



Ken C. Lessing

April 25, 1942 - September 17, 2022

Ken Carl Lessing 80, of Manville New Jersey died peacefully at home on Saturday September 17, 2022 with his loved ones at his side.

He was born April 25, 1942 in Somerville NJ to Carl and Ruth Lessing. He grew up in Martinsville NJ and graduated from Bound Brook High School. He graduated from the NJ State Police Municipal Police Academy in Sea Girt NJ. He was employed with the Somerset County Park Police then as a Somerset County Sheriff's Officer until he retired in June of 1994. He was the first Police K-9 dog trainer/handler for the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, Somerville NJ.

Ken was a former member of the Martinsville Fire Department, former member of Police Benevolent Association #82, a charter member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #39, a life member of the Manville Youth Athletic League, he also served on the Manville Board of Education.

In his spare time, he enjoyed snowmobiling with his family and friends. He loved building and renovating his cabin in St. Regis Falls NY, doing small engine repair and repairing snowmobiles. In his later years he enjoyed traveling around the state fishing with his best friend Robert Gecik, they were always searching for the best hot dog spot after a day by the water or just for lunch.

Ken was predeceased by his parents and older brother Gary Paul Lessing. Ken is survived by his loving wife of 42 years Sheila, loving children Holly of Martinsville, son Shawn of Manville, and son Carl (Danielle) of Budd Lake NJ

and his two grandchildren Rylan and Makenzie. He also leaves behind his best friend and galivanting buddy Robert Gecik (Emilia) of Somerset NJ and his beloved dog Bama.

He never let his inability to walk stop him from doing the things he loved. His wish for the past seventeen years was to be able to stand, now he's free to run. Ken liked to be comfortable so we ask if you visit him that you dress comfortably too.

The Visitation will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to Somerset Regional Animal Shelter
100 Commons Way, Bridgewater NJ 08807.
Committal is private.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
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<https://www.ketusky.com>

Tribute Wall

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*“ I seem to remember three other sons: Kenny, Scott, and Ray. So sad, that even at this time, they are pushed aside, left out, forgotten.
My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Lessing family and all who are affected by Ken's life and death.*

Cathy Campbell - September 22, 2022 at 06:25 AM

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*Completely inappropriate comment, Cathy. You do not know the story and your comment simply serves a purpose of causing this family pain during a painful time.
Have compassion, and mind your business. Either give your condolences or say nothing.*

Thomas - September 22, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ken C. Lessing.



September 20, 2022 at 01:10 PM

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“ My initial contact with Ken was the MYAL club. He was always volunteering to do anything that made the organization better and safer for the kids. He was hands on in any and all of it's activity. He was a gentlemen and I had a world of respect for him. May he rest in peace that he so well deserves.

Clay Reed - September 19, 2022 at 02:02 PM

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*To Sheila and family.
Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. We have so many fond memories of time spent with Ken through out our many years of baseball , football and MYAL carnivals. He was always there to lend a helping hand. May your fond memories help you in this difficult time. I'm sorry we can't be there in person - but we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Alan and Debbie Opachinski*

Alan and Debbie Opachinski - September 21, 2022 at 06:48 PM



Between his involvement with the MYAL and the Board of Education, Ken was always one that put the children of Manville first. Ken was a good guy. I am sorry to learn of his passing.

Randy Lebedz - November 12, 2022 at 12:03 PM

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“ I was a colleague of Ken & Sheila as a Correction Officer in the 70s. Ken was a fine man. He and Sheila were a great couple. My deepest sympathies to Sheila and the family. R.I.P. Brother Ken.



Bob Douglas - September 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ E sent a virtual gift in memory of Ken C. Lessing



e - September 19, 2022 at 11:35 AM



so sorry to all members of ken's family my thoughts are with you at this difficult time..

e - September 19, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *E sent a virtual gift in memory of Ken C. Lessing*



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