



Kenneth B. LaForge

March 4, 1935 - March 5, 2022

Kenneth B. LaForge was born on March 4, 1935 in Detroit to Julius and Josephine. Kenneth passed away peacefully with his family by his side on March 5, 2022 at the age of 87.

Ken was an avid golfer was very proud to have posted two hole-in ones in his lifetime. He also loved to bowl in his “spare” time and bowled two 300 games as well. Other hobbies included breaking even at the casino, playing cards (specifically euchre) and watching golf tournaments and his Detroit Tigers on television. Happy hours filled with Southern Comfort were absolutely a part of his routine. As a young boy, little Kenny served as an altar boy with his brother, Richard, at St. Philip in Detroit. Ken was a devout Catholic and never missed a Sunday mass.

What he loved more than anything was his wife, Joan, who he has loved since he was 16 years old. Ken and Joan were happily married for 65 years and, by definition, was a true “family man” in every sense of the word. Annual family vacations to Lewiston were a tradition. Nothing pleased him more than cheering on his children and grandchildren at their sporting events. Ken was always the first to arrive, so he could get the best seat in the front row. Ken was blessed with many friends who he also traveled with frequently.

Ken’s legacy will be one of love and kindness. He will be remembered as a

man who gave the best hugs, had a huge heart and a genuine interest in other people.

Loving husband of Joan. Dear father of Robert (Kimberly), Ryan (Tee), Renee (Mark) Finkel. Loving grandfather of Sean. Devin, Andrew, Lauren, Amanda, Ava, and the late Rebekah. Dear brother of the late Fritz, Richard, Donald, and Anna Marie. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Monday, March 14, 5-8 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Road), Shelby Twp. Instate at church Tuesday, March 15 at 9:30 AM until a 10 AM funeral mass at St. Therese of Lisieux, 48115 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Compassion Pregnancy Center 37540 S Gratiot Ave Ste 100, Clinton Township, MI 48036 in memory of his beloved granddaughter Rebekah Ann Finkel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate at Church

MAR **15**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux
48115 Schoenherr Rd
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
(586) 254-4433
frontdesk@stthereseeparish.ws
<http://www.stthereseeparish.ws>

Funeral Mass

MAR **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ I just saw this obituary while checking on some former classmates. Kenny and his wife were in the same class that graduated in 1952. He was the nicest guy in the class, always polite and friendly to everyone. Happened upon him one day while he was riding his bike, and he so happily spoke of his girlfriend, Joan. His face lit up when he spoke of her. I am so sorry I missed his passing as I would definitely have attended the funeral mass. My deepest sympathy to Joan, their children and grandchildren. He indeed was a special person who deserves that spot in Heaven.

C. Elaine Marenich Fontana - November 11, 2022 at 01:43 PM

SB

“It’s been too long since I last saw Mr. Ken but one thing’s for sure – I will never forget him. I remember his voice, his laugh, his sense of humor, and his sense of pride. Mr. Ken was a proud man and for many good reasons. Growing up in Roseville just down the street from the LaForge family was an early life’s lesson in what friendships were all about. Our families shared some unforgettable times. Everyone knew he was an excellent golfer and bowler and he could tell you some stories, in great detail, about an awesome game he once played. To watch him golf or bowl was a lesson in itself for me. Fishing presented a different challenge, but he and dad showed us if you focus, wait long enough, and said your prayers the night before, you would eventually be rewarded. Maybe even with a northern pike or tiger muskie!

Mr. Ken was a positive influence in my life. He was a good man and dear friend of our family. He may have left this physical world, but his spirit lives on in the memories and hearts of so many people. May he rest in peace.

With Love,
Steve Burke

Steve Burke - March 16, 2022 at 07:37 PM



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



March 14, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth B. LaForge.*



March 13, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth B. LaForge.*



March 13, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *I will always remember Ken sitting in his garage as we walked by with our dogs and stopped to say hello. Sparky always greeted him with tail wagging and Mike talking golf with him. He will be missed by us. He was a good neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joan and his family.*
Sincerely, Mike and Sue

susan Satow - March 11, 2022 at 04:11 PM



Ken, I remember well the years at St. Philip and the years following with you and brother Richard. Mitch Housey

Mitch Housey - March 12, 2022 at 08:03 PM

BL

“ Dear Dad, where do I begin? First of all I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being my “Dad”. You’ve set such an amazing example for me on how to be a son that respects and shows honor to his parents, to be a loving husband, to be a father that loves and supports his family no matter the cost, to be a hard worker that takes pride in his work, to be a friend that nurtures and develops long lasting friendship’s, and to be a grandfather (Papa) that loves and takes pride in your grandchildren’s accomplishments. Even though you’ve lived a fulfilling life, it is hard to say goodbye, but I take comfort that I know you’ve earned your reward in heaven and you are no longer suffering. I love you “Pops”, Love Bob.

Bob LaForge - March 11, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kenneth B. LaForge.



March 11, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ 109 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 11, 2022 at 10:27 AM

VM

“ So many great memories from so many years. It started with bowling at Pampa Lanes and then came our bowling weekends away. So much fun with so many couples. I remember the week Joyce Moebs and I spent with you in Florida. We even went to Lakeland for a Tiger game. Then there was the time when Duane and I traveled to Utah for golf with the Moebs', Puskars', and the LaForges. Now all of our men are gone. I am willing to bet the four of you have a tee time up in Heaven. I wonder if there is a green up in Heaven like the one in Utah where you putted, putted and putted again. RIP, Ken. You've earned your reward. We will all be there for Joan.

Virginia Mousty - March 10, 2022 at 11:56 PM

SB

“ The memories I treasure, and will always treasure, are those of our Summer family vacations in Lewiston and Christmas Eve's at your house. I always looked forward to those getaways and get-togethers. Of course I remember the progressive dinners (yeah, I know why those were cancelled...lol), the card parties, the pool parties, the parties 'just because' and there was even some snowmobiling in the mix too. All great times, not just for me but for my parents too. You guys, 'the gang' really taught me what true friendship was all about, how you celebrated when it was good, supported each other when it wasn't and just stuck together no mater what. You all set quite an example and I'm glad I followed in your footsteps because I have the most amazing group of friends and I thank you for that. And yes, we even created our own euchre club, The BFC Girls! And we do 'happy hour' just like you did, but in all honesty it may last longer then an hour. Lol

I wish I was able to visit with you before you left, share some of these memories and thank you for looking out for my Mom after my Dad passed, for including her in your plans...golf, dinners and casino trips. (She loved that!) I'll thank you now (thank you) and again in my prayers. Here's to you, a great man I had the pleasure of knowing while growing up and one of the best friends my Mom and Dad could ever have. You're home now, no more worries, only peace and love. Look over your family from above and ask God to give them strength through this difficult time. RIP Mr. Ken.

Love,
Sandra Burke

Sandra Burke - March 10, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth B. LaForge.*



March 10, 2022 at 08:05 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth B. LaForge.*



March 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM