



Kenneth H. "Ken" Lancaster

November 4, 1931 - March 10, 2012

Kenneth "Ken" H. Lancaster, 80, of Somonauk, IL, formerly a 75 year resident of Aurora, passed away Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Provena Mercy Medical Center after a long battle with heart disease and kidney failure. He was born November 4, 1931 in Aurora, the son of the late Gladys (Muir) and Edwin Lancaster.

Ken was employed by Western Manufacturing Co. from 1947 to 1970. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. After leaving Western Manufacturing, Ken went to work at Equipto for 22 years until the factory closed. He also worked for District 129 at Greenman School for two years as a janitor before retirement. Ken was a life member of the Amvets and the Phoenix Club, and was a long time member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1606.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 50 years, Jan; his children, Kristy (her significant other Curt Deufel), and Michael (his fiancé Kelly Thorpen) Lancaster; his grandchildren, Cara, Michaela and TeeJay; his sisters, Rev. Eleanor Lancaster of Black Canyon, AZ, Vera Stubing of Sun City, AZ, and Judy (Michael) Hentges of Buckeye, AZ; numerous nieces , nephews and friends; special son and wood supplier, Chris Federman; special "Scorpio" sister, Joni Roscoe; and his canine buddies, Molly, J.R. and Butch.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, LeRoy, Larry and Donald; and his sister, June Hiemenz.

Ken was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed planting a garden and growing peach trees, and wood working. He also loved cooking and was known to many as “Kenny Crocker”. Ken was a big Green Bay Packers fan. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Dr. Sean Rardin and staff, Dr. J. Sayeed and Dr. Dodhia of Dreyer Medical Clinic, Fresenius Medical Care and staff and DeKalb County Home Care.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 16, 2012 at 1:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY. Pastor Damian McCrink will officiate with interment in Lincoln Memorial Park. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL, 60606. 630-631-5500. Please visit our new interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park

675 Route 30
Aurora, IL 60503

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth H. "Ken" Lancaster



Daleiden Mortuary - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My Memories of Kenny go way back to when I was a lad of about 14, my buddy Gary had the Beacon News Paper route that included the Lancasters House. Every friday I made sure I went with him when he went collecting his dues at the Lancaster's house so Gary and I could get a glance at his Pretty Wife. Back then being a young teen at the end of the 60's our only interest was being able to check out Jan :), but through the years I seen Kenny as a very Funny Man, every single time I ran in to him he would say something comical to make me laugh and it usually worked...:).
I'm so sorry for your loss Jan,..He was a GREAT MAN and he will be missed a lot.

Dean Dokken

Dean Dokken - March 17, 2012 at 09:26 AM

CF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Cara Federman - March 15, 2012 at 02:44 PM

CF

“ *I Love you papa*

Cara Federman - March 15, 2012 at 02:43 PM

CF

“ *Cara Federman lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth H. "Ken" Lancaster*



Cara Federman - March 15, 2012 at 02:43 PM

TF

“ *Kenny you were always the life of the party. I will cherish the time I had with you. I will never forget when myself, Mike, Kristy and Chris would always wonder what crazy or funny thing will Kenny do at this family function. You always made us smile. And I am so thankful for the way you loved and cared for Michaela she will never forget her Papa. Love you Dude. Trish*

Trish Flondor - March 15, 2012 at 02:23 PM

TF

“ Trish Flondor lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth H. "Ken" Lancaster



Trish Flondor - March 15, 2012 at 02:17 PM

DT

“ Dawn Tesch lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth H. "Ken" Lancaster



Dawn Tesch - March 14, 2012 at 10:41 AM

LB

*Mike, we are very sorry for the loss of your dad. i hope you and your
family can find some comfort knowing he is at peace*

Leigh Ann & Mitch

Leigh Ann Blasen - March 14, 2012 at 02:52 PM

DT

“ Dawn Tesch purchased the Dish Garden with Fre
sh Cut Flowers for the family of Kenneth H. "Ken"
Lancaster.



Dawn Tesch - March 14, 2012 at 10:28 AM

JH

“ *Uncle Kenny was certainly one in a million. He always had a kind word when we came home to visit and that boyish smile was always present. To Janice, Kristy and Michael we send our condolences and prayers. Love to all, Jim and Phyllis Hiemenz.*



Jim Hiemenz - March 14, 2012 at 02:49 AM