

## Ken C. Lawn

May 19, 1933 - August 30, 2023

Ken C. Lawn, 90 of Leesburg, Florida passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at Lake Port Square Health Care Center as he listened to Frank Sinatra singing, "I did it my Way". Ken's signature song.

Ken was the only child of the late Chester and Mary (Zionts) of Cicero, Illinois. He spent many days exploring the museums of Chicago, especially the Museum of Science and Industry. Ken's career in graphic arts began in high school and spanned over thirty years with Schawk Graphics in Illinois. He was a Veteran of the Korean War, serving the United States Army.

Ken will be fondly remembered by his many friends in Illinois and Florida.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Lael Lawn, four children, Karen Kirchner, James (Teri) Lawn, Jeffrey (Fawn) Lawn, Randy (Cindy) Lawn, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memories of good times with him will live on.

He was preceded in death by his oldest son Gary Lawn and son in law James Kirchner.

A celebration of Life is planned for October 6, 2023, 3:00 PM at Lake Port Square with interment at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 6. 3:00 PM.

Lake Port Square

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ Ken and Lael were an inspiration for me, role models of a wonderfully paired couple. They were always together, enjoying each other's company, supporting each other and sharing all of life's experiences with a positive attitude. When the situation changed and Ken needed Lael in a different way, their real courage and loyalty showed. Thank you, Ken and Lael, for giving us examples of how love behaves. Ken will be missed. and we will continue to cherish Lael in his memory.

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**Betty Gurany** - October 06, 2023 at 04:54 PM

VC

“ I remember visiting Grandma Lael and Grandpa Ken's house regularly in Bloomingdale, IL. Grandpa Ken had a distinct deep voice you could hear throughout the entire house. I remember him sitting on his Lazy Boy watching StarTrek and MASH as I went through his office space playing with his fancy gadgets for hours. One of my favorite times of year was Christmas morning. No one could go hungry with his Polish sausage, scrambled eggs and pierogies. I only got to play the Lotto on Christmas morning at Grandma and Grandpa's house after opening the carefully silver wrapped gifts. I loved packing into the magenta huge striped van and going up to Prairie Du Chein - it was there, I stole and hid his cigars....you're welcome. Thank you for all the personalized cards over the years for every celebration! I am so happy I was able to see you in May. What a full life you had as a husband, colleague, friend, father and grandfather as evident by all of the loved ones who came to celebrate your life. Rest in peace - Vicki

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**Vicki Chiaro** - October 05, 2023 at 05:22 PM

DH

“ I have known Lael and Ken since 1997, first starting at Royal Highlands, (where I live), and since 2015, Lake Port Senior Living, (where I work). Ken was a wonderful person, a real delight to know through these many years. Ken had an infectious sense of humor, and he was always very happy to see you. Ken did a lot of volunteer work at Royal Highlands and Lake Port Senior Living, including entertainment. He always had a big heart, and he was very kind. He will be greatly missed.

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**Dana Hall** - September 30, 2023 at 04:22 AM

RH

“ This is a tribute to my fellow resident and friend Ken Lawn. We shared many common interests, including sponsoring Super Bowl Sunday betting parties at LPS, the future of electric cars, the need for charging stations, and the need to convince Lake Port Square Management they needed to be pro-active in that area. He often clipped articles from magazines and sent them to me, and then we discussed. Ken had precious qualities, including being pragmatic, and maintaining a general cheerful and positive attitude during his long ordeal. Above all, he maintained a sense of humor to the very end. Rest in Peace Ken Lawn.

*Ruud and Barbara Hartog*

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**Ruud Hartog** - September 24, 2023 at 03:21 PM

JL

“ Four words describe my dad

*Father*

*Loving*

*Mentor*

*and Friends well*

*I will miss you*

*I will miss your voice*

*I will miss your laugh*

*Love you Father*

*Jim*

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**james Lawn** - September 21, 2023 at 05:20 PM

EC

“ It all started at Dogtooth Lake in Ontario, Canada too many years ago to remember. Ken was there with family of children, Lael and Troubles, their dog. After a couple of times with us returning from fishing and having nice stringers of walleye, Ken had to come to our camper and inquire as to how we were doing that. Thus the story was born. We became friends for many years, not only fishing but gun club shooting, hunting, dog adventures and many new year's together. Manhattans and great steaks always were part of our good times .

*Ken has passed, but great memories will live on. Earl & Sondra Cripe*

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**earl f cripe** - September 20, 2023 at 06:32 PM

CS

“ As we review Ken’s life, we are struck by his incredible generosity in his willingness to apply his time and energy to work on problems in the community. In the early days at Royal Highlands he and Lael worked on several projects to make the community a better place. These projects included managing the ecology of the community lakes, president of the Fishing Club, leading the Great Hall Entertainment Program, and building a bocce ball court. Royal Highlands should be raising a monument in honor of the Lawn family. I’m sure that he has had a similar impact in the Lakeport Square community. We will miss him. May he rest in peace.  
The Sharps,  
Werner and Charleene

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**Charleene Sharp** - September 17, 2023 at 07:25 PM

PL

“ Our dear friends from the old days,  
The best of the best, always giving and never saying no.  
When we meet again I am sure it will be in Bennigan’s having our favorite sandwich and beverages.  
All our Love, Peace, and Prayers.  
Peter, Monika and family.



