

Ken "Kenny" Robert Seibert

March 11, 1949 - September 27, 2016

Kenneth "Kenny" Robert Seibert, 67, of Manteno, Illinois passed away Tuesday, September 27th, 2016 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, in Kankakee.

He was born March 11, 1949 in East Liverpool, Ohio, the son of Donald Seibert and Thelma (Welsh) Seibert (both deceased). On July 13, 1975 he married the love of his life, Mary Ann Green in Pontiac, Illinois.

Ken was a navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

He graduated from East Liverpool High School. Received an Associate's degree from Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois and completed the electrician apprentice program at Caterpillar Inc.

Ken was a maintenance electrician, retiring from Pactiv Corporation in Frankfort, Illinois. He previously worked at Caterpillar in Mossville, Illinois and the Army Arsenal in Wilmington, Illinois. He had a strong work ethic which was evident by his lawn care business for the elderly mobile home community in Manteno. Ken loved working with wood. He enjoyed spending time in his workshop making custom oak furniture for family and friends.

Ken was an avid sports fan whose favorite team was The Ohio State Buckeyes. He enjoyed attending OSU football games with his son Andy. Ken had an eclectic taste in music, be it Benny Goodman, Gaither Gospel, or Michael Jackson. Ken loved food, he liked to say "People eat to live, I live to eat".

Known as the "Button Man" for The Compassionate Friends, an international

support organization for families who have had a child die, Ken attended 14 consecutive National Conferences making over 25,000 picture buttons of children for families in honor of his deceased daughter, Samantha.

Ken lived for his family. He loved to coach both his children's sports teams. He coached baseball, basketball, soccer, and softball. He never missed any of his children's extracurricular activities. He enjoyed taking his family on trips throughout the United States; having visited all but two of the continental states with his family.

Ken had a strong faith in Christ. He knew he was saved by the blood of Jesus. After his cancer diagnosis one of his main goals was to witness to everyone he came in contact with. Ken was excited to see his daughter Sammy and Grandma Green in heaven.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years Mary, son Andy, sister in law Ruth (Greg) Campbell, a niece and nephew, and their families. His daughter Samantha preceded him in death on December 30, 1996 and his mother in law, Mary E. Green on July 11, 1998.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 10:00am followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:00am at First Baptist Church in Manteno, Illinois. Pastor D.R. Abbott officiating. Brown Funeral Home of Manteno is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Kankakee Area Compassionate Friends PO. Box 1282, Bourbonnais, Illinois or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Sign his guestbook at www.brownfhmanteno.com

Cemetery Details

Cremation rites will be accorded

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Manteno
Manteno, IL

Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Manteno
Manteno, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Ken "Kenny" Robert Seibert

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Cathy L Seehuetter lit a candle in memory of
Ken "Kenny" Robert Seibert



Cathy L Seehuetter - October 05, 2016 at 05:14 PM



PS I can only imagine the joyous reunion of Kenny and your precious daughter Samantha, Mary - hugs, Cathy

Cathy L Seehuetter - October 05, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ Dear Mary and family, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your wonderful Kenny. Reading his obituary, I can tell even more what a great and loving family man he was. He will be so missed at the button table at our national conferences. He worked so hard to get all those buttons out so that the families could have their children, siblings and grandchildren's pictures on a button close to their hearts. I have been thinking of you since I heard the news, Mary, and I am wrapping you close in hugs. With my most sincerest sympathy and love, Cathy Seehuetter

Cathy L Seehuetter - October 05, 2016 at 05:13 PM

DB

“ *Best friend that anyone could ever have. Dave & Linda Burcham*

David Burcham - October 03, 2016 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ *Carol McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Ken
"Kenny" Robert Seibert*



Carol McIntyre - October 01, 2016 at 03:21 PM

KB

“ *Mr. Seibert was such a caring and loving man who always put his family first. I was lucky enough to witness this as a child when I would spend the night at the Seibert house with my close childhood friend Sam. He was always doing things to make everyone laugh as well as share his faith in God with all he would meet. As sad as it is to hear of his passing, I know he is up in Heaven giving many hugs and kisses as well as playing Volleyball with Sam. Mary and Andy, my heart, hugs and prayers go out to you both! Love, Kerrie (Zimmer) Blanton.*

Kerrie Zimmer Blanton - September 30, 2016 at 02:33 PM

TT

“ *So sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. We played almost every day when we lived on Sophia Street.*

