



Kenneth O. "Ken" Wilkerson

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Kenneth O. "Ken" Wilkerson, age 88, passed away on Monday, March 27, 2023, in Muskegon. He was born on June 6, 1934, to Homer and Bertha (Sowles) Wilkerson in Ellison Township, IL and soon after made his way to Muskegon, MI. Ken graduated from Muskegon High School class of 1952. He was a proud veteran serving his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a dedicated employee of Automatic Spring Co. working as a machine operator before retiring in 1994. Ken was an avid outdoorsman spending his time doing what he loved, hunting and fishing. In his earlier years, he enjoyed spending his time on the track drag racing. Ken was known for being a man's man, strong-willed, proud and independent. His determined spirit was balanced just right with his one-of-a-kind personality. Ken will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his three daughters, Valerie Cox, Dawn (William) Wydeck and Henrietta (Jason) Daldos; 13 grandchildren, Michael (Andrea) Cox, David (Alicia) Cox, Stacey Bowman, Koriey Szczesny, Deeana Szczesny, Jenece Gomori, Holly Wydeck, Anthony Petty, Joseph (Mary) Petty, Nikki Kary, Active Duty Mitchell (Casey) Staelens, Ryan Plumhoff and Jacob Wiggins; numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jim Wilkerson and Dan (Joyce) Wilkerson; two sisters, Marilyn Eek and Cindy Currier; and son-in-law, Rick Kary. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Robbin Wilkerson and Sandy Kary; brother, Jack Wilkerson, sister, Cookie (Gene) Gabris; and sister-in-law, Joan Wilkerson. A Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. A visitation with the family will be held one-hour prior at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to the family. Burial will take place at Fort Custer National Cemetery at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Share memories with the family at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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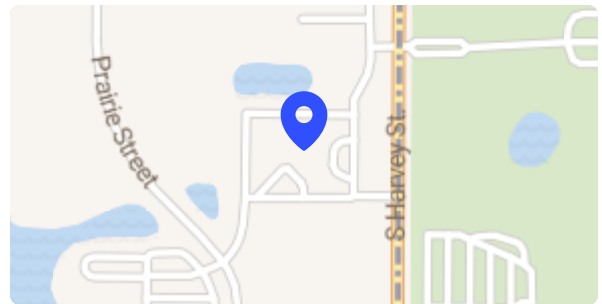
Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 1, 2023

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



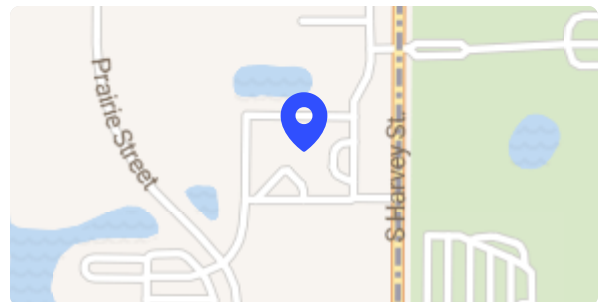
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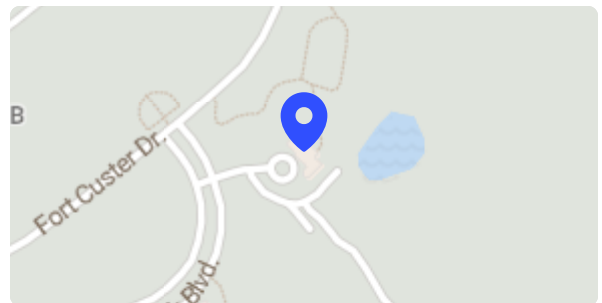
Burial

 **Thursday**, April 6, 2023

 1:00 PM ET

 **Fort Custer National Cemetery**

15501 Dickman Road, Augusta MI 49012





Tribute Wall

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Karen Carmean shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Girls, So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing, lot's of childhood memories. I liked talking to him when he would ride his bike down the road. Here's a few pictures when him and my dad (Vern Durga) we're younger 😊



April 7 at 9:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Wilkerson family.



March 29 at 9:39 AM



Jeff Wilkerson posted:

Val, Dawn, and Henri, I'm so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories with Uncle Ken that I could write forever, and will last a lifetime with me. There's not enough words to be said about Uncle Ken. He will be missed very much. He brought some beautiful girls into this world who I love so much. I'm so proud of having him as my Uncle, and I'm certain you girls are as well.

March 29 at 3:55 AM



Sandy Einberger June 22 at 4:56 AM

I am just now hearing of Ken's passing. Years ago he worked as a security guard and was assigned to out office at Child and Family Services. I remember him fondly and he always made me laugh. My condolences to you all.



Valerie Cox March 29 at 11:29 AM

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and memories of our dad.



Media

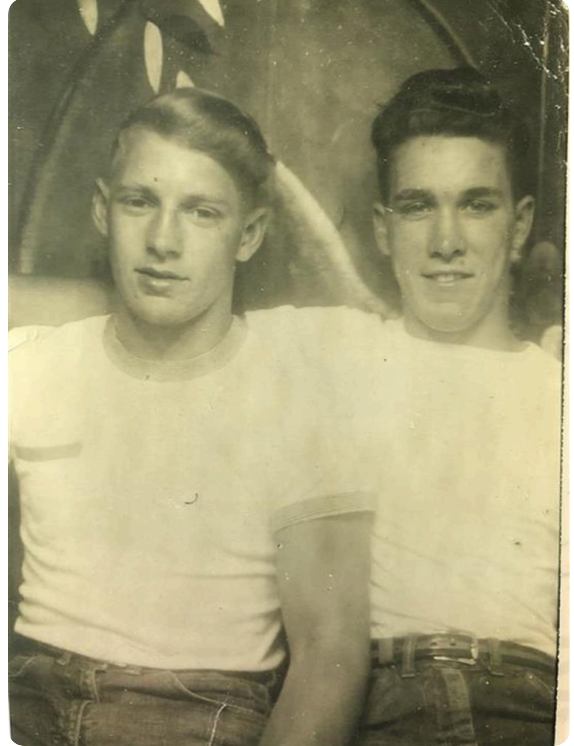
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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