



Kenneth Lee Ahlden

June 18, 1940 - November 26, 2016

Kenneth Lee Ahlden, 76, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday (Nov. 26, 2016) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, as a result of a long illness.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. An additional time for visitation will be from 10 a.m. Wednesday until the 11 a.m. funeral services at American Lutheran Church, 1560 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais, with the Rev. Emily Sauer officiating. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery in New Lenox.

Memorials may be made to American Lutheran Church or River Valley Animal Rescue in Momence.

Kenneth was born June 18, 1940, in Cissna Park, the son of Clarence and Mabel Ahlden. He graduated from Watseka High School in 1958 and Mary Crest Business College in 1960, with a degree in business administration.

He married Linda Elliott on Sept. 24, 1960, in Watseka. She preceded him in death on May 23, 2007.

Kenneth worked at Kankakee Container Company from 1960 to 1983. He and his wife owned and operated Pac Masters Inc. in Joliet, a foam packaging and

fabricating company, from 1983 to 1999.

Surviving are his loving wife, Lynn Gregoire O'Brien, whom he married on Sept. 19, 2009.

Also surviving are his four daughters and sons-in-law, Laura (Dale) Kerouac, of Bourbonnais, Angela (Kenneth) Long, of Bourbonnais, Amy (Kevin) Rose, of Manteno, and Jill (Brian) Pawlicki, of New Lenox; six grandchildren, Kaitlin and Matthew Rose, Lauren and Lindsey Long and Cole and Julia Pawlicki; his sister, Lou Ann Clark, of Bourbonnais; his mother-in-law, Ruth Elliott; stepchildren, Michael (Jayne) O'Brien, of Groveland, Kelly O'Brien, of Peoria, Steven (Jackie) O'Brien, of Peoria, and Sean O'Brien, of Manteno; six step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren, all of whom called Ken, "Papa Ken."

In Ken's earlier years, he was an avid hunter, fisherman and bowler. He loved to travel. Ken was active in church council and involved in his children's school board committees. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family and friends and his two pets, Harry and Murphy.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; and an infant grandson, Joshua Pawlicki.

Cemetery Details

Maplewood Cemetery

337 W Haven Ave
New Lenox, IL 60451

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

American Lutheran Church
1560 Career Center Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-7515
<http://www.alcbourbonnais.org/>

Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ So sorry to hear of Ken's passing Lynn. Kathy and I were traveling and the first I heard was reading the Class of '57 page on Facebook.
I am grateful to have known Ken for a brief time and wish that I had had the opportunity to have known him better. He was a fine and gentle man.
My sympathies to all.
Russ Mann

Russ Mann - December 02, 2016 at 08:14 AM

JP

“ Ken and Linda were friends for a long time. My sympathy goes out to his girls: Laura, Angie, Amy and Jill. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Judy Von Lanken-Prairie

Judy Prairie - November 30, 2016 at 02:56 PM

FW

“ Friends Of Jill At Baird & Warner lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lee Ahlden



Friends of Jill at Baird & Warner - November 30, 2016 at 10:11 AM

RN

“ Ken was a good friend during our high school years in Watseka. I remember well when he and Linda came to our Class Reunions. May peace come to his family. Very sincerely, Richard L. Nimz, Floresville TX

Richard L. Nimz - November 29, 2016 at 11:22 PM

BK

“ *The passing of our best friend Ken has been heart breaking. He and his family have been an active part of our family for 40 years. To not be able to say good bye has made it even harder to accept. He has left us with lots of fond memories and will never be forgotten. We send our love and condolences to Lynn and the whole family..*
Bob & Donna

Bob & Donna Klippel - November 29, 2016 at 09:43 PM

CW

“ *My condolences to Laura and her family. Will keep you and your family in my Prayers.*

Cheryl Wilson - November 29, 2016 at 03:31 PM

PT

“ *Parkview Orthopedic Physical Therapy lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lee Ahlden*



Parkview Orthopedic Physical Therapy - November 29, 2016 at 03:09 PM

TR

R.I.P. Kenny, you fought the good fight bravely and with honor. It was a pleasure taking care of you on all those Ambulance rides to Dialysis...My condolences to your Wife Lin and all of your family--Tim Reed from Martin's Ambulance...Peace...

Tim Reed - November 30, 2016 at 09:57 PM

LK

Thank you, Tim. You and your co- workers were the best and dad loved talking to you. Thank you for all you do to make your patients comfortable and cared for.
Laura

Laura Kerouac - December 27, 2016 at 08:19 PM

MT

“ Hugs and prayers are with you. May God bless you with peace and comfort.



Mary Thomson - November 29, 2016 at 11:39 AM

TL

“ Lynn and Family,

My sincere condolences on Kenny's passing. Kenny will be remember by his fellow classmates at WCHS Class of 1958. God's Blessings on you and the family.



*Ted Lease
WCHS Class of 1958*

Ted Lease - November 28, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - November 28, 2016 at 12:04 PM

MH

“ I remember with a smile in my heart, the day when Lynn first met Ken at a neighborhood garage sale! "What a nice person," and "Do you know him?" were her comments to me as we worked on a project for the symphony board. Yes, and Yes...were my answers, and watching the love that grew in my friend's heart was joyful! Ken was indeed a nice man, and a kind grandfather, who was very proud of his talented granddaughters! I hope that the love shared in the family remains in your hearts during this sad time. What beautiful memories you can all share! My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the entire family.

Marsha Hill - November 28, 2016 at 11:13 AM

MK

“ Ken loved to play pinochle when we knew him. He was good, too. On Halloween, he would take Laurie & Angie Trick or Treating and when they stopped at our house, he was ready for a Manhattan! Linda and Ken were our friends from the time our children were babies. They were godparents to our son, Earl. Ken and Lynn came to PawPaw three years ago when we buried Earl's ashes. He always had a joke and though we haven't lived near him for years, we counted him as one of our closest friends. We'll miss you, Ken!

Mary Kunstman - November 28, 2016 at 10:32 AM