



Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr.

August 14, 1951 - July 29, 2020

Kenneth Gerald Meerschaert Sr. Age 68, resident of Macomb Township, Michigan.

Ken passed away after a five year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his wife and children at the time of his passing.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Frances Meerschaert (nee Kasprzyk), his son Kenny Jr. (Michele) Meerschaert, daughter Ann Margaret (Brian Pike) Meerschaert, and special family member, Geoff Smith. A loving Papa to his three wonderful grandchildren: Mackenzie, Jacob, and Zander. He is also survived by his mother, Agnes Meerschaert (nee Gietzen) and was predeceased by his father, Gerald. Dear Son-in-law of Leonard (Marie) Kasprzyk and the late Annabelle Kasprzyk.

During his almost 69 years in this world, he touched many lives and was loved by many. Most often Ken could be found cutting grass, watching the Tigers, vacationing at his home in the Upper Peninsula, but his favorite pastime was attending sporting events, school activities or music concerts for his grandchildren.

Ken had many jobs during his life but he was most proud of climbing the ranks from firefighter to Assistant Chief for the Macomb Township Fire Department where he served the residents for over 20 years before his retirement from

public service. Upon retirement, he continued his dedication to the fire service in a position he truly enjoyed working for Montgomery and Sons in Orion, Michigan.

Ken was the epitome of a selfless human and amazing friend. He worked hard and was always there to support and help others. He had an amazing personality and was able to bring a smile when needed. He was our hero and a warrior to the end.

Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive Orders, please be advised that the funeral home is limited to 10 people in the visitation/service room at any given time. Also, masks are required to enter the building.

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, Friday July 31 from 1- 8pm.

Instate Saturday, August 1 at 9 am at St. Isidore Catholic Church 18203 23 Mile Road (at the corner of Romeo Plank Rd.) Macomb Township until time of mass 10:00 am

Interment Davis Cemetery Ray Township, Michigan

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to the Lapeer County Training Center - Attn: Training Center- P.O. Box 115 Attica, Michigan 48412, or to the Michigan Fireman's Memorial in Roscommon- C/O Cliff Messing 8826 East Huron Line Road, Ruth, Michigan 48470
Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Davis Cemetery

59074 Romeo Plank Road
Ray Township, MI 48096

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 1:00 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

AUG 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18203 23 Mile Road
Macomb, MI 48042

Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18203 23 Mile Road
Macomb, MI 48042

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Franny, Kenny, Ann-Margret, and family.... Mike and I were so sad on the news of ken passing. Franny you and Ken.... Shared 50 years what the church calls a sacramental marriage... Charismatic, selfless and loving... I don't believe anyone who met Ken walked away without having laughed, been lifted up in some way, or without admiration for him. His love will live on in his children and you.. Jesus said blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted... May you all feel the comfort of God's love as each day passes... Love u all... Mike and Susie Sopala

Susie Sopala - August 02, 2020 at 01:24 PM

KL

“ Fran, Ken, Annie and family,

My relationship with Ken goes back to the mid 80's. The time Ken was in my CPR Instructors class. His assignment for a presentation he had as part of the class was CPR on a lizard. It was an awesome presentation and ever time we were together we would laugh about it.

I am so sorry for your loss. Ken was a gentleman and had a very contagious laugh.

Ken Lawfield - August 01, 2020 at 10:00 PM

JM

“ Janice Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr.



Janice Montgomery - July 31, 2020 at 10:33 PM

RV

“ Fran,
I am so sorry to hear that your Ken has passed away. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. I remember, with great fondness, every time he would visit you at Eisenhower.

Robert L VanCamp - July 31, 2020 at 05:18 PM

 Amy
Hollandsw

“ *I am so so sorry to hear the news of Kens passing. Sending my thoughts and prayers your way along with the warmest of hugs. My heart breaks for you Fran. I know how in love the two of you are and what an amazing man Ken was. He truly was the biggest sweetest teddy bear. I'll never forget answering the phone at the Jostens office when Ken would call... Phone would ring and I would answer "hello Jostens how can I help you?" Ken would reply " hey there, how about dinner and a good back rub?" Always caught me off guard and made me smile. Often times he would pop by the office for a few just to say hi and see you Fran. He adored you. Other times, knowing i was a sweet tooth and him being the thoughtful guy he was, he would swing by with some local bakery goodies. Ken truly was an amazing man with such a kind heart. One of the best. I am grateful to have known him and thankful to see the true meaning of love through the love you two shared for each other. One can only hope to find a love like yours in their lifetime. Love you lots dear friend. ❤️*

