



Kenneth LeRoy Conkey

November 19, 1940 - January 28, 2016

Kenneth LeRoy Conkey, 75, of Vermontville Michigan died Thursday January 28th peacefully at home from complications of cancer.

Ken was born to Clair D Conkey and Ida Steinke of Lansing in 1940 and was a graduate of Lansing Sexton High School. Ken entered and served in the Navy on the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain CVS-39. He worked as an electrician at Oldsmobile and then later the State of Michigan where he retired as special projects manager in 1997. Ken married Nancy Walsworth from Hart Michigan and they lived in Grand Ledge before settling in Vermontville on the farm where they raised their children.

Ken was a life member and served as Chaplain of F.O.E. Aerie #3552 in Charlotte and he was a member and former trustee of the Woodland Eagles. Ken was also a member of the American Legion Post # 42 and the Charlotte Moose Lodge. He enjoyed the company of other members and traveling to other clubs across the country while fulfilling his bucket list. Ken was a lifelong Spartan fan as well as a Green Bay Packer fan. He enjoyed working on the farm and raising the best asparagus around. Ken was a huge history buff and had to have his USA Today each and every day. Above all Ken is most proud of his children and grandchildren. He was one that always wanted to make other people smile.

Ken is survived by wife Nancy, daughter Cheryl (Art) Larsen of Minnesota, son Kevin of Georgia, grandchildren Ryan, Hannah, Graceann, Sarah, and KayAnn and many cousins. Ken is predeceased by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Rev. Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be held from 3-6:00 p.m. with an Eagles memorial at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The McLaren Hospice of Lansing. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Ken on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth LeRoy Conkey*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 31, 2016 at 12:30 AM

HF

“ *Ken and I met in the mid 60's with our love of Corvettes. Over the decades, we shared many a cigar and cold brew at Corvette Conventions as we recalled our good times together. Ken may be gone from us physically, but he'll never be forgotten. Rest in peace old buddy.*

Howard & Sharon Fetterolf

Howard Fetterolf - February 01, 2016 at 02:27 PM

JB

“ *KEN AND I HAD MANY GREAT TIMES IN THE CORVETTE CLUB. I WILL MISS NOT SEEING HIM AT THE EAGLES . JAN BARNES FLA.*

JAN BARNES - February 01, 2016 at 09:23 AM

DS

“ Many years ago we enjoyed the pig roasts at his home and being with Ken at the Eagles, casinos and our luncheons with friends from high school. He was always just full of funny comments that made us laugh.

Our sympathy goes out to Nancy and his children and grandchildren.

Dick and Nancy Smith

Dick and Nancy Smith - January 31, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ 21 files added to the album LifeTributes



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GW

“ Greg Wortley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth LeRoy Conkey



greg wortley - January 30, 2016 at 03:59 PM

JM

“ Ken and I have been friends for over 60 years, starting in high school. We have had many fun times at Clifford Lake watching blackout games of the Packers and Lions (the packers usually won), our Florida casino boat running ashore in the fog, their mortgage burning party at the farm. We are going to miss him dearly. Sympathy and hugs to all the family.

Jim and Judi McCarthy

jim mccarthy - January 30, 2016 at 01:38 PM

GN

“ A great man & will forever be in my fond memories.



Gerri Lynn Nichols - January 30, 2016 at 12:57 PM

MM

“ I and my wife worked with Ken for many, many years for the State at the Secondary Complex and then I in Ionia. He always had a story to tell or a joke to share and was the character you always loved to be around. He was a hard worker and still put a smile on your face while doing so. I have many good memories of Ken.

Our condolences to his family. Live on the memories you made together over the years.

Mike and Kathy Mills

Mike Mills - January 30, 2016 at 12:24 PM

DB

“ *Nancy and family: We are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember the wonderful times we shared. Houghton lake vacations, New Years eve's and many, many others. We share in your grief and are there for you whenever you need us...*
Dick and Linda Best,

Dick and Linda Best - January 30, 2016 at 12:04 PM