

## Kenneth N. Edelman

December 30, 1934 - March 28, 2021

Kenneth N. Edelman passed away peacefully Sunday, March 28, 2021 from natural causes.

He was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1934 to Marian Anette Crooks and Harry R. Edelman II. He was preceded in death by his two brothers Bob and Bud. Ken attended Edgewood High School, and University of Pittsburgh before entering Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The summer after high school he and his buddies drove around the country seeing the sights. He married Sandra Lee Wood in 1959 and raised three boys in Bradford, PA, Pittsburgh, PA, West Lafayette, IN and Alton, IL. Rich, Mark and Paul share their father's sense of humor and love of adventure.

We loved the many family vacations driving to see grandparents in Pennsylvania, Florida or Arizona with two schnauzers and an uncle, loaded to the brim with camping gear before the age of seatbelts.

Ken had many interests, including breeding schnauzers, raising fish (a whole basement full) including siamese fighting fish, ham radio, fixing cars (especially an Austin Healey Sprite). Always keen for science, he had a great medical interest, fixed TVs and built a Van de Graeff generator to entertain the children.

He loved helping people and during his ministry worked with many people who benefited from the counseling. He formed youth groups in his churches, in Alton, supporting a well attended event every Friday and Saturday with pool

tables, ping pong and foosball games.

His career started as an assistant minister in Bradford, PA, then as a minister in Pittsburgh, followed by the opportunity to start a new church in West Lafayette, IN. Finally, he moved to Alton, IL at Elm Street Presbyterian.

Ken married Beverly Pyle in 1982 and moved to Grafton, IL. Bev's large extended family welcomed him with open arms - one big family.

Ken and Bev's retirement years in Grafton were filled with love and laughter with family in and out of the house most days. He and Bev enjoyed riding the scooters all around the Illinois and Mississippi river confluence and back to the cabin on the slough.

Ken is survived by his wife Beverly of 38 years, his three sons, Rich (Maira), Mark (Jill) and Paul (Debby) and Bev's children, Rhonda, Donna, Scott and Jill, 23 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren in the one big family.

Memorial services will be private. If you wish to make a donation, please consider Oasis Women's Center in Alton or the Riverbend Humane Society in Jerseyville. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Fondly reflecting  
Miss Ken  
His words  
Kind Genuine and  
Sincerely Wise*



Rhonda Kaye - May 22 at 02:42 PM

RK

*Memorial Weekend  
May 2026  
Enjoying the peaceful  
Beauty  
Another adorable  
Family of geese  
To watch quietly*

Rhonda Kaye - May 22 at 02:44 PM

RC

“ *Their Tree bloomed beautifully  
The memories of many loved ones here  
The park lake and walking path  
It helps bring a bit of peace to aching hearts  
To our sorrows of their Passing*



Rhonda Cope - April 26 at 04:16 PM

RC

“ Love and much respect  
Your words are near and dear  
To my heart mind soul



Rhonda Cope - April 26 at 02:38 PM

RK

“ A birthday  
An eve of a new year  
Some hearty pangs  
Just don't easy with time  
Gathering again in  
Peaceful Joy  
My Faith  
Gives the needed strength  
Til we smile together Again  
Hello 2026



Rhonda Kaye - December 31, 2025 at 10:53 PM

RK

“ *Kindest sincerity  
Within your smiles  
Hearing*



Rhonda Kaye - June 15, 2025 at 12:18 PM

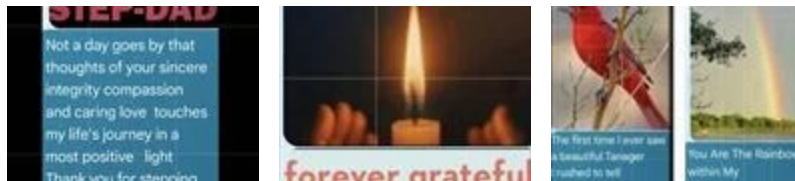
RK

*Our days went by  
Toooo swiftly*

Rhonda Kaye - June 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM

RK

“ *Fondest thoughts  
Of plesant moments  
This day  
June 15th 2025  
Father's Day  
Continuous  
Guidance you  
Offered  
When In a rarer  
Moment  
I still desire to  
Call you*



