



# Kenneth Kelly

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**M**r. Kenneth Kelly, age 97, of Spring Lake passed away Friday, August 4, 2023, at Grand Pines. He was born August 21, 1925, to Asa and Hazel (Easterly) Kelly.

Ken was born on the family farm in Coopersville and graduated from Coopersville High School in 1943. He enlisted in the US Navy Seabees (Naval Construction Battalion) and was assigned to the 78th Battalion where he spent 23 months in the Pacific Theatre during WWII.

After WWII Ken was accepted to Michigan State University and while he was at MSU he enlisted in the US Naval Reserve. While in the reserve Ken became a Commissioned Officer and after 20 years retired as a Lieutenant Commander.

After he was discharged from the Navy in March of 1946, he married Ruth Hasselbacher and she preceded him in death on April 28, 2018. He graduated with honors from Michigan State University in 1950 with a degree in Civil Engineering. After completing the requirements, he became a professional Engineer in the State of Michigan in 1957. He was also licensed in Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Ken's work experience included 2 years with the County Road Commission, 3 years as plant layout engineer with Brunswick Corporation, and 3 years as a product engineer for a merchandise display company. In 1956 he entered the bridge crane, hoist, and monorail industry as a product manager for Shaw Box/Budgit products until 1963 when he started Kelly Sales & Engineering. Here he worked as owner, CEO, engineer and salesperson until he retired in 2002.

Ken is survived by three sons: Roger (Michelle) Kelly, Richard (Barb) Kelly, and Scott (Deb) Kelly all of Grand Haven; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Kempker; brothers: Dr. Larry (Sandy) Kelly, and Lowell Kelly; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty and Mariellen; three brothers: James, Nathan Dale, and Asa, Jr.



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A memorial service will be held 12:00 PM Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at church. Memorial contributions in memory of Ken may be given to the [United Methodist Church of the Dunes](#), [Sgt. Alvin Jonker VFW Post 2326](#) or the [Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post 28](#). Please sign the family's online guestbook at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.



# Events

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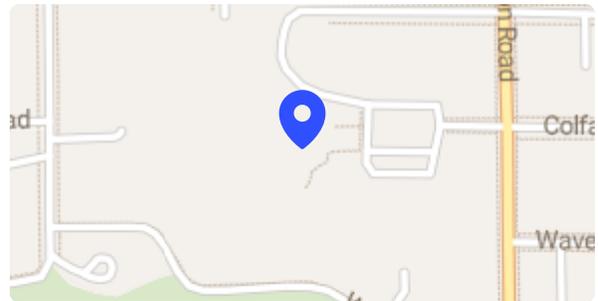
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, August 26, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **United Methodist Church of the Dunes**  
717 Sheldon Rd, Grand Haven MI 49417

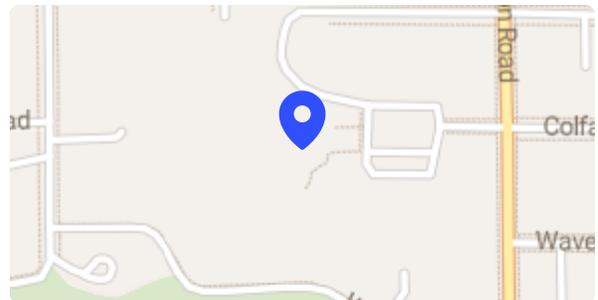


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**Jeanne Reenders** posted:

Roger, Rich, Scott & families, you have my deepest sympathy. Take comfort in knowing that Ken is once again by Ruth's side. Prayers.....Jeanne (Antonich) Reenders

August 22 at 4:25 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Kelly family.



August 21 at 5:05 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kenneth.



August 21 at 5:05 AM

JY

**John Yasenak** posted:

To Roger and Rich, you Dad was a great guy. John Yasenak

August 17 at 6:22 AM

PS

**Philip R Sielski** posted:

My thoughts and condolences to Roger, Rich and Scott, to your spouses, children and grandchildren. Ken's was a truly impressive life and example for us all.

August 15 at 8:05 AM

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**Cindy Ross** posted:

Thinking of the whole Kelly family at this time. 🙏 Ken Kelly was one of the most wonderful human beings I've ever met. What a wonderful life he had! He was one special guy and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. ❤️

August 12 at 1:58 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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