



Robert Kenneth Lucke

October 2, 1967 - March 12, 2025

Robert Kenneth Lucke, Jr., 57, of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away on March 12, 2025. Ken was born on October 2, 1967, to Robert and Madeline Lucke in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Ken graduated from Stuttgart High School in 1986. He obtained a degree in finance from the University of Central Arkansas in 1991. His love of the stock market began in high school, when he first bought stocks and had his own stock broker. His teacher often loaned Ken her phone so he could check on his stocks. The broker became a mentor to him and came to the school to talk to his marketing class. For fun Ken charted the daily ups and downs of hundreds of stocks. Even with the risks of becoming a stockbroker, Ken decided it would be worth it to have a job he enjoyed. He worked as a stockbroker in Texas, Arkansas, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Ken's favorite job was at Quick and Reilly Brokerage Firm in Greenville, South Carolina. The people he worked with would become good friends. He not only took care of their financial needs but cared about them. He had visited some in the hospital, attended funerals, and really listened to what they had to say. When Quick and Reilly sold out, Ken moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and worked as a broker. He began to work for TIAA-Cref and continued to work there until his death.

Ken always marched to the beat of his own drum. Growing up, he loved getting all the guys in the neighborhood together. They played baseball, had their own Olympics, had water balloon fights, and dug a hole so deep

someone had to stay up top to pull them out. They also went fishing in the sewer ditch and built forts out of pine needles. He loved to visit his grandparents in Hot Springs, and go to the horse races with his grandmother, Helen. He liked hunting and fishing with his Dad, brother David and best friend, Todd Lock, who he roomed with at UCA. He enjoyed family camping trips, especially to Cades Cove in the Smoky Mountains and Disney World. Like his Dad and Uncle Harold, Ken loved to play jokes on people. He sometimes came up with very elaborate jokes that were hilarious. Ken always enjoyed cats and dogs and had a number of them as a kid. The one that was his all-time favorite was Spec, a tiny chihuahua that had Ken wrapped around her little paw.

I think Ken would say he did life his own way, and found joy along the way. Ken is survived by his parents, Robert and Madeline Lucke, brother David Lucke (Rebecca), four nephews, Chas, John David, Nelson and Landon, and best friend, Say Harrelson.

The family will host a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your local animal shelter or Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

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“ So sorry for your loss. I’m really going to miss Ken. I have worked with Ken, the last 3 years, at TIAA. He was a huge help to me when I first started on the brokerage team. What a great guy Ken truly was! He always had a smile on his face and with his wit, charm, and jokester demeanor, he was always a pleasure to be around. He was definitely one of a kind. Things will never be quite the same without Ken at the office. RIP.

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