

Kenneth Frank Hoffman

February 28, 1934 - December 24, 2023

HOFFMAN - Kenneth Frank (February 28, 1934-December 24, 2023) died peacefully in the early morning hours on Christmas Eve under Hospice Care at his home in Cheektowaga, NY after a battle with cancer. He was 89. Kenneth was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Teresa, of 65 years; and was the devoted father of Kenneth M. (Jan), Kathryn (Herbert) Nikisch, Maryann (Lew) Reczek, Edward, Margaret (Brian) Donovan and the late David Hoffman; dearest Grandpa of Lauren (David) Vohwinkel, Jordan, Lucille, Sean, William, Colin; great-grampa of Robin. He is also survived by cousins and loving nieces; predeceased by his two sisters and will be fondly remembered as "Mr.Ken" by his kind neighbors Andrew, Courtney and Emery. Kenneth was a U.S. Army Veteran, born to the late Edward and Frances (nee Zagorski) Hoffman and raised in Buffalo's Kaisertown neighborhood. He attended Casimir Elementary and Buffalo Technical School (Hutch-Tech High School), where he honed his creative talents and technical skills which led him to a career as a draftsman in structural steel. He was the president of Tech's roller skating club and

a member of the bowling team.

He was employed by R.S. McManus Steel until they closed, and worked with many steel fabricators, including Bethlehem Steel, retiring from Community Steel in 2000. He proudly worked on the structural steel design of Rich Stadium (Highmark) in Orchard Park, NY in the early 1970s, as well as the Marine Midland Arena (KeyBank Center) and many other projects throughout western New York.

Kenneth will be remembered as a man who always put his family first and never gave up a chance to help and share his knowledge with them. He was a man of great patience and kindness. He planned many memorable family vacations, family picnics and adventures and enjoyed traveling to visit his children on both coasts of the country.

He was a Boy Scout leader and coached baseball. He attended many dance recitals, soccer and baseball games, school musicals, concerts and parades. Kenneth was a master wood craftsman who never sat idle. He made Christmas and Easter lawn figurines, wooden airplane replicas for his sons and son-in-laws, and train sets for his grandsons. He most recently worked with his son making Buffalo Bills pallets and supervised his grandson-in-law with numerous house remodeling projects.

Kenneth loved music, and played the accordion in his younger years. In his later years he enjoyed listening to polkas with the love of his life sitting outside on their swing. You could hear him whistling or humming a tune.

His grandsons are thankful for the many handcrafted toys and memories he made for them over the years and for waking up early to make them breakfast when they came for a visit and stayed overnight, for always wanting to hear about their scouting adventures and reminisce about his, and for spending time on their visits playing games, eating chicken wings and especially sharing his trick shots playing pool.

He loved to golf with his grandfather at Grover Cleveland Golf Course and loved his Buffalo sports teams. He rarely missed a Sabres or Bills game. He enjoyed baking alongside his wife, and together they made many batches of Polish Chrusciki (angel wings). He baked a perfect sour cream cheesecake, apple pie, and placek (coffee cake).

Kenneth and his late wife, Teresa, were founding parishioners of St. Barnabas R.C. Church and parishioners of St. Martha's Parish in Depew NY.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend Kenneths' Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday February 24, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock at St. Martha's Church 10 French Road Depew New York 14043. Full Military Honors will take place at the conclusion of the mass. Interment will take place at a later date.. Donations in memory of Kenneth may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo, NY 225 Como Park Boulevard Cheektowaga New York 14227. On the memo portion of your check please write Kenneth F. Hoffman. Or you may donate on-line at www.hospicebuffalo.com. Please share a favorite memory of Kenneth, leave a message of condolence or light a candle here on his tribute page. www.kevinmasonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Family and Friends

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Martha's Church
10 French Road
Depew , NY 14043

Tribute Wall

KH

“Dad, I miss you and Mom each and every day, but I'm at peace because I know you are with her and Baby David. I'm sure he's happy to be reunited with mom and you. He's waited a long time. You and Mom taught me so much over so many years. You taught me love of country, flying that flag every day til sundown. How to ice skate and participate in sports and music, but most importantly, you and Mom taught me to respect others and to be kind and help out when you can. They are values I hold true to this day. While the hurt is still fresh, it's replaced by all the great memories that live on in my heart, always. Rest in peace dear father say hello to Mom and David and dance a polka for us in heaven.....love you, Kenneth M.