Rhonda Kaye - June 15, 2025 at 07:26 AM

RK

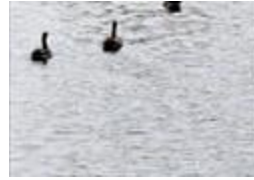
*Fathers Day 2025 missing you*

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**Rhonda Kaye** - June 15, 2025 at 07:27 AM

RK

“ *While watching nature  
Thoughts of  
Enjoying Birding  
With You*



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**Rhonda Kaye** - June 08, 2025 at 10:26 AM

RK

*When ever a cardinal visit  
I feel your presence*

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**Rhonda Kaye** - June 08, 2025 at 10:27 AM

RK

“ *Their tree is in  
Spring bloom*

*It's a Lily Magnolia  
Just gorgeous*

*I wasn't sure their  
Young tree would  
Bloom first season*

*Not the bracken brown  
As I had thought*



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Rhonda Kaye - March 30, 2025 at 01:56 PM

RK

“ *While watching a new day  
Arrive  
I recall your kindest of  
Gestures and smile*

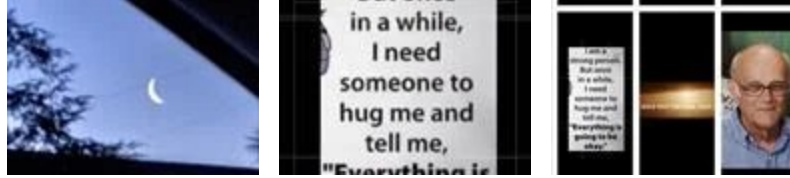


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Rhonda Kaye - March 28, 2025 at 07:34 AM

RK

“ I linger for hours  
And recall  
The fondest  
Of days



Rhonda Kaye - March 28, 2025 at 04:43 AM

RK

“ Dearly  
Everyday  
You are in my heart  
So very blessed  
You were within my  
Days  
Looking up  
Sending much LOVE



Rhonda Kaye - March 28, 2025 at 04:28 AM

RK

Grateful  
Thankful and  
Blessed

Rhonda Kaye - March 28, 2025 at 04:32 AM

RK

“ *Spring  
2025*



Rhonda Kaye - March 26, 2025 at 05:49 PM

RK

*A gorgeous  
Spring  
2025*

Rhonda Kaye - March 26, 2025 at 05:49 PM

RC

“ *To welcome  
A new Day  
In A pleasant  
Spot*



Rhonda K C - March 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM

RK

“ *Day break  
Til night soon  
A most lovely  
Day  
2025*



Rhonda Kaye - March 26, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RK

“ *A lovely spring  
A gorgeous place  
  
Serenity*



Rhonda K. - March 26, 2025 at 05:27 PM

RK

“ *Nature noise  
Natural beauty*



Rhonda kaye - March 26, 2025 at 05:22 PM

RK

“ Every view here is  
Gorgeous  
Watching the sun rise  
Lake glistening  
Hard for camera to  
Capture  
Morning breaking

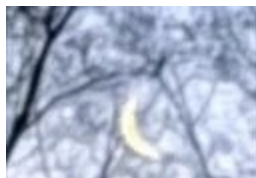


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Rhonda kaye - March 26, 2025 at 10:28 AM

RK

“ A lovely beginning  
To a new dau  
Moon sitting  
Sun rising at  
Wock Lake  
3 2025  
Dearly in my Heart



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Rhonda kaye - March 26, 2025 at 10:12 AM

RK

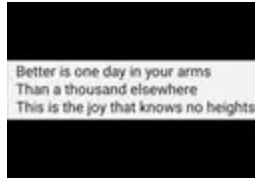
A swan is hanging close  
It's a beautiful  
Beginning to a new day  
Blessed To Be 2025