Tom Thornton

Tom Thornton - September 30, 2016 at 07:31 AM

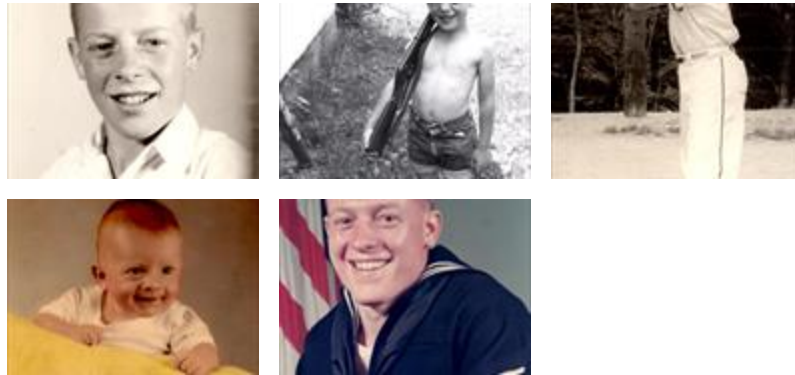
TJ

“ Ken was a wonderful friend, enjoyed our talks,lunches,and especially doughnut breaks at Pactiv with him. A wonderful father and husband. He enjoyed life, family, friends to the fullest. His face would glow when he talked about his family.Ken could take a piece of wood and turn into a masterpiece. He was taken to soon from his family and friends. Today heaven has a new Angel. Look at Heaven tonight, you will see a bright star,it is Ken eating a doughnut covered in peanuts. We will always love him and miss him.
Blessings to all Tom and JoAnn

Tom and JoAnn - September 30, 2016 at 06:09 AM

AS

“ 24 files added to the album New Album Name



Andy Seibert - September 30, 2016 at 12:02 AM

Bonnie
Kuiken

“ I remember how hard he worked making buttons for all those families who so proudly wore them in memory of their children. I know now he is seeing his Samantha face to face. Bonnie Kuiken

Bonnie Kuiken - September 29, 2016 at 05:39 PM

AS

Thank you for the kind comments. My dad took great pride in making the buttons.

Andy Seibert - September 30, 2016 at 12:07 AM

KC

“ *My deepest sympathy.*
Kathy Caise



Kathy Caise - September 29, 2016 at 02:06 PM

BJ

“ *Mary and Andy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Oh the celebration his must be having with Sam. Love to you both.* Barb Jackson

Barb Jackson - September 29, 2016 at 12:37 PM

KC

“ *Ken, we are glad you are now with our Heavenly Father and with Sam. Will miss you but know that we will see you again in Heaven. Mary and Andy, our deepest condolences on your loss.*

Kathy Cavitt - September 28, 2016 at 09:24 PM

LA

“ *Sorry for the loss of your brother patsy!*

Laurie - September 28, 2016 at 08:57 PM

AS

Patsy has to live with the guilt of not being involved in her brother's life for the past 30+ years.

Andy Seibert - September 30, 2016 at 12:05 AM

PB

Andy, God knows the truth.

Pat Benoit - October 01, 2016 at 11:24 AM

GL

“ *I was lucky enough to work with Ken for a few years he shared many great stories about friends and family. Ken I hope you find the piece you've been looking for you were a great friend and you will truly be missed .*

Gloria Wollenzien

Gloria - September 28, 2016 at 03:52 PM

AS

Thank you for seeing in Ken what he saw in you. My dad didn't regret retiring from Pactiv but he often spoke about the people he worked with and how he missed their company.

Andy Seibert - September 30, 2016 at 12:09 AM

DK

What a great guy.

Dave Kuiken - September 30, 2016 at 05:42 PM

JG

“ *Mary & Andy: I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my prayers...JoAn Giroux*

JoAn Giroux - September 28, 2016 at 03:48 PM

CN

I was raised nearin East Liverpool and went to school with Kenny and his sisters, I am so sorry for your loss, to his sisters Patsy and Tammy who are still living.

Carolyn Nentwick - September 29, 2016 at 08:51 AM

CR

Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Kenny like it was yesterday. What a sweetheart! So excited we will see each other again in Heaven! Be blessed and know that God has you and Andy surrounded with His loving arms! Christi (Harris) Rose

Christi Rose - September 30, 2016 at 02:37 PM