



Kenneth James Burnette

June 27, 1949 - April 11, 2023

Kenneth James Burnette, 73, of Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2023, at Munson Medical Center after his long hard fight. Kenneth was born in Flint, MI to the late Aaron Burnette and the late Edith Smith. Ken would later go on to marry the love of his life Eleanor (Lafortune) Burnette, and they spent the next 47 years by each other's side. Ken spent his younger years in the Marching band playing drums at Goodridge High School where he graduated in 1968. He proudly served in Vietnam, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal & 2nd OLS, and the Bronze Star Medal. The next 38-plus years were spent at General Motors at numerous plants in Southern Michigan, he then retired from Bay City Powertrain in 2005. He loved Drag Races, wrestling, wrenching on cars, playing pool, and helping others. Ken will be missed by all and remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Ken will be lovingly remembered by his wife Eleanor Burnette; daughters Julie Burnette, Amy (Dean) Stephenson, Karen (Josh Hutchinson) Burnette, Amanda (DJ) See; son Kenneth (Rachel) Burnette; nine grandchildren Angel Burnette, Kenneth (Samantha) Burnette, Alyssa Kollar, Lily Hutchinson, Ruby Stephenson, Maggie Stephenson, Dean Stephenson, Logun See, Archer See; and great-grandchildren Kenneth James Burnette the 4th, and Olivia Burnette; sister Patricia Ball; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Donnie Burnette. A graveside service will be held at the Orange Township

Cemetery, also known as Lodi Cemetery, on Saturday, April 22 at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the local American Legion post #480 at P.O. Box 205, Kalkaska, MI 49646. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Cemetery

5219 M-66
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burnette.* ”



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