



Kenneth H. Gonser

July 30, 1937 - September 7, 2020

ADRIAN – Kenneth H. Gonser, 83, of Adrian died early Monday morning, September 7, 2020 at Lenawee Medical Care Facility in Adrian surrounded by his family, while under the compassionate care of Hospice of Lenawee.

Born July 30, 1937 in Willis, MI, he was the son of the late Ivan and Alma (Rutherford) Gonser. Following high school, Ken enlisted in the Army and proudly served his country. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Adrian College. Ken was employed as Director of Goodwill LARC until his retirement. He received many awards and accolades during his employment with Goodwill Industries, but his greatest reward in life was serving the community he cherished.

Ken was an active member of the Adrian First United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Ken truly enjoyed participating in Civil War Roundtables.

On June 13, 1958 Ken married the love of his life, Evelyn Geer at the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, MI. Evie survives to cherish the memories they created in over 62 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, Evie, Ken is survived by his daughters, Dawn (Ben) Stornant, Terri (Mitchell) Fields, and Kim (Jeff) Langley; seven grandchildren, Zachary (Pao) Stornant, Lindsey (Thad) Mills, Trevor (Britni) Stornant, Chelsea Fields, Abby Fields, Joshua Langley, and Jordan Langley; six great-grandchildren, Mila and David Stornant, Lia and Livia Mills, and Lucas and Lillian Stornant; his siblings, Donald (Jill) Gonser and Marvin (Marilyn) Gonser; and sister-in-law, Maria (Jack) Fry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Robert Gonser.

Due to current pandemic restrictions, a celebration of Ken's life will be held in 2021. Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian has been entrusted with arrangements where online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com. In lieu of

flowers, to honor Ken's life, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Goodwill Industries or the Adrian First United Methodist Church.

Comments



“ It is with great sadness to hear of Ken's passing. Under Ken's leadership he was able to help a struggling Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan get back on track to serve people with special needs. It was a pleasure to work with him and he served as a great mentor to help me move into his position as Executive Director upon his retirement. He had a great love for those he served and was a leader in the community he loved. May God's peace and comfort be with Evie and his beloved family.

Bev Lyell

Beverly Lyell - September 10 at 09:02 PM



“ Ken and I were in the Civil War Roundtable together. He was a very kind and friendly man and very learned as well. I don't remember ever meeting him except he had a big smile of greeting on his face. I will miss him greatly.

Steven Sherman, M.D.

Steven Sherman - September 09 at 03:35 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of Ken Gonsor, truly a great Lenawee Community treasure. May he rest in peace.

Jeanette and Dave Maxwell

Dave Maxwell - September 09 at 10:28 AM



“ Our family has many happy memories of Mr. Gonser or as our kids called him, Papa Gonser. He always wore a smile and was so kind to our children. We send caring thoughts and support to you at this difficult time.

The Allshouse Family - September 08 at 01:40 PM