

Our Story

A Brief History of Ken's Market & Marketime Foods

1930's

Ken Giles lives in the Phinney Ridge neighborhood with his parents and two brothers on 88th & Fremont.



C.A. Gay Hardware and the Greenwood Electric Bakery, located at 7227 Greenwood Ave in the 1930's. Photo courtesy of King County Archives

1943

At 13 Ken starts working for his Uncle at Erikson's Market on 87th & Greenwood. A lifelong passion for the grocery business is born.

Ken Giles on the right pictured with Kash Kaminski, the market's butcher at the original Greenwood store, sometime in the late 1950's.



1955

Kash serves Ken's mother, Genevieve, at the butcher counter in the Greenwood store, late 1950's.



Ken buys his first store at the corner of 73rd & Greenwood, an IGA (Independent Grocers Alliance) it becomes known as Ken's IGA.

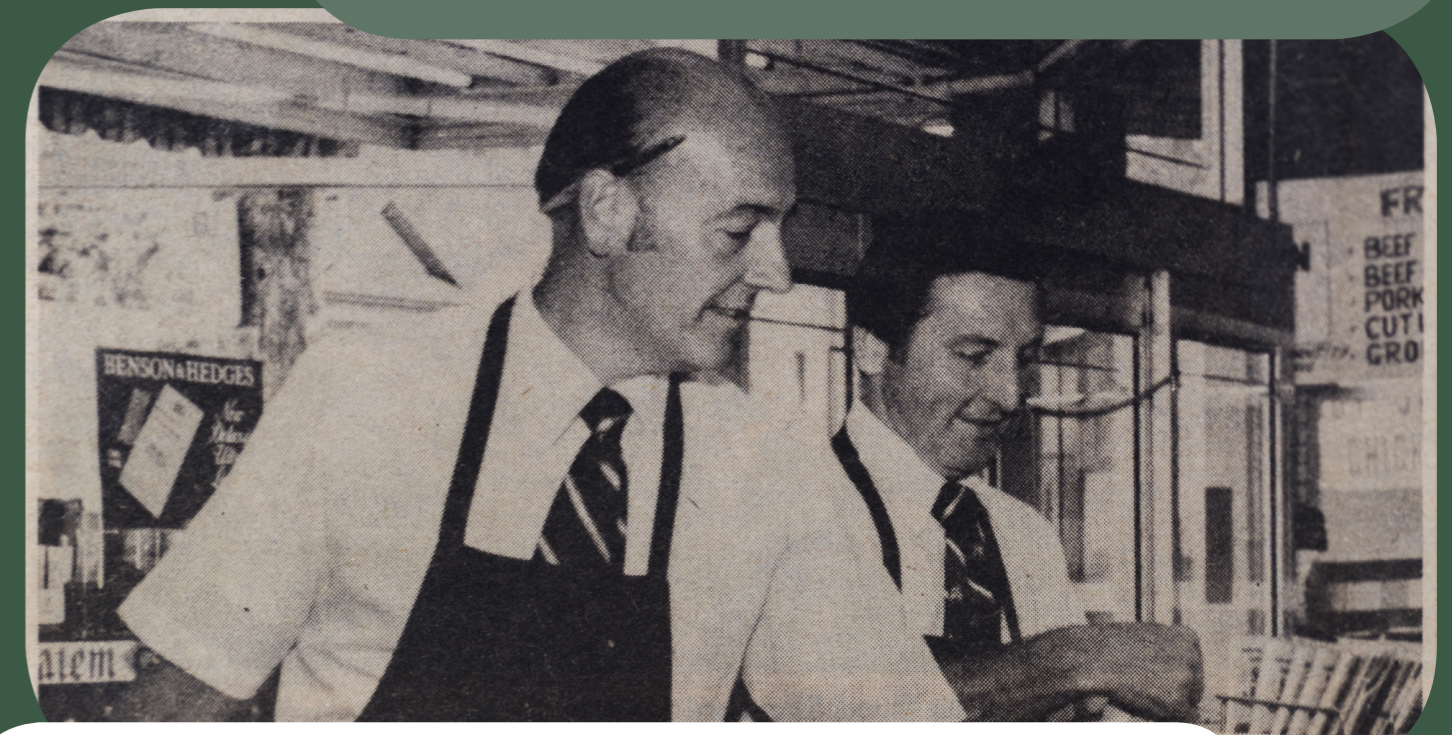
1964

Ken and his partner Vic Kaloper (who runs the butcher shop at the Greenwood store) buy a second IGA location on 6th & McGraw St. in Upper Queen Anne.

1969

The Ken/ Vic partnership ventures into a 3rd location, acquiring Marketime Foods, on 44th & Fremont.

Ken's Market Queen Ann storefront



Ken Giles & Vic Kaloper at Marketime Foods

1984

Ken's sons Greg, Steve & Scott form a company and purchase the Queen Anne store.

The brothers take on a 4th partner, their brother in-law Bill Stamey. The two Ken's IGA stores are officially renamed Ken's Market keeping the founders name and reflecting a more modern style grocery with an increased emphasis on perishables, local products, and in-store prepared foods.

Ken Giles - Founder



Scott Giles, Bill Stamey, Ken Giles, Greg Giles, Steve Giles

1995

Ken retires, although you can often find him in the store chatting it up with customers while enjoying a cup of coffee and a little mush (oatmeal).

Eric, George & Joe



Ken's Market Queen Anne is sold to three long time employees Eric (Ken's grandson) George, & Joe.

Artistic rendering of the remodeled store



Ken's Market Greenwood undergoes a major expansion and remodel, doubling the sales space. A continued push into fresh, natural, local & organic products, as well as a larger grocery section, take the store to a whole new level.

2007

The founders name is retained, and they continue to serve the Queen Anne community in the spirit of the friendly neighborhood market Ken created.

2008

Mylon Mayer, Derek Giles, & Dan Schacher



Derek Giles (Ken's grandson), Daniel Schacher, & Mylon Mayer become the newest members of the Ken's Market and Marketime Foods ownership team! With a combined 30 years working at Ken's between them, this dedicated trio is excited to be a part of the legacy of these friendly neighborhood markets.

New & improved Marketime storefront



Marketime Foods receives an extensive upgrade and expansion, bringing both stores up to their present day look and feel.

2016

2019