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PASSING OF KEN BETTRIDGE, UTAH



We are saddened to announce that UPMRA and WPMA marketer member Kenneth Elmer Bettridge, fondly known as "KB" by friends and family, passed away Friday, December 7, 2018 in Cedar City, Utah at the age of 75. Ken was born April 22, 1943 in Cedar City, Utah, and grew up in Parowan, Utah. He graduated from Parowan High School in 1961 where he was a star basketball player. He married Georgia Jean Rowley in the St. George LDS Temple on June 23, 1962.

Following graduation from Parowan High, Ken went to work for Don Draper in Cedar City, Utah. In 1969, Don retired, and Ken took over Don's position at American Oil as a jobber, where he continued until June of 1976. At that time, American Oil was selling to their jobbers, and Ken and Georgia took the opportunity to purchase the jobbership, establishing Ken Bettridge Distributing. They joined the Intermountain Oil Marketers Association (now WPMA) and the Utah Petroleum

Marketers Association (now UPMRA) that same year. They continued to operate the business until it was sold to their sons in 2006.

Ken was an avid supporter of high school sports. He loved cheering on his favorite teams: Parowan, Cedar, and Canyon View high schools, and especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in high school activities. Ken was a friend to all and had a gift for making everyone feel like his best friend.

An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Ken served in many leadership positions within his congregation, and he and Georgia served a church mission to the Oregon Portland mission from July 2011 to July 2012.

A funeral for Ken was held on Friday, December 14 at the Cedar West Stake Center in Cedar City. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com. In remembrance of Ken, donations can be made to the Ken Bettridge charitable account at State Bank of Southern Utah by calling 435-865-2300.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AUCTION!

In May 2019, the WPMA Scholarship Foundation will award \$32,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The Foundation receives a large portion of its working capital through income from the annual Scholarship Silent Auction held at the WPMAEXPO in February. Please support the Scholarship Foundation by donating an item with a value of \$200 or more to the 2019 Scholarship Silent Auction.

Past Silent Auction donations have included tickets to sporting events, vacation packages, decorator items, electronics, sports equipment, logo clothing, jewelry, tools, and accessories. If you would like to donate an item, please fill out the Silent Auction Donation Form available under the WPMAEXPO Sponsorship or Scholarship tabs on the WPMA website: <https://www.wpma.com/pdf/scholarship/SA19-DonationForm111918fnl.pdf> or e-mail Kathy Michaelis at kathym@wpma.com. The value of items donated to the auction is tax-deductible.

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May 2-3, 2019 – Nevada (NPM&CSA) – Big Dogs – Las Vegas, NV

June 4-6, 2019 – Montana (MPMCSA) Convention – Fairmont Hot Springs Resort – Fairmont, MT

June 20, 2019 – Utah (UPMRA) Summer Golf Classic - South Mountain Golf Course, Draper, UT

June 17-20, 2019 – Washington (WOMA) Convention – Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, WA

August 5-7, 2019 – Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention – Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, ID

August 19-21, 2019 – New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention – Sandia Resort & Casino, Albuquerque, NM

September 11-13, 2019 – Utah (UPMRA) – Convention – Zermatt Resort, Midway, UT

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