



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

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

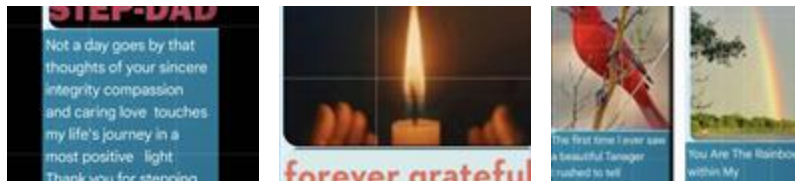
RK

*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

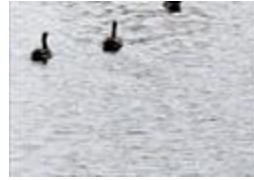
RK

Fathers Day 2025 missing you

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

RK

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



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

RK

*When ever a cardinal visit
I feel your presence*

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*



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

RK

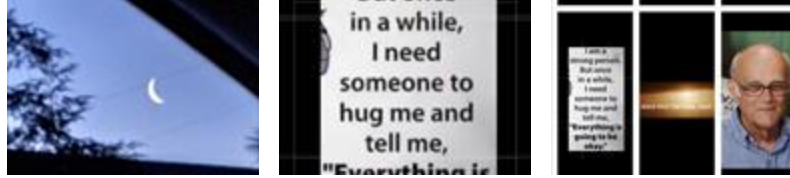
“ *While watching a new day
Arrive
I recall your kindest of
Gestures and smile*



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

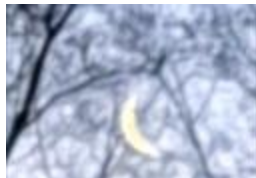
“ Every view here is
Gorgeous
Watching the sun rise
Lake glistening
Hard for camera to
Capture
Morning breaking



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



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

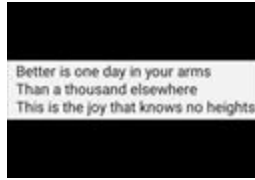
RK

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

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*



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*

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

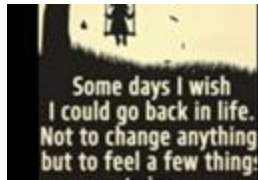
RK

*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

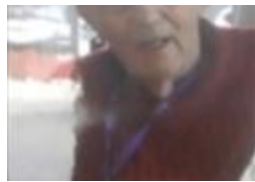
RK

*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



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

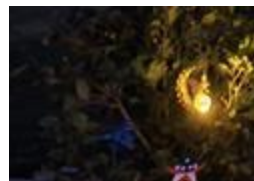
RK

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*

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



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*

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

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

RT

“ *Your touch of e joying nature
Reflects Fondly*



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

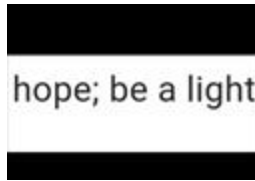
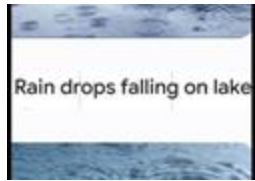
RT

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

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*



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

RC

*Loveliness All around
Heals the
Heart missing you ❤️*

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*



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

RC

*A beautiful morning
Loveliest thoughts
A peaceful environment*

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*



Rhonda - August 14, 2024 at 08:45 AM

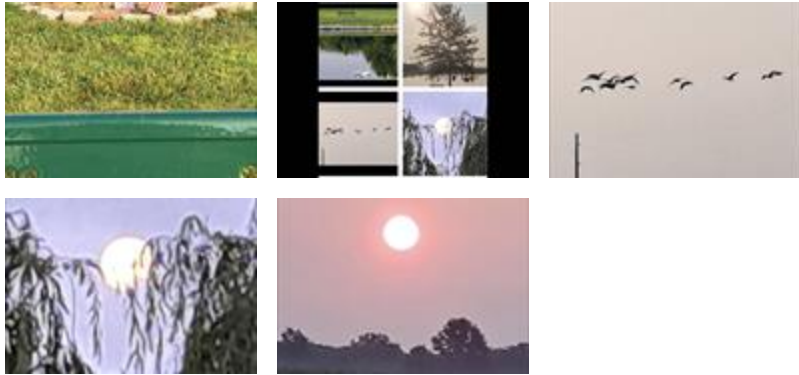
RH

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

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

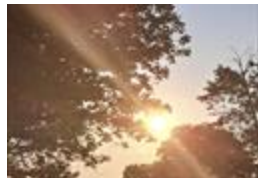
“ *When setting enjoying
All the sounds I
Know Ken loved
And then a cardinal
Comes close to greet me
Oh the Joy Peace
And love I feel
I hope others come
When they can
It truly will bring
A comfort needed
A Peace of Mind*



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*



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

RC

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



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

RC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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

RC

“ *Heard it was a lovely
Remembrance gathering*



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*



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

RC

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



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

RC

“ You glistened
Kindness



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

RD

“ The memorial park offers
A beauty of
comforting Peace



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

RH

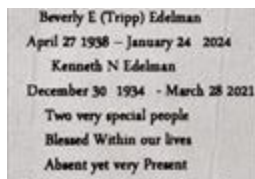
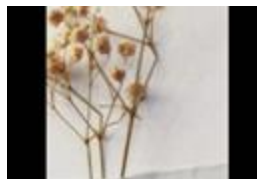
“ Excited
Finalizing
Ken and Mom's
Memorial place
Wock Park
It's been a welcoming
Spring there



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

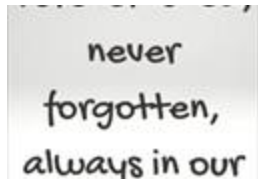
“ *Always in my heart
You always wanted my best*



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

RD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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

DR

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



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



“ *Kenneth N. Edelman*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Kenneth N. Edelman*

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.*

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.

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.

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

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



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

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

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

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