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**Peter Liter** - September 16, 2023 at 07:24 PM

DA

“ Ken will be missed. I played cards with Lael and Ken two ice a week with many happy laughs and groans. Plus our thirteen week dinner date every night during COVID. He was a very special person.

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**Doreen Austrevich** - September 15, 2023 at 07:28 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen - September 15, 2023 at 02:30 PM

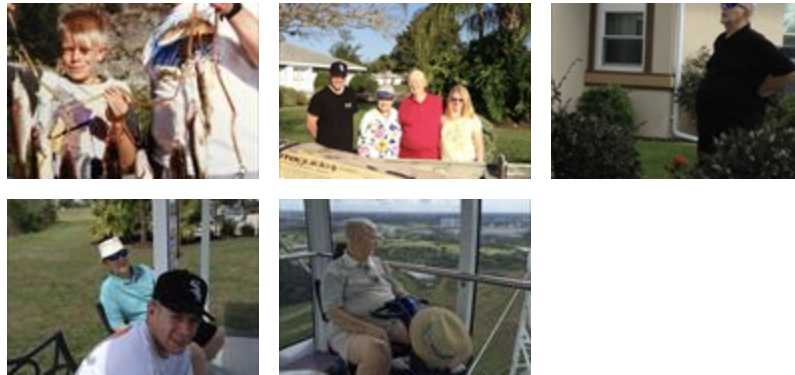
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Grandpa gave two dollar bills to the Grandchildren every time he saw them.

Lael - October 25, 2023 at 04:39 PM

KA

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Karen - September 15, 2023 at 12:58 PM

HS

“ I first met Ken at our Friday night poker game at lake Port Square. I liked him immediately and we became casual friends. When he went to the health center, I stopped by to visit him on my weekly Sunday donut run to Assisted Living and the Health Center. I gave him a raspberry jelly filled donut and he asked for a "Boston Cream" for Lael. This became a standard Sunday ritual. We had some wonderful discussions especially about business, philosophy, medical insurance and how Lake Port Square should be run. We got to know and respect each other. Knowing he liked poker I asked him if he would be interested in playing two handed poker. His eyes lit up at the suggestion and that was the beginning of our two, and sometimes three, handed weekday poker games in the health center lounge. We had some wonderful conversations across the poker table and some really interesting games. I must admit we both enjoyed our two-handed sessions and the various games we came up with. He gave me a poker book so I could look up poker games for two people. Of course, we played with chips and over the course of many months I came out 15 cents ahead (of which he still owes me, but we'll let that pass.) I will long remember Ken as one of "the Good Guys" and I miss our visits. P.S. I kept the poker book. It is wonderful to know that Ken is now in God's comforting hands, free of pain. May Lael be comforted by that knowledge and the many friends she has here at Lake Port Square.

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**Hank Stennes** - September 12, 2023 at 11:23 AM

HS

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that I felt honored and blessed to be at Ken's bedside when he was taken to his eternal home by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. By the way, Ken was listening to his favorite song "My Way" being sung by Frank Sinatra as he breathed his last on this earth. Lael, Judy and I shed tears of sorrow but also some tears of joy that Ken was no longer in pain as his spirit left us through the open window.

*Rest In Peace dear friend.*

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**Hank Stennes** - September 12, 2023 at 11:49 AM

RB

“ Doris and I barely got to know Ken at Lake Port Square before he was gone. But it was obvious he was a man of exquisite taste when it comes to food and beverage and partners in life! Lael and all of you who are his family and friends will have many good memories to rejoice in for months and years to come. We share your loss.

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**Rod Broker** - September 12, 2023 at 10:18 AM

SR

“ Ken & Lael were our next door neighbors in Royal Highlands. We have many happy memories of Ken and Lael entertaining at their home. Ken always fixed us a Southern Comfort Manhattan with extra cherries! Yum! We also had lots of fun going to DisneyWorld, Bocce, fishing trips, & Fishing Club. Once on Ken's boat we were caught in a storm and Ken drove that boat lickety split back to the dock, but it was bucking the waves like a bucking bronco. What fun! Lael, God loves you and He will help you continue on.

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**Suzanne Rott** - September 11, 2023 at 09:13 PM

SR

“ 1 file added to the album Fishing Club Fish Fry



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**Suzanne Rott** - September 11, 2023 at 09:03 PM

TL

“ 10 files added to the album Photos from Jtklawn



Teri Lawn - September 10, 2023 at 07:16 PM

Julie  
Carol  
Truffles

“ *May Ken rest in peace with his new life and adventures in heaven. I'm so honored to have been asked to say the prayer at the funeral. I'm blessed in so many ways. Prayers and blessings for family and friends*

Julie Carol Truffles - September 07, 2023 at 05:40 AM

SP

“ *For the past 15 years Ken, along with Lael, came into my life at Royal Highlands. He taught me many things from producing a well-written program to properly making dressing for Thanksgiving. Not to be forgotten a very neat Manhattan. Both my husband, Paul and I have immensely enjoyed Ken's friendship. May he rest in peace and of course take charge of his new adventures in heaven.*

Sharon I Prefore - September 06, 2023 at 06:55 PM

RZ

*I will miss my cousin Ken forever, Many do not know that Kens father was my mothers brother and his mother was my fathers sister. How close can DNA be between two people. Will be seeing him again in the near future*

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**ron zionts** - September 11, 2023 at 01:24 PM