Amy Hollandsworth - July 31, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ *Fran and family
I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope all the wonderful memories will comfort you now. I can't tell you how much yours and Ken's support and encouragement throughout the years meant to Tony and I. Maybe he and Kenny are having a beer In heaven right now. Thoughts and prayers ❤️🙏. Jan Montgomery*

Jan Montgomery - July 31, 2020 at 03:38 PM

SA

“ *I am so heartbroken for you and your family Fran. May all of your sweet memories flood you with comfort. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Mark and Sandy Austin*



Sandra Austin - July 31, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 31, 2020 at 12:14 PM

LD

“ *Ken was a co-worker of mine at Montgomery and Sons for many years. He was always sharing wonderful stories about up north and his family which he deeply loved. Ken was a ray of sunshine, always upbeat and smiling. Hugs and love to his family. You will be missed friend 💕💕 Laura Desrochers and family*

Laura Desrochers - July 31, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 31, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *Dear Fran, Kenny, Annie and family,*

We are very saddened about the passing of Ken. He was a great man and the world will miss his light. Sending love, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love,

Doug and Maureen Filzek and family

Doug Filzek - July 31, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 31, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 31, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 31, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 30, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ *I remember when Ken ‘came to my rescue’ when I had my horrific car accident about 20 years ago. He was a kind, gentle, and supportive man. Soon after, I met his amazing daughter Annie, and got to know Ken, Fran, and Annie on a more personal level. The entire Meerschaert family is one of love, support, and kindness. Ken will truly be missed. Cherish the wonderful memories, while he rests in the arms of his Lord. Love to you all ❤️*

Nancy Meyers - July 30, 2020 at 06:54 PM

BH

“ Dear Fran,

Mike and I want you to know how sorry we are for your loss. Although we did not know Kenneth you provided such joy and support to Mike during his years at Eisenhower High School. I appreciated it greatly as he was a new student there and Mike has said that he had a special bond with you. We send all our love and many prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.

*Love,
Mike and Becky Higbie*

Becky and Mike Higbie - July 30, 2020 at 05:39 PM

CW

Dear Fran,

*So sorry to hear about Ken. He was a man who was outstanding as a young cousin and classmate. I feel real bad because after we moved kind of lost touch with everyone. If you want, my landline 906-265-5154. We are on central time. Now I wish I could of made the reunion. Love to you and you family along with thoughts and prayers.
Chuck Wiegand Jr.*

Charles L. Wiegand,Jr. - July 30, 2020 at 10:23 PM

TA

“ *The Upton's-Damon, Lisa, Tyler, Sydney and Ashlyn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



The Upton's-Damon, Lisa, Tyler, Sydney and Ashlyn - July 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 30, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 30, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Fran and the entire family. You are all in our prayers. Jeff and Alicia Singer, UCS*



Alicia Singer - July 30, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *So Sorry For Your Loss, Ken was a Great Guy, always had a Smile on his face and was Willing to Talk to You. 🙏🙏🙏*

Gerry and Pat Spriet - July 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 30, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ *Roger Cunningham & family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



Roger Cunningham & family - July 30, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ *From Your Friends at MacAllister Machinery purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



From Your Friends at MacAllister Machinery - July 30, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 30, 2020 at 07:29 AM

MK

“ My condolences to the Meerschaert family. Kenny worked on my dad's farm on Hayes Rd. many,many years ago. He especially loved driving the tractors and we always had a lot of fun regardless of what the job of the day was. You will be missed Kenny!

Mike Krajnak

Michael J Krajnak - July 30, 2020 at 07:25 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..



July 30, 2020 at 06:48 AM

CF

“ My deepest condolences to Franny and the entire Meerschaert family. A very good man, gone too soon. This one hurts, a FF Bro who turned into a trusted friend. I believe in Heaven, I hope there is a GFD (God's Fire Dept) and Kenny is posted there. Rest in Paradise Ken.



Chief (Ret) Kip Reaves Imlay City FD - July 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM

CF

Retired Chief

Chief Ret Kip Reaves Imlay City FD - July 29, 2020 at 09:30 PM

TH

“ We all absolutely loved it when Kenny would stop by our office. Everyone would stop what they were doing and see what he had to say and share a laugh. He was the most kind hearted and compassionate person. We will all miss him so much. Love the Jostens Crew.

Tim & Lori Hollandsworth - July 29, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..



