



Kenneth H. Wisniewski

June 7, 1941 - March 19, 2021

Ken, 79, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2021, at Cornerstone Hospice House in The Villages, FL, surrounded by his wife and daughters. Beloved husband of 56 years to Judy (Planisek). Loving father to Loren Alcala of The Villages, FL, Jill Kennon of Gloster, MS, and Robin Wisniewski of Denver, CO, and a cherished grandfather to his 10 grandchildren. He was brother to Harriete Konopinski (deceased), Tom, and Donna Tamulewicz.

Ken grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and was a proud alumnus of St. Stanislaus High School class of 1959. In 1972, he joined the Cleveland Fire Department where he was promoted to LT. and then Captain and served for 25 years. Ken worked mostly at Engine 26 on Kinsman Road, and also at Engine 9, Ladder 1, Engine 24, and Engine 38. Prior to fire service, Ken worked as a lineman with Munny Light and held other odd and fun jobs like selling used cars, moving pianos, and his favorites as an umpire for touch football and as a referee for the City of Parma.

Ken was a considerate, caring, and kind person. He influenced many lives as a father and family member. Always smiling, his humor was on the forefront - enjoying gatherings and making us laugh. The grandchildren were his number one audience while playing Santa Claus, doing magic tricks, and making balloon animals. Ken's hearing impairment, brought on mostly from his fire service, grew over time and created a communication challenge in his later

years. But his humor and laughter was everlasting, as was his eternal family focus.

Ken was a sports star. He entered the Cleveland Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame as Legacy Inductee in 2013 in the "superstar" category. In high school, Ken earned All-Conference honors multiple years as QB in football and in baseball. He was a Press Star, Pain Dealer Dream Team (4 times) member and played all-star games in both sports. Ken was a #1 Ohio scorer in 1958 (ran for 1000 yards and 24 touch downs; completed 38/63 passes), MPV, and the North Central Conference Outstanding Player. The late, great coach Len Janiak called Ken the "best player I ever coached." In baseball, he had a .350 average and was on the East All-Star Team as a catcher, and, after graduation, won the championship on Bob Feller's Class A Baseball Team (1966). Ken also played golf, racquetball, softball, ping pong, billiards, and hunted.

Ken retired from the Cleveland Fire Department after suffering a heart attack in 1995. Much of his retirement was spent golfing with friends in the Cleveland and Akron areas, and enjoying his grandchildren. Nine years ago, he and Judy moved permanently to the Villages, FL, to enjoy golf, cards, and daily sunshine.

In Ken's own words, his lifestyle guidelines were to take care of family, respect their independence, know right from wrong, and use common sense. His daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren were his eternal joy. We will miss him immensely.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 26, at 2:00 PM, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on 5323 E. County Road 462, Wildwood, FL 34785. Masks are required and ushered seating will follow CDC safety guidelines.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions "In Memory of Kenneth Wisniewski" to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation (888-411-5472) at cshospice.org/foundation/giving/.

The service St. Vincent dePaul on Friday, March 26 at 2PM, will be live streamed.

Here is the link and password:

LINK: <http://Sumtercatholic.org/funeral>

PASSWORD: svdp2021

(all lower case)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: In order to begin the video, viewers must press the play button in the center of the video player in order to prompt the password input.

However, they will not be able to put in the password prior to 1:45 pm when it is scheduled to air. Also, the stream is scheduled at 1:45 pm but the sound may be turned off until the service begins at 2:00 pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth H. Wisniewski*



May 11, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Aloha, Mr. Wisniewski. Fair winds and following seas, good sir.*

To the Wisniewski family,

May you find peace and comfort in the love and memories you shared. Sending you our heartfelt condolences.

*With love,
Aime & John Black*

Aime and John Black - March 30, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Dear Robin, Judy, and family--Sending my deepest sympathies for your loss. Wishing you peace and comfort during this very difficult time.*

Cheryl Roberts - March 30, 2021 at 08:09 PM

YH

“ Robin, Judy, and family, Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.

Yihua Hong - March 29, 2021 at 12:10 PM

BD

“ This is from Robin's friends at work. Robin, Judy, and family: We're sorry to hear about your loss and are thinking about you as you go through this difficult time. We hope you find comfort and care in each other. Our thoughts are with you.

Ben Dalton - March 29, 2021 at 11:23 AM

KG

“ Judy and family. I was deeply saddened and shocked to hear of Ken's passing. What a wonderful person he was and what a wonderful life he had! I've missed you guys since you moved away but think of you more often than you realize. Keeping you and the girls in my thoughts and prayers. So very sorry for your loss.

Ken Gowdie - March 27, 2021 at 04:19 PM

TE

“ Dearest Judy and Family,

Earnie and I are so happy we knew Ken. He had a wonderful sense of humor! May he rest forever in peace.

Tish and Earnie - March 27, 2021 at 03:16 PM

DP

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family.

Dolores and Jack Murphy. Planinsek - March 26, 2021 at 07:25 PM

GP

“ You lived a wonderful, fulfilling, and generous life.
Thank you for the inspiration.

Gene Pawlowski - March 26, 2021 at 04:54 PM

FK

“ Dearest Judy & family,
We're so sorry that we could not be there with you to celebrate the
life of Ken.
Please know that we were there in spirit as we shared his memorial
on live stream.
Sending you our love & prayers
Frank & Elaine

Frank & Elaine Kuczkowski - March 26, 2021 at 03:27 PM

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Frank & Elaine Kuczkowski - March 26, 2021 at 03:20 PM

CG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your love and your friend. While Ken and you were truly blessed to have had those 57 years together, I imagine that will make what you face now so hard.

You are well loved, Judy, and your friends want to do whatever we can to help you through this difficult time until all those memories of your life together will give you comfort.

A friend of mine told me: "I try not to cry because it ended, but smile because it happened".

I don't know if it's possible to do that right now, but in time, that's my wish for you.

My sympathy to you and your family.

Char

Char Griffin - March 24, 2021 at 10:40 AM