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Rhonda kaye - March 26, 2025 at 10:13 AM

RK

“ *My heart shedding more tears  
Missing you  
March 28th approaches  
My joys'  
Been diligently working  
On your memorial  
Story Walk  
Wordy Birdy  
April 1st - 30th 2025  
Wock Lake walking trail  
Mornings blessed  
To still be spending  
With You  
Miss you dearly*



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**Rhonda Kaye** - March 25, 2025 at 11:01 AM

RK

*Coming to the lake  
Working on  
Memorial Walk  
Has helped this  
Heart that aches of  
Missing your smiles*

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**Rhonda Kaye** - March 25, 2025 at 11:03 AM

RK

“ *Our skies dusk til dawn  
12 hrs showed  
Spring 3 13 25*



Rhonda K - March 13, 2025 at 11:01 PM

RK

“ *Memories  
Your kindness's  
Touching many  
Your teachings  
Of Grace Of Love  
You are Dear  
I hold you near*



Rhonda Kaye - March 13, 2025 at 09:22 AM

RK

*You taught me  
Nothing goes as  
Planned  
It's in reflecting  
Goodnesses  
We get through*

Rhonda Kaye - March 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM

RK

“ *A lovely day  
To enjoy a  
Beautiful day  
At the lake  
Reminisce fonder days*



Rhonda Kaye - March 12, 2025 at 09:39 PM

RK

“ *Their memorial story book  
Has been selected  
The children's library  
Will be placing it  
On the walking trail  
April 1st - April 30 2025  
Hope you're able to  
Visit and enjoy reading  
While walking around the  
lovely  
Wock Lake*



Rhonda Kaye - February 28, 2025 at 07:50 AM

RK

*Was exciting to approve an adorable story in their memory*

Rhonda Kaye - February 28, 2025 at 07:51 AM

RK

“ There are days  
I sure miss and  
Need your  
Words that  
strengthen me



Rhonda Kaye - February 16, 2025 at 07:50 AM

RK

A lovely snow blanketed  
The trees and ground  
Thinking of you

Rhonda Kaye - February 16, 2025 at 07:52 AM

RK

“ You have been  
Deeply in my heart  
Passed few days  
Then a bird that  
we Both enjoyed  
Came close and  
Sang his carol  
Brought needed peace  
Miss our conversation



Rhonda Kaye - February 04, 2025 at 12:36 AM

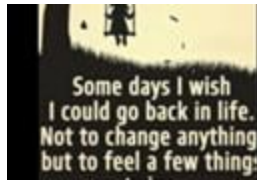
RK

*Some days are  
Harder  
A Dearest memory  
Helps*

Rhonda Kaye - February 04, 2025 at 12:38 AM

RK

“ *Happy Birthday I'm sure there's wonderful celebrations of you this day. Dearly love immensely missed.*



Rhonda Kaye - December 29, 2024 at 02:58 PM

RK

“ *My thoughts are with you  
Singing you a  
Christmas hymn  
This Christmas Eve*



Rhonda Kaye - December 24, 2024 at 07:01 PM

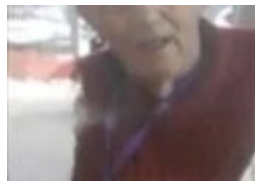
RK

*My thoughts are with you  
every day  
More so  
Christmas Eve*

Rhonda Kaye - December 24, 2024 at 07:03 PM

RK

“ December my thoughts naturally flow to you  
A December child grew  
to share wise words to many  
I have pondered often why  
I enjoy setting on the bench  
while it rains watching the rain  
drops fall Onto the the lake  
watching those  
drops turn to Ripples Of many sizes  
It's because on gray rainy days  
I recall your smile voice your kindest of words  
To me to others your strengths  
helping Us to see  
the skies will turn beautiful blue again  
In my heart Forever your words hold true  
After the rain a rainbow came  
shining through  
Your love continues giving  
needed strength when days  
Turn gray to shows my heart  
Purest love is a light that finds  
its way through toughest of moments  
That will come our way  
I shall Hold you your love near  
Always and Forever



