



Kenneth Kraase

August 29, 1927 - February 1, 2020

Kenneth G. Kraase, age 92, died February 1, 2020 at his residence surrounded by family. He was born on August 29, 1927 in Royal Oak to George and Gladys (nee Benson) and was a lifelong area resident. Ken married June Schima on June 26, 1948 in Royal Oak. Theirs was a true love story, spanning 71 years of marriage and the loving kindness they showed for one another throughout the years. The couple made their home in Oak Park, living in the house that Ken did some of the construction on, since 1951. Family was a high priority to Ken and he loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and enjoyed his role as "Uncle Kenny" to many nieces and nephews. He was always there for anyone who needed him. Ken and June hosted pool parties during the summer months and holiday gatherings throughout the years. Their home was truly the hub of family togetherness. Ken's interests included gardening, deer hunting in Hubbard Lake, feeding the birds, playing cards, Scrabble, traveling to Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore and going to Florida in the winter months. He will most be remembered for his famous "Papa Waffles," which often included strawberries and cool whip or pecans and honey. He would grace these delicacies on his adoring grandchildren, great grandchildren and sometimes lucky friends, neighbors and delivery people!

Beloved husband of June. Loving father of Deborah (James) Major, Denise (Martin) Hill, Rebecca (Brian) Smith and Tracie (the late Steven) Nickles.

Proud grandfather of ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Dear brother of Sandra (the late Richard) Ruttan, Gerald Kraase, the late Charles (the late Joyce) Kraase, Ethel (the late William) Larsen, Eleanor (the late John) Schroff and Shirley (Mike, still living) Joyce. Uncle Kenny will also be missed by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 2-8 pm. Funeral Friday 11 am at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorial contributions to Salvation Army or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Burial

FEB 7. 12:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kraase.*



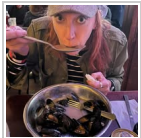
February 06, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kraase.*



February 06, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *I was Ken and June's next door neighbor for 14 years on Kenberton. What wonderful neighbors to have! Ken was a talkative guy, telling me stories of when they used to ice state on a pond that used to be in their backyard. Always so kind and helpful, letting me borrow his ladder and ship vac, or anything else I ever needed! Ken even would snow blow my driveway in the winter if he wasn't in Florida. He was always making waffles for his family and he'd share some with me too. He will be missed. ~Katie Czarnowski*

Kate Czarnowski - February 06, 2020 at 12:24 AM

DM

“ My grandma and grandpa Beckemeyer (we referred to them as gma and gpa ‘Becky’) lived next door on Kenberton. We would sometimes when we were younger stop over when we were at my grandparents on Christmas Eve...I have memories of swimming in the pool I think lol...I just remember Mr Kraase being very friendly and welcoming. It sounds like he’s left behind a wonders legacy ❤️ What a great life... the Kraase family is on our hearts 💕
Debbie (Beckemeyer) McIntyre Fenton,MI

debbie mcintyre - February 05, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kraase.



February 05, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kraase.



February 05, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kraase.



February 05, 2020 at 04:54 PM

CH

“ Chuck, Ann, Bryce & Quinn Hill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Kraase.



Chuck, Ann, Bryce & Quinn Hill - February 05, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kraase.



February 04, 2020 at 10:54 PM

TR

“ Terry and Loretta Roberts purchased the With Distinction for the family of Kenneth Kraase.



Terry and Loretta Roberts - February 04, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kraase.



February 03, 2020 at 09:14 PM

TU

“ *The Billing Unit purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kenneth Kraase.*



The Billing Unit - February 03, 2020 at 10:09 AM

TR

“ *Kenny - The Up north fires will never be the same!! The first fire of the year is dedicated to you. Love you and will miss you!! Tama*

Tama Ruttan - February 03, 2020 at 08:39 AM