



Kenneth J. Hinton

September 29, 1957 - October 19, 2019

Kenneth “Ken” James Hinton, 62 of Livingston County, formerly of Kingsley, passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Ken was born at St. Joe’s in Pontiac on September 29, 1957 to Ernest Hinton and Margaret DeGryse. He spent his childhood in the Warren/Fraser area.

After graduating from Fraser High School he attended Oakland University where he received a Bachelor’s degree in business. Using that degree, he then completed and passed the CPA exam. This CPA certification was the spring board for numerous business and career opportunities. Ken was currently employed as the Livingston County Administrator.

Ken was dedicated to his family; they were his motivation. His friends held a special place as well, and he enjoyed his time with them. He was known to be a great listener and in turn was a mentor to many with his problem solving attitude and dry sense of humor. Fall was Ken’s favorite time of year; he loved to be outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He was also an avid reader; he loved humor, classics, and any news information.

Ken is lovingly remembered by his wife Dawn Hinton, children: Kenneth W. Hinton of Sterling Heights, Aarran Larie (Rob) Meier of Sterling Heights, Trina Lynn (Joe) Gentilia of Troy, Kyle Alan (Katrina) Hinton of Commerce Twp.; grandchildren: Elizabeth, Noah, and Sarah Meier, Ashlyn and Vincent Gentilia, and Luna Hinton; great grandchild: Anthony Gentilia-Jordano, nephew: Adam (Kate) Hinton, niece: Ashlee Hinton as well as many nieces and nephews, siblings: Ernest Hinton, Mike (Sue) Hinton, Kevin Hinton, Kathleen Hinton.

The family will receive friends from 4-8pm on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 at the Kalkaska Church of Christ, final visitation will begin at 10:00am. Memorial contributions may be made in Ken's honor to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ
1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW
Kalkaska, MI 49646
<http://www.kccwired.com>

Graveside Service

OCT **25** (ET)

Lodi Cemetery
5219 M-66
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall

AN

“ Dear Ken's Family,

Words fail to express how truly sorry I am about the loss of Ken. I had the honor of working with Ken at Livingston County and to say he made an impact on our county, is an understatement. Ken was truly one of the good ones. To be around him was special. The way he listened and cared made you feel like you got to be around something that so often feels missing in the world.

I'll cherish the meetings I had with him discussing how to spice up the county newsletters. He always suggested adding pictures of kittens to make me laugh. The best part of our meetings were when we would just make small talk. Ken was such an interesting guy! More than once I had to share his engaging stories about being up north. Stories including bears were frequent and my favorite. I promise I'll sneak a few pictures into the newsletters of kittens or bears just for him.

Ken's sense of devotion to the county and overall greater good was inspiring. Seeing how hard Ken worked always pushed those around him to be better. I hope he knew just how grateful I was to him for all of the opportunities he made possible and making me feel like a valued employee.

My heart goes out to everyone in your family at this time. Know that you are definitely in my prayers. Ken will be greatly missed.

- Allison Nalepa

Allison Nalepa - October 25, 2019 at 10:11 AM

NK

“ *Dear Dawn and Family:*

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I was Ken's support personnel at Wexford County. We worked together for five years, he hired me. I remember Ken was a proud husband and father. He spoke highly of his family. We will all miss Ken.

I shared his passing with my previous co-worker, Diana, who currently resides in Florida. Ken also hired her and she is passing along her sympathy to you and yours.

Norma Kijorski

Norma Kijorski - October 24, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 24, 2019 at 10:23 AM

DH

“ *I was shocked to hear of Ken's passing. I fondly remember my four years working for him in Wexford County and kept in touch since his move to Livingston County. Words cannot express how truly sorry I am for your loss. Prayers to you and yours.*



Diana Harris - October 24, 2019 at 10:22 AM

CC

“ *Christian Financial and The Honors Banking Class purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



Christian Financial and The Honors Banking Class - October 24, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 24, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 23, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 23, 2019 at 06:38 PM

ED

“ *Eva Arquette, Duane and Judy Douglas purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



Eva Arquette, Duane and Judy Douglas - October 23, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 23, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 23, 2019 at 11:41 AM

JR

“ *Dear Dawn and Family,
Please accept my deepest sympathies to you and your family. My family and I are keeping you in our prayers and thoughts. I worked with Ken since he arrived in Livingston County. He was a great leader and a very thoughtful and talented person. He will be greatly missed by my colleagues and myself.
Jim Rowell – Building Department Director*

Jim Rowell - October 23, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.



October 23, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Unbelievable! Dawn and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. When I heard of his passing, I reflected on my early days with him at MMS. He was a great businessman who lead by example of honesty, sincerity and professionalism. I also reflected on my friendship with him to this day. Our conversations about business, politics, family and life. I admired him for his devotion to his wife and family. He was a great guy who will be sorely missed. God bless!

John Durocher

John N Durocher - October 23, 2019 at 08:33 AM



John this is Aarran Ken's step daughter, my mom would like to get in touch with you. She did send a letter to the address she has. If you could touch base with her she would greatly appreciate it! Her email address is dawnhinton@hotmail.com

Aarran Meier - March 08, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ -John McDonald purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.



-John McDonald - October 23, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 22, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 22, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 22, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Hinton.*



October 22, 2019 at 04:52 PM

JP

“ Dawn and family, We are so sad to lose Ken. Ken was a wise leader and a kind and good man. We worked closely on County issues and I miss his humor and wisdom. He always spoke of you with adoration and was so proud of his kids and grandkids. We miss him greatly and our hearts go out to you.

-Jennifer Palmbos, Human Resources Director for Livingston County



Jennifer Palmbos - October 22, 2019 at 03:36 PM

MN

“ Dear Hinton Family: We had the pleasure of working with Ken on many projects as civil counsel for Livingston County. He was incredibly skilled and a great person to interact with as County Administrator. Over the years he shared many stories about you and he was very proud and focused on his family. On behalf of our firm and myself, we are sorry for your loss. Please know that Ken was a positive influence on us and we will remember and honor his legacy. Matt Nordfjord, Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C.

Matt Nordfjord - October 22, 2019 at 03:33 PM

CJ

“ Dawn & Family: May peace be with you during this time. Livingston County will always be thankful for the years Ken gave to us.
Ken's Secretary - Carol Jonckheere



Carol Sue Jonckheere - October 22, 2019 at 01:59 PM