



Kenneth L. DeRolf

December 7, 1950 - January 23, 2022

Kenneth L. DeRolf, 71, of Pendleton, passed away on January 23, 2022, at his home. He was born on December 7, 1950, in Hammond, Indiana.

Kenneth graduated from Calumet High School and Ball State University.

He retired as an Environmental Scientist.

He was a great outdoorsman who loved, hunting, fishing, gardening, and bird watching.

Kenneth is survived by his loving spouse of 47 years, Sherry DeRolf ; sons Clinton (Nikki) DeRolf, Eric DeRolf, Zachary (Sarah DeWit) DeRolf, grandchildren, Natalie DeRolf, Caroline DeRolf, Lauren DeRolf, Claire DeRolf, Nathaniel DeRolf, Gatlin DeRolf, Kurbie Noble; brother, Larry (Lana) DeRolf, many beloved brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as several cousins, nieces, nephews, treasured friends and his beloved dog, Mack.

He was preceded in death by his father, John DeRolf, and his mother, Leila DeRolf.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2021, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, IN followed by the service at

4:00 pm.

Cremation will take place.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Wildlife Federation.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth L. DeRolf*



Loose Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 06:22 PM

SH

“ *Dear family members,*

I just found out about Ken from the Ball State obituary section, and was saddened to learn of his passing. My name is Stew Hewitt and I roomed with Ken and several other members of the Beta Theta Bi fraternity around 1970. He and I were 4 mos. apart in age. But he always seemed a little younger, probably due to his young looks. He smiled and laughed a lot. Always a good natured person, Ken was a steadying force around many, immature college students. He was a genuinely good person. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Most sincerely, Stew

Stew Hewitt - September 08, 2022 at 02:32 PM

LN

“ Ken DeRolf was/is a great Christian friend of mine. He had a gentle way about him that drew me to him, and he had the loyalty we all look for in others. Ken was generous and trusting, allowing many (I was one) to enjoy the property he bought and restored on West Boggs Lake in Loogootee, In. I remember Ken telling me about how he enjoyed, late in the quiet evenings hearing the "clippity-clop" of Amish horses pulling buggies over the one lane road crossing a narrow on the lake. Ken was a man of vision, he saw what would be, not what was, then worked to make that vision real. He had carpentry talents rarely seen, and the patitants to make them happen. Ken suffered many years with back and others injuries suffered in automobile accidents that may have done in a lesser man, but only in passing conversation did I learn of them, he was just that way, not lamenting about himself. To me the greatest compliment I could give to Ken was that he was a mans man, yet possessed a compassionate heart and a love for Jesus. He could be tough, demanding, and adamant when required, but always had that heart of gold, full of forgiveness, wanting to restore, not destroy. It is my loss that we moved several years ago, and we lost close touch with Ken and Sherry. Ken was a good man in all ways.

Larry Nevins - January 28, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ 22 files added to the album Life Tributes



Loose Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 05:28 PM



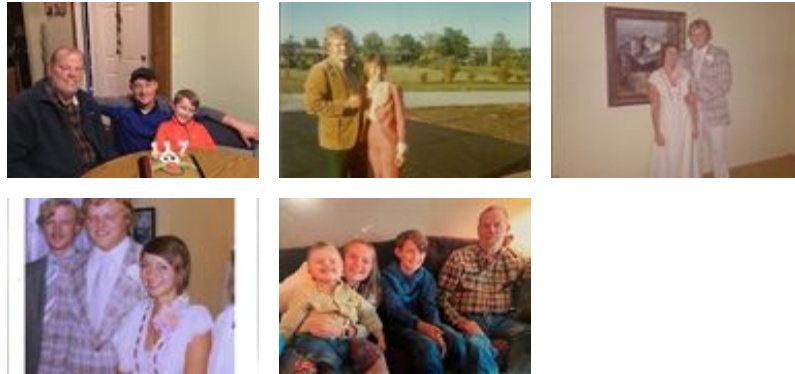
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. DeRolf.*



January 28, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *81 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *Ken was a great man, with a great family. We were all helped by him at some point along the way and we were all lucky to have known him. Our thoughts and hearts are with your family.*

Tom and Brittany Hull

Tom Hull - January 28, 2022 at 07:34 AM

LR

“ *The DeRolf's were a critical part of Ross. The family and the store were an integral part of Ross and Calumet Township. Ken was a friend and great Calumet alum. I will always remember his dad and mom helped many families of steelworkers (including the Ralph's) during the 119 day steel strike in 1959. DeRolf's let many families run a tab at the store for food items they paid back after the strike. I also we always recall Ken showing me the picture of his grandfather that was a Pinkerton agent who guarded Teddy Roosevelt! Ken was aLso a very good air quality expert enforcing the Clean Air Act for the State of Indiana as a state employee and environmental consultant with his own business. He will be missed.*

Lane Ralph - January 27, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family! I always enjoyed renting cars to Ken when he traveled for business, or for family trips. He loved to share stories of his family.*

Kimberly Gordon - January 27, 2022 at 09:15 AM

BC

“ *For a big guy, Rolfer could sure dance! The last time I saw him was at the Cantrell Open Golf Tournament. He didn't play, but would ride around and visit with his buds!
Always enjoyed his smile...*

Buc Cantrell

Bruce Cantrell - January 27, 2022 at 08:43 AM

ML

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Lindley - January 27, 2022 at 08:19 AM

ML

Always enjoyed fishing with Kenny. One of my favorite memories was with Ken and his bud Jerry in Trail Creek in Michigan City. Ken caught a fishing line and soon realized there was a large fish still attached. He was pulling in the line, almost had it in when it took off. Ken followed the fish into the creek and wrestled in the fish. At the moment I could only think of Grizzly Adam's and could not quit laughing. He did get the fish.

Michael Lindley - January 27, 2022 at 08:25 AM

ML

Lake Michigan fishing a few years ago with Jan Gillespie and Ken.

Michael Lindley - January 27, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. DeRolf.



January 26, 2022 at 08:07 PM

MB

“ *Mark & Marisa Burns purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kenneth L. DeRolf.*



Mark & Marisa Burns - January 26, 2022 at 06:15 PM

PB

“ *When Ken talked about his Ball State days, I always cracked up! Instead of doing dishes, he and his friends would toss them out a window. That poor family who rented that group their home! I'll never forget his strategy for free pizza! He will be missed! A wonderful man gone too soon. Much love to Sherry and family.*

Paula Baker - January 25, 2022 at 09:55 PM

ED

I miss you Paula! My father always spoke highly of you.

Eric DeRolf - January 26, 2022 at 12:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. DeRolf.*



January 25, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. DeRolf.*



January 25, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. DeRolf.*



January 25, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth L. DeRolf.*



January 25, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *He would share some of the funniest stories about all of his Son's and their friends. He seemed to smile with his eyes whenever I spoke with him at numerous birthdays celebrated in Lapel.*

Michelle Ward - January 25, 2022 at 12:03 PM



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Loose Funeral Home - January 25, 2022 at 08:36 AM