



Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott

January 30, 1943 - August 7, 2021

Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott, age 78, of Forrest City, died Saturday, August 7, 2021, at the Forrest City Medical Center in Forrest City.

Dr. Mott was born January 30, 1943, in Sparta, Tennessee, and was the son of Isaac Mott and Lily Pinegar Mott. He was the Department Chair and Instructor of the Social Science Department at East Arkansas Community College. He was one of the first employee's hired at E.A.C.C. in 1974, and he retired in 2010. He received his Bachelors degree from Middle Tennessee State University, his masters degree from Wichia State University, and his Doctorate Degree from Memphis State University.

Dr. Mott married Shirley Hubbard in 1968, and she survives him along with one daughter, Ashley Mott Murphree, and Jay, of Jonesboro, one sister, Kathy Welch of Sparta, Tennessee, and three grandchildren; Holden, Kinzly, and Peyton.

A visitation will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 5:00 till 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, with Stevens Funeral Home in charge or arrangements. Memorials are to be made to the Forrest City Public Library, 421 S. Washington, Forrest City, Ar. 72335, or The Learning Center, 2808 Foxmeadow Lane, Jonesboro, Ar. 72404. You may log on stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ One of the best teachers THS was blessed to have!!! My deepest condolences to Shirley and their daughter.

Michael Harris - January 15, 2024 at 04:53 PM

 Rowdy Cooper

“ I was a student at EACC and had Dr Ken Mott for a class. He was an awesome teacher & I considered him a close friend. Ken will truly be missed. I am just now learning, of his passing away, almost 2 years after the event. My condolences to Shirley & Ashley.

Rowdy Cooper - August 03, 2023 at 01:07 AM

CM

“ I am deeply saddened to learn the world has lost such a wonderful person. Dr. Mott was my absolute favorite instructor. I took every class he offered whether it was a requirement for me or not. The way he taught, with passion, humor, and with a story always, it was simple to memorize every word he said. I think of him often and I am so sincerely grateful, I had the privilege to meet him and learn from him. I am, I am, I am! Dr. Mott, you will be missed and never forgotten. Thank you for everything!

Christin Morgan - February 16, 2022 at 08:15 PM

KW

“ Dr. Mott is one of the most memorable people I have ever met. To this day I remember his first words to me when he learned my name, do you know what your name means? Unknowing he so proudly told about how our first names were so memorable. I use his line often when I meet another Ken. I don't think he ever forgot a students name, always greeting people outside the school setting. Dr. Mott will be missed, but I believe he will live on in our memories and actions he imparted on us. Thank God I was blessed to know him.

Kenny Worley

kenny worley - November 05, 2021 at 08:05 PM

BF

“ Wonderful teacher and human!
The world is a little dimmer in his absence.
He taught his students well in his subjects as well as outside of them. I've always loved words, Dr. Mott amplified and fortified that love; I am a collector of words to this day. He was kind and had a knack for seeing the potential people possessed. He made it a point to be sure those who couldn't see it for themselves knew that he did.
He definitely had a legacy to be proud of.
Condolences to the family.

BFCB - October 21, 2021 at 11:46 AM

RS

“ I had DR. Mott as a teacher at EACC when it first opened up for classes. He was a fantastic teacher and person.

Rickey stutts - August 24, 2021 at 09:43 PM

KJ

“ *The first time i met Dr. Mott i was hiding smoking a cigarette and drawing. He walked up to me and pushed my ginger down saying i like u nail polish. I thought he is nuts. Then he sit down with me to watch me draw telling me that one day ill be in one of his classes. He was right. I took all of his classes just because and enjoyed it greatly. I did a painting for him and ingraved him a zippo lighter when i graduated eacc. I hide in the bushes with him everyday just for the conversation. I still think about him from time to time missing his company. Now heaven has his company. Hey angels sit in the back row he has a tendency to spit a little. Love u king frog the 1st*

Kimberly "kimmie" Jones - August 19, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *When I think of excellent teachers I had, "Mr" Mott is at the top of the list. I was in his class right after lunch and you had better be in your seat and ready because as soon as he walked in the door he started talking and you started writing and you held on for dear life! He was without a doubt one of the most fascinating people I ever knew and I was fortunate to have been in his class. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing.*
Karen Moser Wiles

Karen Wiles - August 17, 2021 at 02:25 PM

GP

“ Dr. Mott, as a teacher at Tullahoma High School was the person who taught me about, not just American history, but about how to live a life worthy of living. Of all the teachers I ever had, whether at the Naval Academy, the University of Tennessee, or all the other teachers (and there were some great ones) the best by far was Dr. Mott. My life up to the time I took his history course in 1968 and 69 was that of a young boy in a small town. By the time I completed his class, my eyes had opened up to the world around me. I shall be forever grateful to this man who was the first person who really let me know that I could be my true self and try to maybe help change the world a little for the better. As we say in the Navy, Fair winds and following seas, Dr. Mott.

Greer Puckett - August 16, 2021 at 03:55 PM

HP

“ If you took Mr. Mott’s American History class at Tullahoma High School, as I did in 1968-69, you not only learned of America’s past in great and fascinating detail, but you were also exposed to increased vocabulary, musical highlights, and sports trivia. Best teacher I ever had, period, and his enthusiasm for his interests was profound and contagious. Also had Shirley Hubbard Mott for Boys’ Home Ec the year before she became Mrs. Mott; broke a lot of teenage boys’ hearts. Godspeed, Dr. Mott.

Howie Peebles - August 16, 2021 at 02:23 PM

AM

I echo everything Mr. Peebles shared about Dr Mott. He made an impact that resonates with me as much today as it did then. My condolences to Mrs Mott, who also broke my heart the day she said “I do” to Ken. An awesome and dedicated educator we will miss.

Ambler - August 16, 2021 at 04:33 PM

LV

“ *The world is truly a darker place without Dr. Mott in it. I hope he’s teaching the angels “big words” they didn’t know before, and eating lots of green M&Ms.*

You were one of the best teachers I ever had, and one of the most altruistic individuals I’ll ever know.

Lauren Vest - August 14, 2021 at 12:40 AM

LO

“ *I was the kindergarten teacher of Ken’s previous daughter, Ashley. What a father he was to her! It was then I became friends w/Shirley. Then when my children were at EACC, “Dr. Mott” taught a vocabulary class that my children took. They still say it was the most educational & entertaining class they ever had in their college careers. Ken was a powerful educator & devoted to his family. God Bless-Lee O’Banion*

Lee O’Banion - August 12, 2021 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ *I worked with Dr Mott at Tullahoma High School for many years. Great man along with Shirley a great lady.*

jerry mathis - August 11, 2021 at 05:27 PM

DE

“ *One of my most favorite people on earth and the most gifted educator that I know!*

denny edwards - August 11, 2021 at 10:41 AM

AC

“ Mrs Shirley Mott, we send our sincere condolences to you and family. My blind sister Ida loved and adored Dr. Mott so much when she attended EACC as a student in his class. He was so inspiring and encouraging to her. He had such a warm spirit about him. He will be truly missed by so many. With love, Alvin and Agnes Coleman, Sr.

Alvin Coleman and Agnes Coleman - August 10, 2021 at 09:52 PM

HC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Mott's passing. He was my favorite teacher! I can still remember all of his stories from Frog to the flour sack dresses. I have used many of his words of the day and techniques in my own classroom throughout the years. I am praying for all of you.

Holly Campbell - August 10, 2021 at 06:11 PM

JC

“ My history teacher senior year, Tullahoma High School. We all loved him and his class.
Class of '66

Judy Fallert Carter - August 10, 2021 at 04:18 PM

RS

“ One of my all-time favorite teachers, learning American history at Tullahoma High School, circa 1964-65. His classes were always informative and entertaining, and challenging, too.

Richard Stark - August 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

PM

“ Mrs. Shirley, I was saddened to learn of the loss of Ken. Always enjoyed talking with him when he was tending to his garden. I loved hearing the stories of "Uncle Frog" from Collin and Jaynee Claire over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.