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Rhonda Kaye - December 11, 2024 at 01:45 PM

RK

*A joy we shared for years Christmas Hymns  
I shall every December 24th sing to you and recall the  
Joy Peace and Love  
It brought to us 💕💕*

Rhonda Kaye - December 11, 2024 at 01:50 PM

RK

“ My heart holds you near



Rhonda K - December 01, 2024 at 12:14 PM

RK

*I will sing a song for you*

Rhonda K - December 01, 2024 at 12:15 PM

RK

“ Love touched my heart today  
A male and female cardinal  
Flew down and tweeted  
So sweetly for me to  
See and hear  
To comfort my heart  
They are always near



Rhonda K - November 30, 2024 at 11:03 AM

RK

*Thoughts of our  
best of days  
bird watching together*

Rhonda K - November 30, 2024 at 11:05 AM

RK

“ *How Majestic a  
Morning  
Much love is  
Felt here*



Rhonda kaye - October 07, 2024 at 10:38 AM

RK

*A lovely dawn* ❤️

Rhonda kaye - October 07, 2024 at 10:39 AM

RK

“ *A lovely place to welcome  
The new morning.  
Fondest thoughts  
Of early mornings  
Conversing with Ken*



Rhonda kaye - October 07, 2024 at 07:56 AM

RK

*Goodness is all around  
This lovely park*

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**Rhonda kaye** - October 07, 2024 at 07:58 AM

RK

“ *I look up  
And  
Let you know  
Everyone's  
Immensely missed*

LOVE YOU TO  
THE MOON  
AND BACK  
ALWAYS AND



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**Rhonda Kaye** - September 17, 2024 at 03:26 PM

RK

*Our skies have  
Been beautiful  
Sun rises  
Sun sets  
Full moon NASA  
Captured our Earth*

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**Rhonda Kaye** - September 17, 2024 at 03:28 PM

RK

“ *Fondest Of  
Thoughts this  
Lovely morning  
Peace a lovely  
Moment to receive*



Rhonda Kaye - September 17, 2024 at 02:32 PM

RK

*9 2024 a lovely morning*

Rhonda Kaye - September 17, 2024 at 02:33 PM

RK

“ *When I see or hear the beautiful of  
The pipe organ see the historic stain glass  
Windows Especially at a Presbyterian Church.  
My thoughts go to Ken  
The natural radiated lighting  
With the angelic sounds  
Praising Honoring with others  
Father Son  
And Holy Ghost*



Rhonda Kaye - September 12, 2024 at 05:04 PM

RK

*While on Earth may we reflect his caring kindnesses*

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**Rhonda Kaye** - September 12, 2024 at 05:06 PM

RT

“ *Your touch of e joying nature  
Reflects Fondly*



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**Rhonda ties** - September 07, 2024 at 11:49 AM

RT

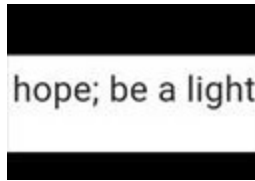
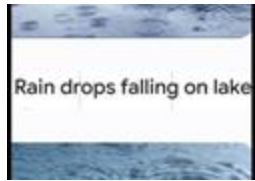
*When blessed to hear the  
red winged black bird  
Your' who comes to mind  
Such joy  
wholeheart misses  
Ya*

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**Rhonda ties** - September 07, 2024 at 11:53 AM

RC

“ *Sitting watching  
The many raindrops  
Make Ripples on the  
Lake  
Skies seem bluer  
Knowing you are  
Smiling Fondly  
Upon me*



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**Rhonda Cope** - August 28, 2024 at 10:21 AM

RC

*Loveliness All around  
Heals the  
Heart missing you ❤️*

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**Rhonda Cope** - August 28, 2024 at 10:22 AM

