



## Kenneth J. Cooley

December 8, 1947 - December 20, 2018

Kenneth J. Cooley, 71, of The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, with his loving wife of 30 years, Barbara (Miller) by his side.

Born on Dec. 8, 1947 in Salamanca, NY, Ken was a son of Mary and Robert Cooley. He was a graduate of St. Bonaventure University. Ken's occupational story is rare nowadays, having begun his 45-year career working as a bread delivery person in 1967. He held a number of senior sales positions at Stroehmann Bakeries, including leading the successful restructuring of the business in New York City, and ultimately leveraging his expertise in route engineering across all of Bimbo Bakeries USA as vice president of distribution before retiring in 2012. When asked what he did for a living, Ken liked to humorously respond, "I sell soft white bread." He was well known to family and friends for his smile, heart of gold, and giving the best hugs.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Barbara; children, Christopher (Marina) Cooley, Kelly (Mike) Conlan, Michael Cooley, Joseph (Jason) DeSanto Jones; grandchildren, Katie, Andrew, and Chloe Conlan, Clementine and Henry Cooley; sisters, Diane (John) Little and Martha Gagliardi; mother-in-law Shirley Miller; brothers and sisters-in-law, William (Janice) Miller and Richard (Josie) Miller; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother; father; brother, Bobby Cooley; brother-in-law, Paul Gagliardi; and father-in-law, Robert O. Miller.

Friends and family are invited to his memorial service on January 26, 2019 at 1:00 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (142 Market St, Williamsport, PA).

Burial will occur at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family requests that in Ken's honor we be kind to one another and share a big, heartfelt hug with someone you love.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barb,  
I recently learned of the passing of your husband. Just wanted to  
pass along my condolences.  
My thoughts are with you in this difficult time.  
A friend from the past,  
Dick Neidig*

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