



## Ken Doerflinger

August 5, 1929 - October 8, 2021

Kenneth Doerflinger, passed away on October 8, 2021 at the age of 92. He was born on August 5, 1929 to Henry and Irma Doerflinger in Detroit, Michigan. Ken was their only child. His parents instilled the importance of Jesus Christ in his life from a young age. They belonged to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan, where he was very active in the church. He went to Denby High School in Detroit, Michigan, where he graduated high school in 1947. After high school, he attended Lawrence Technical University. Ken proudly served his country in the United States Army. Even though they had known each other their whole lives, belonging to the same church and high school, Ken started dating the love of his life, Evelyn List in 1952. On November 5, 1955, they married each other in Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. In 1957, they welcomed their first child into their life, Tom. In 1959, they added a second child to their family, a daughter, Karen. In 1960, they completed their family with the addition of Nancy. Ken was an accountant by trade, and he worked for a few companies over the years. When he began working for TCT Stainless Steel, he truly found the place he was meant to be. He found his work there very satisfying and built close relationships with all that he worked with.

Ken was very involved in his grandchildren's lives. He enjoyed attending their sports functions. He was also an avid bowler and was a member of the City Lutheran Bowling League. He was also an avid golfer. He enjoyed them so much he continued both until his final days. Ken was also active in his church,

Trinity Lutheran in Utica. He was a proud member of the Golden Circle. With all of his family, there was nothing Ken looked forward to more than the multiple trips each year that were taken to their family cottage in Higgins Lake. With all of his family by his side, and on the lake, Kenneth had his piece of heaven on earth.

Ken will be remembered for his strong faith, the love for his family, and his positive outlook. Ken leaves behind his loving children Tom (Nancy), Karen (Ken) Wonsowicz, and Nancy (Joe) Burke; his cherished grandchildren Tom, Matt, Steve, Jake, Tyler, Connor (Stephanie), Shane, Chelsea (Bryan), Devon, and McKenzie; and his dear great-grandchildren Lillyanna, Charley Rose, and Evie. Kenneth is now in Heaven with the love of his life, Evelyn, and his parents. Ken's family will receive friends for visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica on Friday, October 15, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be on Saturday, October 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica with a visitation from 12:30 a.m. until the time of service at 1pm. Memorial contributions can be made to the Trinity Lutheran Foundation, or donor's choice of charity. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Instate At Church

OCT **16**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

## Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ken Doerflinger.*



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October 15, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Karen, I was sadden to hear about your loss. There really are no words, may you find comfort in your memories and may god fill you with his peace.*

*Robin Lilly*

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**Robin Lilly** - October 14, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ken Doerflinger.*



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October 13, 2021 at 05:30 PM

CB

“ I am heartbroken that Ken was called to go to heaven to be with our Lord and his love on earth, Evelyn. My heartbreak is as always, for those of us who are here to carry on. We will carry on with fond memories (oh, the memories!), laughter and of course some tears. Yet we rejoice that he couldn't be in a better place. Death can be bitter, but life eternal is the ultimate prize.  
My family and I have a special place in our hearts for the Doerflinger family.  
God Bless.  
Love,  
Chuck, Paulette & Ben



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**Chuck Borders** - October 13, 2021 at 03:09 PM

KP

“ Karen and Larry Price purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ken Doerflinger.



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**Karen and Larry Price** - October 12, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ken Doerflinger.



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October 11, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ken Doerflinger.*



October 11, 2021 at 06:19 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ken Doerflinger.*



October 10, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Kathryn lit a candle in memory of Ken Doerflinger*



**kathryn** - October 10, 2021 at 10:18 AM



*Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. May God continue to bless your family through this time. May eternal light shine upon him.*

**kathryn mcquater** - October 10, 2021 at 10:20 AM

JK

*Don, Leona, Judy & Barbara Hein spent many a happy two weeks at 108 William Street, Higgins Lake. We started renting from Ken's dad, Henry, when Henry was a Sunday School teacher and my father, Don Hein, was the Sunday School Superintendent. I (Judy) remember biking over to their house with the rent money. Then later on we rented from Ken & Evelyn. Barb & I later took our own children there and I took my husband Russ there before we were married. Russ and I always drive by the cottage whenever we are in that area. It's got quite a family legacy. In the picture Ken looks like I remember his dad, Henry, looking.*

*Judy Hein Kouba*

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**Judy Hein Kouba** - October 19, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ken Doerflinger.*



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October 09, 2021 at 06:08 PM