RC

“ *It was very lovely. Just spending the morning at the park lake bench  
such a variety of everything, people with children pets  
.The story nice the birds a  
very lovely place to enjoy a morning*



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**Rhonda Cope** - August 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM

RC

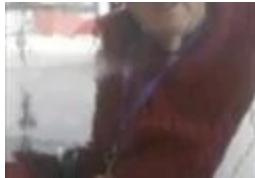
*A beautiful morning  
Loveliest thoughts  
A peaceful environment*

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**Rhonda Cope** - August 20, 2024 at 11:59 AM

RH

“ *Thoughts of Ken are  
Daily  
The last few moments  
Blessed in each other's  
Company  
I would sing to Him  
Ken earnestly listen  
And dearly enjoyed  
Paying no mind  
My being off key  
A Love that is deeply seeded*



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**Rhonda** - August 14, 2024 at 08:45 AM

RH

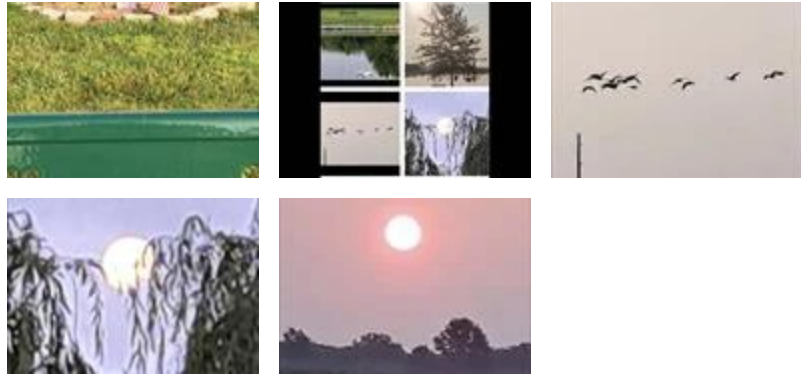
*I rose to a male cardinal singing and the lovely memories of Ken can to  
Heart  
He was full of kindness*

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**Rhonda** - August 14, 2024 at 08:47 AM

RC

“ *It was a lovely  
Quiet Morning  
A variety of birds  
Our Moon setting  
The Sun rising  
Lakes reflection beautiful  
Fondest of thoughts embraced*



Rhonda Cope - July 23, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RC

“ *So peaceful  
Thankful  
Others are  
Receiving the  
Joy that is  
Very present there*



Rhonda Cope - July 18, 2024 at 02:11 PM

RC

“ *When setting enjoying  
All the sounds I  
Know Ken loved  
And then a cardinal  
Comes close to greet me  
Oh the Joy Peace  
And love I feel  
I hope others come  
When they can  
It truly will bring  
A comfort needed  
A Peace of Mind*



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Rhonda Cope - July 17, 2024 at 11:59 AM

RC

“ *Coming to the park  
Feeling seeing hearing all  
of nature Around  
brings a Needed comfort  
My heart deeply misses you  
When the cardinal comes close  
I feel your presence next to me*



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Rhonda Cope - July 14, 2024 at 07:35 AM

RC

“ *Much love was dearly  
Expressed  
For Ken and  
His precious family  
(Son's)*



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**Rhonda Cope** - June 25, 2024 at 02:05 PM

RC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Rhonda Cope** - June 18, 2024 at 04:44 PM

RC

“ *Heard it was a lovely  
Remembrance gathering*



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**Rhonda Cope** - June 18, 2024 at 03:54 PM

RC

“ *We are but a ripple in  
This short life  
May we be reflect  
Our best*



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**Rhonda Cope** - June 18, 2024 at 12:19 PM

RC

“ *A day does not go by  
that your not thought  
of with gratit*



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**Rhonda Cope** - June 17, 2024 at 08:46 PM

RC

“ You glistened  
Kindness

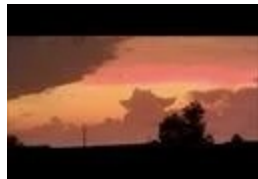


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Rhonda Cope - June 17, 2024 at 08:43 PM

