



## Kenneth Wayne Cartwright

April 4, 1956 - March 13, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Kenneth Wayne Cartwright, who left this world on March 13, 2025, in Leesburg, Florida. Born on April 4, 1956, in Berrien, Michigan, Kenny lived a life full of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion to family.

On October 20, 1979, Kenny married the love of his life, Connie Cartwright, and together they built a beautiful legacy—one centered on family, tradition, and countless cherished memories. He is survived by his children, Josh Bell (Jodi Bell), Jessica Keely (Matt Keely), and Jake Cartwright (Lauren Cartwright), who will carry on his wisdom, humor, and deep love for those who mattered most.

Kenny was the proud grandfather of Makenna Garrow (Nate Garrow), Taylor Hudson (Avery Hudson), Mariah Keely (Tito), Maddie Keely, Michael Keely, Emalyn Cartwright, and Jackson Cartwright. His joy multiplied with his great-grandchildren, Haven, Hallie, Navy, Ximena, Yaretzi, and Mateo, who were blessed to experience his warmth and wisdom. He is also survived by his brother James Cartwright (Debora Cartwright) and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Eugene Cartwright, Patricia Frances Cartwright, and his brother, Gordie Cartwright.

## A Life Well-Lived

Kenny dedicated his career to HVAC sales, becoming a well-respected figure at Universal Spiral Air (U.S.A.). A natural leader and mentor, he earned the title “Patriarch of HVAC Sales” and left a lasting impact on colleagues and clients alike.

Beyond work, his passions defined him. Kenny was a devoted Detroit Tigers and Lions fan—forever faithful, despite the heartbreak. “Go Blue!” was a phrase often heard from him, proudly supporting Michigan sports. He found peace on the golf course, joy in his vast music and record collection, and camaraderie as the King of Deer Camp. He loved car shows with family, Friday night bonfires with a cold Bud Light in hand, and shuffleboard battles that he often won (or at least claimed to).

Above all, family was everything to Kenny. He never missed a game, a recital, or a moment to let his kids and grandkids know just how proud he was of them. His Catholic background shaped his values and the way he cared for others.

## A Legacy of Love & Laughter

Kenny’s sense of humor and quick wit made every gathering special. He was a man of many sayings, but none more famous than:

“It’s the weekend!”—a phrase that marked the beginning of good times, great company, and unforgettable memories.

His guiding lesson? Family is everything.

His greatest tradition? “Do whatever Connie says.”

While it’s impossible to choose just one favorite memory, his family and friends will forever cherish the countless moments of laughter, love, and

lessons he left behind.

Let's raise a glass, share a smile, and celebrate the life of a man who made every moment count.

Celebration of Life Details:

Date: June 14, 2025

Time: 2:30 PM ET

Address: 3619 26th St. Dorr, MI 49323

Where stories will be shared, music will be played, and his legacy will live on in every heart he touched.

And as we remember him, we leave you with one final thought:

“On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair...”

Rest easy, Kenny. You were one of a kind.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

Residence  
3619 26th St  
Dorr, MI 49323

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Ken was the best salesman we ever had!*  
*John Cape & Scott Hendon*  
*TC Mechanical Heating & Cooling*  
*Springfield, MI*

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**John Cape** - March 20, 2025 at 09:28 AM

CC

“ *I am so sorry Connie. It's such a shock. You and your family are in my thoughts today. Kenny was a wonderful joyful man. Everyone who knew him will never forget him. He will be missed.*  
*Carla Cullitan*

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**Carla Cullitan** - March 19, 2025 at 08:51 PM

DV

“ Kenny,

*We are grateful for time spent with you and Connie over many years now. Especially grateful for having been able to spend a few days with you guys at your winter home shortly before you left us. More gracious and fun hosts can't be found. Thursday nights at The Sports Center Cafe, along with an uncountable number of places and people, will never be the same.*

*Until we meet again, love and miss you,*

*Dave, Cathy, Neil, Chris, T.J. And Liam*



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David Vaughn - March 18, 2025 at 07:01 PM

LC

“ Miss you Kenny. You are so deeply loved by all who knew you and you will be missed by so many. You were always so proud of your family and the kids, and always made sure everyone knew how much they meant to you. I know you’ll be watching over all of us and cheering on the kiddos in all that they do. Rest easy Kenny, we love you!



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**Lauren Cartwright** - March 17, 2025 at 10:28 PM

MK

“ I have so many memories with my papa, but one that never fails to make me smile is black friday's. We would get to nana and papa's around 6:00 am. Everyone would be half asleep when arriving. Enough though papa has just woken up when we got there, he would come out to the kitchen with the biggest grin on his face and say "What's up B\*\*\*\*es" This immediately made everyone laugh and put a huge smile on everyone's faces. This always gave a great start to what would be a very long day. When we'd get home, we tell papa about all of the amazing deals we got and he would look at everything we bought (even though he probably didn't care much) □ he always put others before himself □

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**Maddie Keely** - March 17, 2025 at 07:05 PM

MM

“ *I remember the fun times we had a Butche's. He was always the life of the party. Godspeed Kenny*

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**Michael Marlette** - March 17, 2025 at 06:36 PM