ken hoffman - January 31, 2024 at 07:47 PM

SM

“The world is a darker place without you. You were one of very few . But there will be a light in my heart and in my mind where my memories of you and cherished moments spent with you will stay forever. I hope you left knowing how very special you were to me, and everyone whose lives you touched. Rest easy now 🙏🏻 □

Susan M. Meckes - January 03, 2024 at 08:48 PM

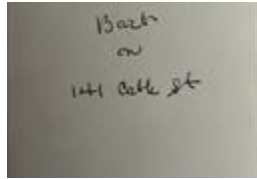
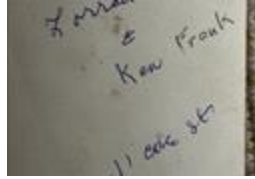
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Such kind words----thank you Susan

ken hoffman - January 31, 2024 at 07:07 PM

MR

“ Kenneth with his sisters ,Lorraine and Barbara . They grew up on Cable Street and later on Pulaski Street .



Maryann Reczek - January 03, 2024 at 08:31 PM

DB

“ I am so incredibly sorry for your loss Ed & family!! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this painful time!!

David Bonczar - January 03, 2024 at 05:20 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Maryann Reczek - January 03, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JK

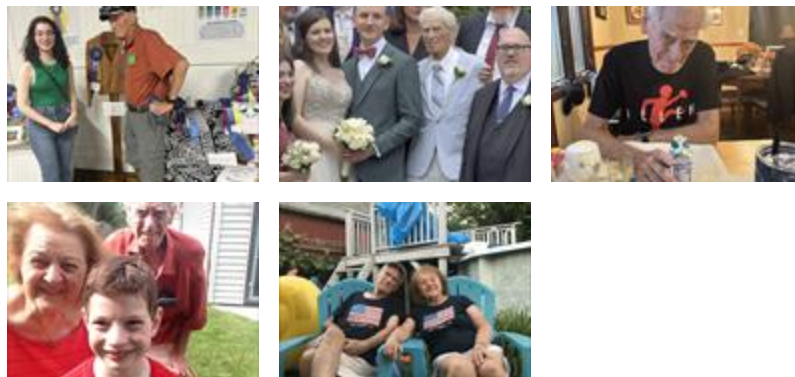
“ Ed and Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss 😞. As you know, I
grew up with you and your family on the same
street so I remember him from over 40-45
years ago! I knew him as “Mr. Hoffman” 😊.
Great guy. Good memories. May “Mr. Hoffman's” memory always be
a blessing. 🇺🇸❤️🙏



John Kozlowski - December 30, 2023 at 11:42 AM

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“ 61 files added to the album Ken's memories



Lew Reczek - December 29, 2023 at 09:19 AM

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“ To all of Kenneth's family; Please accept our deepest sympathy on
the passing of your dad. Thank you for taking the time to share so
many wonderful memories you have. Always know that we are here
to assist you in any way possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with
each of you at this time. Kevin M. Mason & Family ~Kevin M.
Mason Funeral Home~

Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home - December 29, 2023 at 08:55 AM

CN

“ *Mr. Ken was the best neighbor ever. We loved him so much for everything he did for us while my husband was out of town. My daughter Emery and I simply adored him and his entire family. Ken was family to us. He and Emery had such a special relationship. She would always call for him when we were outside playing so she could tell him about her day. We are truly going to miss him so very much. He is at peace now and reunited with his lovely wife.*

Courtney Nordin - December 28, 2023 at 06:53 PM

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Thank you Courtney-he always talked to highly of you and your family, Esp. Emery. yes, he's dancing to polkas w/his wife :)

ken hoffman - January 31, 2024 at 07:09 PM

SW

“ *Dear Kathryn, Herb & Family,
We are so saddened to hear of your dear Dad's passing. We hope you find comfort and peace in the cherished memories you shared together. You and your family are in our prayers. God Bless.
Sharon & Darrell Wilcott*

Sharon Wilcott - December 26, 2023 at 04:57 PM

KH

Thank You Sharon :)

ken hoffman - January 31, 2024 at 07:09 PM

EB

“ Ken and his wife were my very first neighbors. As a first time homeowner...I couldn't have asked for a kinder set of neighbors. I loved talking to them Over the fence as they sat in their garage or on their swing listening polka music. I'm sure they're dancing together in heaven!

Eileen Bengert - December 25, 2023 at 10:11 PM

KH

They sure did love their polkas, right? Thank you for your kind thoughts.

ken hoffman - January 31, 2024 at 07:10 PM