RD

“ The memorial park offers  
A beauty of  
comforting Peace

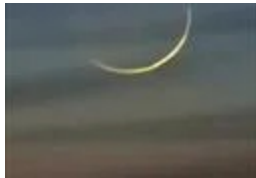
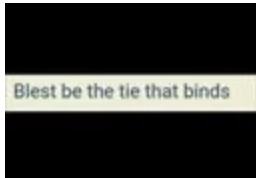


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Rhonda daughter - June 16, 2024 at 09:41 PM

RD

“ *When Ken got older  
As a gift I would  
Sing him hymns  
He truly enjoyed  
I loved his smile*



Rhonda daughter - June 16, 2024 at 09:23 PM

RD

“ *Been reflecting your  
unconditional love  
Memorial has been completed  
We gather at your  
Memorial Tuesday  
To celebrate recall you*



Rhonda daughter - June 16, 2024 at 09:14 PM

RH

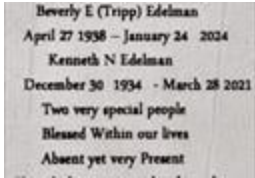
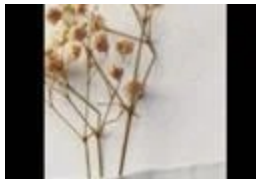
“ Excited  
Finalizing  
Ken and Mom's  
Memorial place  
Wock Park  
It's been a welcoming  
Spring there



Rhonda - April 19, 2024 at 09:08 AM

RH

“ The park called  
Their memorial  
Tree and  
Bench are nearing  
Complications  
Soon we share Honor  
Their Love  
Having them a  
Lovely resting place



Rhonda - April 19, 2024 at 08:54 AM

RD

“ *Always in my heart  
You always wanted my best*

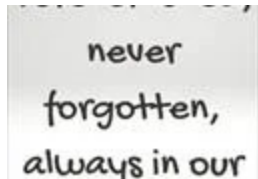


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Rhonda Daughter - February 25, 2024 at 10:58 AM

RD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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Rhonda Daughter - February 24, 2024 at 05:08 PM

DR

“ *Been dearly thinking of you  
Miss our conversations and  
Your caring directions*



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**Daughter Rhonda** - February 12, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *Kenneth N. Edelman*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Kenneth N. Edelman*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

SP

“ *My stepdad was a great man and super smart. He took us kids in like a father. He was very good to me and I owe him my life. He was my minister for many many years. Grew up with his son Rich. His church supported Boy Scout Troop 7. Tell this day i say we was the best troop ever. I have very good memories of my stepdad. God bless you Rich Mark and Paul. Your dad was the best.*

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**Scott Pyle** - May 01, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *Uncle Ken,  
You will be missed by all as you always showed you cared through  
your eyes, your words and your humor.*

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**Amy Carrick** - April 27, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *Praying prayers of gratitude for the life of this caring pastor and  
friend. Sending prayers of sympathy to Bev, Richard, Mark, and  
Paul. Ken’s life made such a difference in so many lives. God’s  
peace to all who will miss him dearly.*

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**Patti Wilson Marcum** - April 26, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Sending prayers to Bev and the boys and the complete family. So  
sorry to hear this. Have had many years of memories at ESPC*

*Kay Williamson*

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**Kay williamson** - April 24, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Ken thanks for your service at ESPC. H Lyndal Colburn*

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**Howard Colburn** - April 24, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Ken was a great Step Dad and treated everyone equal. I know him  
since I was a child. He would do anything for anyone. My mother  
and him was so happy and watch over each other. He will be  
missed*

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**Donna Pyle** - April 23, 2021 at 10:12 AM

GL

“ *RIP Ken. Sending thoughts and prayers to all the family.  
Thanks, Ken for all you did. I have fond memories of you and all of  
us at ESPC.*

*Greg and Catherine Lister*

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**Greg Lister** - April 22, 2021 at 03:06 PM