



## Jarrold Kenneth Ramage

January 1, 1947 - January 12, 2017

Ken Ramage passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 12, 2017 surrounded by his family. He had just celebrated his 70th birthday. Ken was born January 1, 1947 in Lindsay, CA to Walter and Ann Ramage. Ken graduated from Lindsay High in 1964, and then Fresno State in 1969 where he earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering.

On September 7, 1968, he married the love of his life Judy Warren and together they moved to Oakland, CA where Ken had gotten a job working for PG&E. After having their first child, they moved to Tulare, CA where he worked for the City of Tulare. There they had two more children before moving to Visalia, CA. Ken worked at Quad Engineering most of his career before returning to the City of Tulare, where he retired in 2009. Ken became a Catholic in 1971. Years later, God called him to serve the Catholic Church in many practical ways. Initially he joined the Knights of Columbus and served within that organization. In 1993, he and his wife became members of the Order of Secular Franciscans. Music was one of Ken's passions. He taught himself guitar as a teenager, and really put that skill to work for the Church. He played the guitar in the music group at St. Mary's Church and for the youth group, helped lead Evangelization Retreats as a speaker and a musician, and helped lead RCIA classes for many years. In 1992, Ken felt called to purchase St Joseph's Christian Supply. Two years later, they turned it into a non-profit ministry. He then felt called to become a Deacon. After six years of training, he was ordained in 2003, and he has served faithfully in this role for 14 years.

Ken was preceded in death by his father Dub and mother Ann Ramage. Ken is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judy; his children and their spouses, Tim & Jennifer Ramage, Debi & Robert Robbins, Chad & Voni Ramage; his grandchildren, Joshua, Koby, Kaden, Jordan, Karis, Jacob, Breken, C.J. & Joey; his sister and brother-in-law Lynda & Jim Brinkman; his mother-in-law Velma Warren. A Rosary will be prayed Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church followed by a reception at St. Mary's Hall. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Santa Teresita Youth Center P.O. Box 249, Three Rivers, CA 93271 OR the National Foundation for Cancer Research ( [www.NFCR.org](http://www.NFCR.org) ). A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salsranddillard.com](http://www.salsranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN 18. 6:30 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church- Visalia, CA  
608 N. Church Street  
Visalia, CA 93291  
<http://tccov.org/st-marys/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 19. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church- Visalia, CA  
608 N. Church Street  
Visalia, CA 93291  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *To the Ramage Family you are in our prayers.  
From The Fraga Family of Tulare*

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**Amber Lapsley** - January 22, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ *We were sad to hear of Ken's passing and that we had missed his Celebration of Life. (We had been out of town so missed the information.)*

*We will always remember Ken as a loving and Godly man, who was devoted to being like Jesus for those in need. He was willing to come along side us during our difficult times in order to help lessen our burdens. We will miss him.*

*He is in our prayers. Judy, you are in our prayers, as is your whole family during this very difficult time.*

*Love,  
John and Leia Thomas*

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**Leia Thomas** - January 20, 2017 at 03:19 PM

KN

“ Ken and I worked together at the City of Tulare in the late 90's and early 2000's, and I was sorry to hear of his passing. As city manager, I relied on Ken's knowledge and experience a great deal. He was a great asset to the City and we benefited greatly from his expertise.

He also was a great person and fun to be with. I know he came back to government work to better his retirement for himself and his family. I hope he had good years in retirement, though I am sure we all wish he would have had a longer time.

May God bless all those who grieve the loss of this fine person, and know he is at peace with the Lord.

*Kevin Northcraft*

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**Kevin Northcraft** - January 20, 2017 at 09:12 AM

BO

“ Judy,  
I am so so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.  
My Love,  
Bob Oliver

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**Bob Oliver** - January 19, 2017 at 11:00 PM

PB

“ I want to tell the Ramage family how much we appreciate Ken. Our Self-Help Enterprises family has been blessed to have Ken's assistance in serving poor communities with safe drinking water. From his earlier work with QUAD to his pro bono design of a test well in Raisin City that located potable water where no good water was found before to his assistance in the early facilitation of extending City of Tulare water to Matheny, Tract Ken has helped his fellow man. Thank you for sharing him with us.

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**Paul Boyer** - January 19, 2017 at 03:42 PM

PC

“ Our love thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. As always, we are blown away by your amazing spirit and strength. It has been a pleasure being a part of Ken's life. Witnessing the part of Ken's journey since we have known him has been amazing. We have seen very humble, spirit filled man. I laugh when I think of his story of why he began attending the Catholic Church, good for you Judy. It has been my pleasure to work with him and to be a part of his life. He knew, lived and loved his faith and because of that he has brought many people to the Lord. May he rest in peace and I hope it helps to know we are praying for him and you during this difficult time.

Love and Prayers,  
Patty and Tom Call

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**Patricia Call** - January 18, 2017 at 12:43 AM

DC

“ I first met Deacon Ken in 2003 when I was attending RCIA at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Visalia. He was welcoming, kind and very knowledgable about his Catholic faith. His classes helped me to enter the Catholic Church with a profession of faith at Easter Vigil, 2004. I enjoyed the way he lead the opening songs on his guitar. Later I came to appreciate his homilies and his wry sense of humor. My wife Heather and I were able to get to know Deacon Ken better in 2010 on a Catholic Pilgrimage with Debbie and Tim and Jerry DeMelo. We were frequent patrons of St. Joseph Catholic bookstore. We were fortunate to have been able to call Judy and Deacon Ken our friends when we shared a Bible study with a small group up until 2013. We will miss him and express our sorrow at his family's loss, but rejoice that he will share his reward with the saints in heaven. Dave and Heather Cooper

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**David and Heather Cooper** - January 17, 2017 at 04:56 PM

CH

“ Judy,  
So sad to read of Ken's passing. My best to you and the family.  
Chuck Sanford

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**Chuck** - January 17, 2017 at 10:39 AM