



Kenneth MacKay

July 18, 1942 - August 9, 2022

Kenneth Donald MacKay, most recently of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away on August 9th, 2022. He was born in Detroit, Michigan the only child to Ian (John) and Alexanderina (Ina) MacKay. He was a loving and supportive father to his two daughters, Laurel MacKay of San Diego, and Heather Gimino of Corvallis, as well as his son-in-law Vincent Gimino. He was a fun loving grandfather to his two granddaughters; Marin and Sophia, and three grandsons; Ian, Anthony, and Nicholas. He is preceded in death by his wife Bonnie.

Ken grew up in Detroit, Michigan where he graduated from Cooley High in 1960. He went on to the University of Michigan where he became a huge life-long Michigan sports fan. During his time in Ann Arbor he met Bonnie, and they married in 1964. Ken then earned a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Minnesota.

After his degree, he started working in the lab at General Mills Chemicals and worked his way up to be an executive at Henkel Corporation, where he stayed for over 30 years. In 1986 he relocated with his family to Santa Rosa, California where he was promoted to CEO of Cognis Corporation.

In the midst of this, Ken was the mayor of Circle Pines, Minnesota for three terms, serving from 1972-1978.

Ken loved to fly fish; he went all over the world on many fishing adventures. He also enjoyed traveling, golfing, socializing with friends, and spending time with family. His motto was "You gotta live life!" To pass on the benefits of the great outdoors, donations may be made for Ken at Plant a Tree Gift -

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ken was my boss at one time, a close colleague and friend. He hired me for my first job back in 1972. Great memories of several fishing trips! He will be missed. Ruth and I extend our condolences to his family. He was so very proud of his girls.

Michael Virnig - August 17, 2022 at 01:09 PM

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“ I met Ken a couple of years ago as a member of the coffee guys. I had met Bonnie earlier just before she passed. I soon participated in the Thursday afternoon drinks and snacks at del Alma with Ken and Charlie. Ken was always a pleasure to be with and an eager participant in our conversations. I will miss his hardy laugh at everyone's stories. We shared a lot of life's experiences and he was always a good listener. I think of him as a close friend. We shared a love of crab cakes and fresh fish from Local Ocean. I regret that I live so far away and cannot be present for the events of today's celebration of Ken's life. However I want you all to know that Ken is in my heart and prayers. He will not be forgotten as he passed on my birthday, a day we can celebrate together. Rest In Peace my friend.

Frank Arms - August 14, 2022 at 01:52 PM

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“ My fondest memory of Kennie (that's what the family called him) was growing up together. I am 4 months older, but we were like brother and sister. We lived a block apart on the same street and played together most of the time. His folks didn't have a car so my Dad would take them wherever they needed to go and I was there for the ride. When he started talking, he couldn't say Peggy Ann, so he came up with "Plam". That's what he called me, even in our old age. I will miss our phone calls going down memory lane. But most of all I will miss you.

Peggy Ann Kowalski - August 12, 2022 at 08:24 PM