



Kenneth Theodore Sochowicz

April 14, 1941 - April 3, 2020

Kenneth Theodore Sochowicz, age 78 of Royal Oak, passed away on April 3, 2020.

He was born in Detroit, Michigan to the late Max Anthony and Esther (Mazorowicz) Sochowicz on April 14, 1941. Kenneth was the beloved husband of 57 years of Mary Jane (Peltier) Sochowicz. Loving father of Kathleen (Steve) Poston, Kenneth (Amy) Sochowicz and Josh (Kelly) Sochowicz. Beloved Poppa to Jennifer, Allison, Katherine, Kelly, Matthew and Nicholas. Dear brother to the late Sharon (Sochowicz) Till.

Ken was a truck driver for Meier Metals (Metals USA) for 38 years and was a former jeweler/owner of his business "The Sterling Silver Loft". Ken loved playing cards (Texas Hold 'Em), dominoes and had a passion for reading. Ken was widely known for his sense of humor and "dad" jokes. Ken was an artist and passed on his love for the arts to his children and grandchildren. He studied at the Detroit College for Creative Studies where he studied art. Ken was a member of the Ann Arbor Guild of Artisans and was a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). Ken especially enjoyed his lifelong friends from Royal Oak Dondero High School (Class of 1961) and attended monthly lunches with his Dondero group for years. Ken's other interests included: gambling at the Greektown Casino (never betting more than \$5), Cub Scout Leader, trips to Las Vegas, drinking black coffee, a love for black licorice, and

he had an uncanny knowledge of odd and funny facts, (including spiders that eat fish).

Ken was a purveyor of antiques and interesting art oddities, purchased at bargain prices from local yard and estate sales. He was a master at bargaining. Ken and his family participated for many years at the World's Largest Garage Sale in Royal Oak. He passed on his love of antiques, repurposing furniture and yard sales to his family.

Ken was known for his generosity, kindness and love for all. He will be greatly missed and forever remembered in our hearts.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Ken's life will be held on Sunday, April 18, 12 noon at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. The family will receive friends beginning at 11 am. Memorials may be sent to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, Michigan in Ken Sochowicz' name.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Cousins, So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. John (Sochowicz) Slater from the Joseph Sochowicz clan.

John Slater - April 14, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Ken was our next door neighbor for over 20 years, and a great neighbor he was! With the hustle and bustle of day to day activities, and comings and goings, we always took a few minutes to catch up on the sidewalk.

When we first moved in Ken had his green Ford. The Woodward Dream Cruise will always make me think of him, even if I never see a '50 Ford.

The highlight of our Halloween was always hanging out on the sidewalk with Ken and Mary Jane, catching up on neighborhood goings-on, and talking about the upcoming elections. It's always fun to watch the kids eyes light up when Ken would give them a full Hershey bar or a bag of chips. When we would have the occasional power outage, it meant a fun evening catching up.

Ken, you will be missed. Mary Jane, we are always here for you.

John Pelegriano - April 13, 2020 at 09:04 PM

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“ I met Ken in 1955 at Saint Dennis. We were locker partners in middle school at Clara Barton. I always checked the locker out before opening it. Ken was a great person and a friend. Mary Jane please accept my condolences you and your family have lost a wonderful man. I don't have enough words to describe my sadness.

Michael Did Long - April 12, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *To a lifetime friend - you will be missed!*

Frank & Carol Lutz

Frank Lutz - April 11, 2020 at 08:27 AM