sweet spirit is no longer available to bless us here on earth. Gone too soon! God has called home his beautiful son. Thank you for being the best parents.*

Karen Patterson - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *I too met my cousin Kenny on 12/25/2019 at Auntie Linda and after introducing myself it was as if we knew him all his life. He was so outspoken and full of life. He was so happy to meet us, that he drove back to Miami with us. My dear cousin you will be truly missed. Gone but never forgotten. Much love*

Normarie Sarrette - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *Praying for you daily! Your words about Kenny are so beautiful! Yes, heaven is brighter today.*

Nicole Doyley Doyley - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Cousin Dianne & El and kids and family our prayers are with you all.. Kenneth will be missed dearly.. Gone too soon!!! Rest In Peace and Love ❤️!! We love ❤️ you cousin!!*

Flailoa Tokio & Family - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Sending my condolences and sympathy to the entire family. Kenny was truly unique - one of a kind, original, special in every way. I was knocked off my feet, the first time I saw him sing and play piano. He was a teenager with limitless musical potential at the time, and his genuine talent was unmistakable. We only had a handful of occasions to chat, but I enjoyed each of those encounters, and he left an indelible impression by virtue of his obvious passion and inventive mind. I have always held him in high regard and always will. My affection for the entire family is never going to change, and I will try to focus on the many positives about Kenny, whenever I reflect on his life. Gone too soon, but he left his mark in so many hearts and minds. To my way of thinking, that is a fine and admirable legacy, one we all should be so lucky to leave behind. Much love to the family. You are wonderful people who have a lot to offer this world.*

Robert R Chandler - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ *To all of Kenny's loved ones, I'm truly sorry for this young loss in your life. After reading many of the readings, Kenny apparently gave so much joy to others. I pray that you all would feel that joy that he gave you. Peace to you all and hope that you could feel God's embrace.*

Tears for you, Flip

Flip Thomas - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dianne and Eliote, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We had a chance to meet Kenny once, and are so glad we had the opportunity . We wish you and your family peace and love during this time and comforts as your hearts grieve.
Blessings, Jennifer and Tim

Jennifer Owens - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

US

“ Will miss him and his greeting. Hello uncle Squeeky what a wonderful person will miss him. God bless him .

Uncle Squeeky - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are sending our prayers and love to you all at this trying time. We want you to know we are here for you all and if you need ANYTHING please reach out. God bless you and Kenny and he will be truly missed by so many. Love you all!! Take care!! ❤️

The Hill family - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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Jennifer Owens - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Elliott and Dianne, I can't find the words to express my thoughts clearly to you all as I am writing this. I was so glad that I got to see Kenneth that day with fun and laughter at Scharyta's house. Our hearts are with you all and praying for you all as each day that passes.

Marcus and Alana Martin - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I never knew or met Kenny until 12/25/2019, Christmas Day at my Aunt Linda house. From the moment he said "Hi Family" the house became Home....My first time meeting him for the first time was full of fun, love and joy.. So much so, that he drove down to Miami with us for the day...Man Kenny was so outgoing and funny...That's why I'm just in straight and utter distraught that he's no longer with us.. Love u so much cousin, I'm so gonna miss u..
Jenelle

Jenelle Johnson - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Such beautiful words describing Kenny!! I only knew a smidgeon of Kenny, yet I was marked by the encounter. His love for people so genuine and I felt it each time we embraced. I will miss his light...his smile..his humility when it came to his abilities. My heart is broken.... Yet, I know one day I will get to see him once again. Praying for all of you.

Jannet Ortiz - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

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My deepest sympathy for your family.

Cousin Sharon

Sharon Spearing - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *To the Simpson family,
I am so terribly sorry for your loss; I pray God's Peace and Comfort be with the family during your time of grief. I know Kenneth was loved by so many and he will truly be missed; my condolences. Through all your pain and sorrow put your Faith and Trust in God and know that He will never abandon you; Let His Words comfort you in moments of despair and find Joy in His Promise that you will one day be Reunited in HEAVEN.
May God Bless and strengthen you all during this time,
Bridget Hodge*

Bridget Hodge - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *My thoughts and prayers going out for the whole family.*

Dana Pelliccia - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am going to truly miss Kenny's smile, laugh, authenticity and love of life. So grateful I had the chance to know him, and truly wish there was more time. Love you Eliote and Dianne. May God bless your family deeply and comfort you as we miss Kenny and the simple joy of his life.

Jeremy Boehlke - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dearest Elliotte & Dianne. My condolences to you'll. Ken was a ray of sunshine whenever I encountered him. May the Lord of comfort be with you during this tragic time. Much love.....Susan

Susan F Robinson - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ To my dearest nephew Kenny,

I still cannot believe that you have moved on to heaven at such a young age. There are no words to describe what we all feel and how much you will be missed. The impact you had on all our lives will last forever. You always had so much love for everyone and were inspirational through your music. Whenever you showed up at gatherings or out at an event you had a way to make the atmosphere that much happier. You brought life and love everywhere you went!

Kenny, you will be Forever Loved & Never Forgotten!!

2 Cor. 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Love,
Uncle Billy*

William Franchuk - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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Jennifer Owens - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Our condolences Dianne Elliotte & Family. May you find comfort knowing there's a river of prayers flowing for the family that will carry you through this most difficult time. May God's peace, comfort, strength and love see you thru today and the days to come. May your spirit rest in knowing that you'll meet again in our heavenly home. Our ❤️ And

Lucille&Gil Ramos - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ My dearest Kenny,

You are gone way too soon. I am still in complete shock. You were in my life for 13 years. Not a brother by blood but my choice. You taught me so much. I'll never forget all our memories together. All our laughter, singing, dancing and just being in one another's presence. I would give anything to see you once more. Thank you for your unconditional love and support. Thank you for being in my life. Sing with the angels now, until we meet again, Kenny.

To the Simpson family, I am sending you so much love right now. My heart aches for all of you. I love you all and I am so sorry for this loss. Kenny was a bright spirit with a heart of gold. I am forever thankful he was in my life. I am sure you know how much Kenny meant to not only me but others as well. He touched so many lives. I am sending you so much love and comfort at this time.

Sincerely,

- Giselle

Giselle - January 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My heart goes out to your family, Kenny. I am completely devastated and heartbroken. Your beautiful spirit and talent brought this world so much light and positive energy. I will love you always.
Momma J (Giselle's Mom and your second Mom)*

Janet Binette - January 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM