



## Kent Douglas Sturgeon

February 8, 1958 - March 9, 2015

Kent "Guppa" Douglas Sturgeon, 57, of Gardendale, Texas, died on March 8, 2015 in Ector County. He was born February 8, 1958 to Purser and Susan Sturgeon in Evanston, IL. He graduated from Adlai Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, IL.

He married Barbara Urbanec on September 3, 1982 in Estes Park, CO after which they moved to Gardendale, TX. He worked as a truck driver at Johnson Brothers Oil Company for 29 years in Odessa, TX. He enjoyed skiing, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his family and his dogs. Kent will be remembered for his quick wit, love for adventure, and his free spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sturgeon of Gardendale, Texas; two sons, PK Sturgeon II and his wife Michelle of Mico, Texas, and Ben Sturgeon of Odessa, Texas; mother, Susan Sturgeon of Gardendale, Texas; his sisters, Paula Sue Walton of Riverside, Iowa; Kathryn Valencia and her husband Billy of Ignacio, Colorado; Barbara Hoban and her husband Joe of Midwest City, Oklahoma; Becky Jo Moore and her husband Hugh of Loudon, Tennessee, and Lorelei Cauffman and her husband John of West Des Moines, Iowa; 3 grandchildren, Bridger, Caelan, and Alessandra of Mico, Texas; his aunt Sarah Sackett, numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father Purser Sturgeon, his sister Nancy Beth Dynneson, and his aunt Viola Lovegren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Speaking Up For Those Who Can't of Odessa [www.youcaring.com](http://www.youcaring.com) or a dog rescue of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00am on March 12, 2015, at American Heritage Chapel. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home 4100 N. FM-1788 Midland, Texas 79707.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Kent was a good friend to me in High School, and we had just started to connect on Facebook in the last few months. I normally don't use the service. He reminded me of our motorcycle rides into the nights. Remember Chris, and Anthony and the gang is a fond memory and I wish only the best to his family and friends. Now, he rides with no thoughts of filling up with gas. Take care Kent... Joe Settanni

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**Joseph Settanni** - March 21, 2015 at 05:53 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Chris** - March 21, 2015 at 12:57 PM

CM

*This was the only photo I could find.  
Was this 74, Before Dad passed?*

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**Chris McDonald** - March 21, 2015 at 05:52 PM

CM

“ Kent

*I was 12 when I became Kent's neighbor and for the next few years practically lived in his house as his brother. I was insecure, introverted and shy, so I never wanted to stand out in a crowd. He quickly helped me change all that, and "learned me - as he would say" to jump into life with both feet! So many other personality / character traits were copied from him. Like that belt buckle thing that you posted, Linnell.*

*Rule #1 Live Life with a passion.*

*Rule #2. Think and live outside of the BOX, resist conforming, and watch, out for the MAN.*

*Rule #3. The hell with all rules, we hate rules!*

*But you forgot rule # 1 Kent, and you left this party too early.*

*Often he would do that to get a new one started elsewhere. I like to think we have that to look forward to when we catch up you Kent.*

*I am still mad at you for shooting my Praying Mantis.*

*Mrs. Sturgeon, (aka Mom)*

*Thank you for letting me stay in your house so much, and sorry for ruining things. Like the big burn on Kent's bedroom carpet, the big dents in his ceiling and walls, and that one day we filled the house with smoke from the rocket we built by hand but failed to launch from his bedroom window. This was all in the name of advancing the sciences. I believe that's what we told you.*

*His idea for us to become blood brothers made a mess of your carpet as well, Sorry.*

*These are but a few of the memories that I cherish, and I still cry and laugh when I think about you.*

*When I heard the news, I looked up my last conversation on Facebook the day I went off line. It was (I love you Man). That was Aug. 2012*

*My deepest sympathy go out to Kent's Wife and children, whom I never got to know. And Mom, and the rest of the family.*

**Chris McDonald** - March 19, 2015 at 06:17 PM

DM

*Chris....I'm Kents niece. Thank you for aharing. You made me laugh. Never heard those stories and sounds just like my uncle. I will make sure Grandmommy saw your post.*

**dianne mauree** - May 19, 2015 at 08:39 PM

LC

“*Kent and I were very close friends especially in jr. high school, along with several tight knit friends in our group in Lincolnshire. We hung out in his basement playing pool and listening to albums. He even was part of a basement band for a while with Bret Owen, Ken Sahs, and Sam Genualdi. We had some great laughs and great times. Dr. Pepper and Little Debbies and canned spinach with vinegar were his favorite foods. Kent's high pitched laugh is indelibly etched in my mind. He was always the first to laugh especially when kicking everybody's butt in pool. Kent turned me onto 70's R&B from his Evanston days, a love of that music which is in my soul. Marvin Gaye, Al Greene, Bill Withers.....*

*Kent may you be at peace with the angels. To all your family and dear friends old and new, I will keep you in my prayers. Kent you will forever have a special place in my heart.*

*Lynette Spiller Clark*

**Lynette Clark** - March 15, 2015 at 01:00 AM

CM

*I was in that band for only a few songs, on the Cow Bell! Never had the passion Will Ferrell had, so I returned to my duties as a roadie. Smoke on the water, Magic Carpet Ride, We're an American Band...*

**Chris McDonald** - March 19, 2015 at 05:34 PM



*Yes Chris, I remember all those songs and remember you too. So sweet, so shy, so dang cute! Kent touched all our lives in a very memorable way... he's "prolly" (as he recently wrote) rockin out and jammin on the other side. Thanks for sharing your memories too.*

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**Lynette Clark** - March 25, 2015 at 02:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Linnell Bickford** - March 12, 2015 at 08:36 AM



*This is what I carry in my heart. That crazy smile, the belt buckle off to the side....always his own man. Your free spirit helped me to open up and grow. Miss you.*

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**Linnell Bickford** - March 12, 2015 at 08:38 AM

CM

*I wear my belt buckle off to the side sometimes, and when anyone asks me I just say that's the way I like it, feeling kinda cool and unique. And when I found this post, and GREAT pic. I remembered it was Kent that started that, I was just trying to be like him.  
An example of so many forgotten impacts he had on me.  
Thanks Linnell for this post and photo that I will copy to save in my family album.*

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**Chris McDonald** - March 19, 2015 at 05:26 PM

AP

“ I am left without words with the passing of someone who was a good friend and a huge influence in my life from an early age when I was in 6th grade and for many years after. Kent and his friends treated me like a little brother. The memories I have of all the time I spent with Kent over the years will never be replaced - what senior in high school drives a sixth grader to middle school in a hopped up 340 Duster on a regular basis - that made me the cool kid in 6th 7th and 8th grade.....thank you Kent. You and Barbara introduced me to eating Catfish last time I stayed at your house - I now eat catfish all the time thanks to you both. I have thousands of memories that I cant list them all - I'm sorry your gone and I'm sorry for whatever pain you were dealing with, I wish I knew so we could have talked.....I will miss you - this is a very sad day.

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**Anthony R. Przechera** - March 11, 2015 at 07:48 PM

JC

“ My sincere sympathy and condolences to the entire Sturgeon family. Kent will truly missed.  
Jan Chapin  
Albuquerque, NM

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**Jan Chapin** - March 11, 2015 at 06:09 PM