



## Kenneth Hampton Diamond Jr.

November 25, 1935 - December 15, 2015

Kenneth Hampton Diamond, Jr. peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina. Kenneth was the son of the late Kenneth Hampton Diamond, Sr. and Cora Bryan Diamond. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday on November 25th with his family, friends and his beloved fraternity brothers.

Kenneth grew up in the old Brooklyn Community, with his parents and grandparents. He attended Myers Street Elementary School and graduated Second Ward High School in 1954. In high school he was a member of the Honor Society, basketball team, band and orchestra.

Upon graduation from high school, Kenneth continued his education at Johnson C. Smith University. While attending JCSU, he was a member of the track team and lettered in the broad jump, high jump, and half mile sprint. In his senior year he was captain of the varsity basketball team. Kenneth graduated from JCSU in the class of 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education.

Kenneth began his career as an educator with the Rockingham, North Carolina Schools where he taught and coached for several years. He served as the registrar at the Mecklenburg Junior College before assuming a teaching position at Lincoln Heights Elementary School in Charlotte in 1964. During his tenure at Lincoln Heights Kenneth was named Teacher of the year. Also during that time he served as a test administrator for Piedmont Community College. Kenneth retired from the Charlotte - Mecklenburg School System in 1988.

Throughout his retirement he continued his legacy of community involvement. He loved sports and shared that love with several youth basketball teams, coaching them to championships. Kenneth also served as a liaison for the National Youth Sports Program at JCSU.

Kenneth was a life member of the Second Ward High School National Alumni Foundation, Inc. He was the 1995 Outstanding Alumni of the year and a member of the Foundation's Hall of Fame.

Kenneth was a third generation member of First Baptist Church West and was honored as a Golden Awardee at the church's one hundred thirty years celebration.

For more than 50 years Kenneth was a brother of the Pi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina and was the Omega Man of the year in 1985. Up until his health declined he was the manager of the Omega Fraternity House on Statesville Road.

Kenneth is survived by his son, Jeffrey A. Diamond and his sister Vermelle Diamond Ely, a host of friends and his fraternity brothers.

Cemetery

Events

York Memorial Park Cemetery 5150 S. Tyron Street Charlotte, NC,	DEC 21	Service	06:00PM - 07:00PM
		A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. 2310 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, NC, US, 28206	
	DEC 22	Graveside Service	11:00AM
		York Memorial Park Cemetery 5150 S. Tyron Street, Charlotte, NC, US	

# Comments

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“ James Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Hampton Diamond Jr.



**James Yarrell** - December 29, 2015 at 09:48 AM

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“ To The Diamond Family,  
May your pain and sorrow soon be replaced with wonderful memories of your cherish  
loved one to help carry you through this sad time. With Hope, Peace and Kindness,



**F.Taylor** - December 23, 2015 at 01:21 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was so special and will be truly missed. Your family is  
in my thoughts and prayers. Sandra Stamey

**Sandra Stamey** - December 22, 2015 at 08:53 PM

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“ To the family of Kenneth Diamond jr sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you rely  
on the God of comfort Jehovah and all your beautiful memories to sustain you. Isaiah  
41:10 provides comfort.

**kennedy** - December 22, 2015 at 11:04 AM

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**A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC.** - December 21, 2015 at 07:42 PM



“ The 3 young Men Mr. D talking too in the Photo from left to right Greg McDowell, Aaron Cunningham & Tony Withers.

**Aaron Cunningham** - December 28, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“ When you talk about a person being great Mr. Diamond was that and more gone but want ever be forgotten RIP Mr.D,,,,,

**Aaron Cunningham** - December 28, 2015 at 02:56 PM



“ Greg Morrison, McDowell agree with Aaron pure buckets Cunningham.Mr Diamond was a great coach and an even better person. REST IN PEACE

**Gregory playwright morrison** - February 16, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Hampton Diamond Jr..



December 20, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Hampton Diamond Jr..



December 20, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ Vermelle and Jeffrey,  
Our family extends its deepest sympathy for Kenneth's transition. We shall remember the care he rendered to others, his unwavering friendship, and his indomitable personality.

Sincerely,  
Mary T. Harper and Family  
Charlotte, NC



**Mary T. Harper** - December 19, 2015 at 02:10 PM

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“ From the MCSO Business Management Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth Hampton Diamond Jr..



**From the MCSO Business Management Team** - December 18, 2015 at 05:25 PM