Penny Martin - August 09, 2021 at 11:47 PM

PH

“ Paula Howton sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott



Paula Howton - August 09, 2021 at 11:13 PM

PH

“ Paula Howton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott



Paula Howton - August 09, 2021 at 10:56 PM

PH

“ Dr. Mott was a great instructor and a wonderful person all around I had him as an instructor in the late 1980's for his vocabulary building class. He was a hoot, but he truly wanted you to learn. I dropped out of school, my husband and I had three children and when the youngest was in junior high in 2007. I went back to school. I took his Hitler and the Holocaust class the last semester at EACC. He knew I was a history buff and my favorite time was WWII. I had 18 hours that semester just so I could be in his class. He was kind, compassionate, demanding that we give it our all in class. He was one of my biggest cheerleaders to keep me going that semester. He was instrumental in insuring I received a Who's Who Award at my graduation in May, 2009. I was so proud that he seemed so proud of me. I cherish this picture. We kept in touch sporadically after graduation, but I hadn't seen him in a couple of years. I'm so sorry for the loss his family is suffering because he spoke of them often and with love. He told us in class that he thought of Anne Frank every spring when he saw the first daffodil of the year. I think of him when I see that first flower of the year. I'm praying for peace for his family that he adored and I am so grateful that his family shared him with us, his students!! May you rest in peace Dr. Frog. You will never be forgotten.



Paula Howton - August 09, 2021 at 10:52 PM

DL

“ I first met Ken in 1972 and he has been my friend for the past 49 years. We were both teaching assistants at Memphis State University. He hired me to come teach at EACC and was my boss for many years. He was a person who "loved" his students and they "loved" him back. He was a person who had a "kind" heart. I have so many memories that include Ken. He was a very great friend who I will miss greatly. Ken - enjoy your adventures in Heaven!!!

Don Lewis - August 09, 2021 at 10:23 PM

KF

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss of Dr. Mott. My mother, Ann Horton, shared some wonderful conversations that she had with him while working at EACC. She was fond of him and noted that he was a great addition to EACC and the Forrest City community.

Sincerely,
Kim Horton Flanigin.

Kim Flanigin - August 09, 2021 at 09:09 PM

KM

“ KM and KM had a special bond. Ken was the most genuine teacher and mentor I have known. His students loved him! He was an excellent example of how to teach effectively. He will be sorely missed.

Kathy Meredith

Kathy Meredith - August 09, 2021 at 04:56 PM

LE

“ *Lewis And E.J. Etheridge lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott*



Lewis and E.J. Etheridge - August 09, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott.*



August 09, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott.*



August 09, 2021 at 03:09 PM

KM

“ *Dr. Mott was one of my favorite instructors at EACC. The class would always love to hear some of his stories about his family. I can remember his nickname "Frog", he LOVED Dollie Parton, and his favorite meal was pinto beans and fried taters. Rest In Love Doc. Sending my prayers and condolences to his family!*

Kelly McShan - August 09, 2021 at 02:48 PM

BS

Dr. Mott was an awesome instructor and human being! I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for his family, & friends because of his great personality! Brenda Kidd Cooper Sage

Brenda Kidd Sage - August 10, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Mott.*



August 09, 2021 at 02:38 PM

PK

“ *Dr Mott was my boss and best friend from 1991. I will miss him.*

Preston Koelling - August 09, 2021 at 02:37 PM

RW

“ *To the family of Dr. Kenneth Mott, Our Condolences and Prayers are with you.*

Rene' Ward and the staff of the Forrest City Public Library.



Rene' Ward - August 09, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MW

“ *i met Ken in the summer of 1973 and we became friends then till now.He was the finest classroom teacher I have ever seen.He was always there both personally and professionally.I will miss me buddy,Mary Weiner*

Mary Weiner - August 09, 2021 at 11:24 AM

ML

I met Dr. Mott in 1978 and the first day in his class I sat on the front row, even though I had been warned not to, he stood near my seat while lecturing and I did learn things that day. The second day in his class I went to the back of the room. He inquired as to why I was sitting in the back, I gave him my explanation which was that I just didn't like the front. He refused to accept my explanation and continued to press the issue, finally I just told him that I didn't want to sit up front cause he spit all over my paper. The whole class roared with laughter, including him. and a lasting kinship was born. No matter where we were we could always find some old memory to laugh about, I will truly miss him, and wish I had found out about his departure sooner. I truly would have liked to say goodbye personally. I just found out and am still reeling from the news. Shirley and Ashley, you have my deepest sympathy. The world has lost a precious gift and a truly beautiful person.

Minnie Lockhart - August 24, 2021 at 04:13 PM

LD

Dr. Mott was without a doubt the most wonderful teacher I've ever known. Frog would become one of my favorite people in the world and one of very few who's company I genuinely enjoyed. He was so original and charming but more than anything he was lovingly country. I truly think that's what endeared to me more than anything. We are going to miss him but I consider myself so very lucky to have known him at all.

LANCE DUNKIN - July 07, 2022 at 05:06 PM