July 29, 2020 at 08:58 PM

JZ

“ Jennifer De Muynck and Jill DeMuynck Zech purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..



Jennifer De Muynck and Jill DeMuynck Zech - July 29, 2020 at 08:51 PM

CC

“ Chris and Colleen???? purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..



Chris and Colleen???? - July 29, 2020 at 08:22 PM

GM

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember way back when Ken was Santa for Alice, Dale, and Gary. He could always make you laugh. You have our deepest sympathy George and Carla Malburg

George Malburg - July 29, 2020 at 08:10 PM

DP

“ Kenny was truly one of the best - devoted to his family, kind, funny, and a friend to all. We were blessed to have him in our lives. He was a man who made a difference to so many but was totally unaware of his positive impact.

Dyann and Al Pugliese - July 29, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..



July 29, 2020 at 07:54 PM

PW

“ Growing up you always kept us laughing Captain Ken!! You will always be in our memories!
Phil, Lindsey and Emily

Phil Wiegand - July 29, 2020 at 07:38 PM

GW

“ Thank you Ken for all the memories we made together. I remember one night on a run in the middle of the night we decided to paint the station inside and you shared many firefighter experiences and knowledge with me.

Ken was a very giving person. Fran, We are very sorry for your loss, he will leave a hole in a lot of people's hearts. Lots of hugs being sent to all of you!

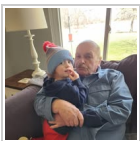
Greg & Sue

Greg Wiegand - July 29, 2020 at 07:32 PM

KR

“ Kenny was a great guy. He was still taking care of firefighters and fire departments working for Montgomery and Sons. I will miss his friendship. My wife Peggy, grandson Austin and I send our sincere condolences to you all. Rest easy brother.

Keith Redlin - July 29, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Kenny was a good friend and he will be missed by Robin and myself. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family.

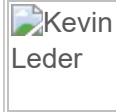
Paul Wayco - July 29, 2020 at 06:29 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brook - July 29, 2020 at 06:26 PM



*I got hired in macomb twp
As a firefighter in 1998 I was told stick to Kenny like glue he was a great Cheif he took me under his wing and thought what a firefighter was I'll never forget what he taught me and showed me. I Rip Cheif Meerschaert you will be missed*

Kevin Leder - July 29, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ I could go on all day and tell great memories of Ken but mostly he was a great firefighter,chief, mentor,father grandfather and husband but most of all a great friend. Rest in peace my friend

Stephan R Anderson - July 29, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..

July 29, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We didn't get a chance to know Ken very long at all as we recently moved into the neighborhood. But he was so helpful to us as we were moving in we knew we were blessed to have such a good neighbor. We enjoyed chatting when doing yard work and our mutual love for cutting grass. He will be missed by many for sure. Fran and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all. Brian and Debi Cavanaugh

Debi Cavanaugh - July 29, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 29, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. Meerschaert Sr..*



July 29, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *God bless you all! He was a wonderful man!
Keep those memories close to your hearts!
Joe and Patti Biermann*

patti biermann - July 29, 2020 at 05:33 PM



A friend, a mentor, a man I well respected will be sorely missed. Our chats and visits something i will miss so badly. I will always remember what u told me and never be different then the person you expected me to be.you my friend worked many many years for all the right reasons and I pray for eternal peace and rest and the prayers of comfort for the entire family. Please know your memory will always be that of a strong upstanding man you were!

Mark H Grabow - July 29, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CY

We are so sorry for your loss! Ken was such a good neighbor and person - our first friends on Hayes rd. about 45 years ago. God bless you Fran and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bob & Carol Youngblood and family

Carol Youngblood - July 30, 2020 at 09:52 AM

GS

*Fran- I'm so worry for your loss.
Gail Schulte, UCS*

Gail M. Schulte - July 30, 2020 at 10:42 AM

GS

**sorry*

Gail M. Schulte - July 30, 2020 at 10:43 AM

NK

*Fran - So sorry to hear about Ken's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. xo
Norene Kessler*

Norene Kessler - July 30, 2020 at 11:03 AM

AN

My heart breaks for your family. I feel your pain and I love you guys to the moon and back. I know Ken is in GFD (God's Fire Dept.) right there with my dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Andrea xoxo

Andrea - July 30, 2020 at 03:16 PM

SZ

It was so heart warming to see you yesterday. Can't wait to see you again. Sylvia 248-932-9856

Sylvia Zawierucha - August 01, 2020 at 09:15 AM