



Kenneth Leroy Stoddard

March 12, 1945 - September 30, 2022

Kenneth Leroy Stoddard, 77, of Rapid City, Michigan was called home on September 30th, 2022. Ken was born in 1945 in Kalkaska County, Michigan, as the youngest of 6 children to Juanita and Orson Hilmer Stoddard. Ken was a veteran of the United States Army and spent most of his service time in Germany where he served his country proudly supporting command staff stationed there. In his younger years, Ken was the local volunteer fire chief where he served the community's needs day and night. He faithfully worked a lengthy career at Chef Pierre/Sara Lee Corporation meeting many of his longtime friends where he retired proudly after 32 years. A true Michigan man, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, tinkering in the garage and programming scanners to keep an ear for what was happening around the area. Ken took pleasure in cooking for a big family, even if only a few members showed up as he never wanted anyone to go hungry. A principled man, he believed a man's word meant something. Kenny was a formidable comedian, always trying to elicit a laugh or a smile. He loved his dogs as they loved him in return enjoying his retirement. We know Ken is celebrating with his loved ones in Heaven and still listening to Bob Seger songs shuffle in the background. Ken is survived by his loving wife Dawn (Miller) Stoddard of Rapid City, sons Brad (Jennifer) Stoddard of Dewitt, MI, and Kevin (Kelley) Stoddard of St. Johns, FL, daughter Kendra (Richard) Harris of Jacksonville, FL. Ken is also survived by his grandchildren: Jared Harris, Paige Stoddard, Victoria Stoddard, Cole Stoddard, Jade Harris, Ryan Stoddard, and Aiden

Harris. Ken is also survived by his sisters Phyllis Stoddard of Kalkaska, MI, and Kay (Richard) Gabler of Rapid City, MI. as well as many beloved in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, and a host of friends. He will be missed. He was preceded in death by his father, Orson Hilmer Stoddard, mother, Juanita Stoddard, brother, Charles (Chuck) Stoddard, sisters Maryann Glick, Sally Robinson and a spouse, Harriet Guy. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 12-4 at Kalkaska Funeral Home with military honors performed at 2 pm. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT 8. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Military Honors

OCT 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Joe & Sharon Holmes, Rob & Penny Durbin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



Joe & Sharon Holmes, Rob & Penny Durbin - October 07, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



October 07, 2022 at 09:27 AM

FG

“ Florence Gabler purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



Florence Gabler - October 06, 2022 at 02:21 PM

WS

“ Walt Michele Smalley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Stoddard



Walt and Michele Smalley - October 06, 2022 at 11:01 AM

MT

“ MCM Technology purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



MCM Technology - October 06, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



October 06, 2022 at 08:23 AM

WS

“ Dawn and family,

Heartfelt condolences to you all

You have been in our prayers.

I can still see Ken in his Sara Lee uniform

“running his line”

He always seemed to have a little joke and a smile to share.

Also, at the end of his run, he seemed to have a “strut” in his step as he was on his way home.....

May he be enjoying the beautiful music of the heavenly angels now.....

He sure will be missed, but we hope a pray that we will see him again

God bless and love you,

Michele and Walt Smalley



Walt and Michele Smalley - October 06, 2022 at 01:10 AM

WS

“ *Walt And Michele Smalley lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard*



Walt and Michele Smalley - October 06, 2022 at 12:44 AM

MS

“ *Marcia and Max Schneider purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.*



Marcia and Max Schneider - October 05, 2022 at 07:33 PM

MR

“ *MPSCS RPU/TDU, C Kuhl, S Rand purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.*



MPSCS RPU/TDU, C Kuhl, S Rand - October 05, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.*



October 05, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.*



October 05, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *Tony and Suzi Gerstberger purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.*



Tony and Suzi Gerstberger - October 05, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *Dawn and family,
May our loving Lord put His arms of comfort, strength, love and peace around you. Kenny was a great guy with a sense of humor that gotcha when you least expected. Loved it! I will miss that guy, for I will never forget how he helped me at Sara Lee ,especially when I didn't know what was expected of me on the line. Thanks again Kenny!
I love the pic that you chose to have in Kenny's obit... that's Kenny. He will never ever be forgotten. RIP handsome Kenny!*



Darlene Miller

Darlene Miller - October 05, 2022 at 08:17 AM

TW

“ Ken & Dawn always had an open door. Ken used to make the best pizza from scratch. He would put almost anything on it. It always turned out so good. I'll never forget the good ole days in the bakery at Sara Lee. We worked together for 16 years there. After he retired and I quit, we always stayed in touch. I sure will miss his random calls, just calling to see how things were going.

Tracey Weatherholt - October 04, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



October 04, 2022 at 05:10 PM

KM

“ Kim Micheau lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard



Kim Micheau - October 04, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



October 04, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Truly he loss of a great guy! Ken, I hope you can find someone to play cards with up there! Condolences to the entire family!

Cindy Ingalls - October 04, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leroy Stoddard.



October 04, 2022 at 11:22 AM