



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.

A memorial service for Ken will be held on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Eric Stone officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until the time of the service.

A live streaming of the service will be accessible from Ken's tribute wall on www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com where a link to view the recording will be available for 90 days.

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.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Adrian, MI 49221
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth H. Gonser*



Wagley Funeral Home - July 16, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Kenneth H. Gonser*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Ken was a outstanding person that did so much for the community. He is truly missed.*

Garry Clift - July 22, 2021 at 02:00 PM

MG

“ Dear Ken,

This is your youngest brother Marvin. I know it has been a while since we have last communicated and I miss our phone calls and discussions.

You did a lot caring and raising of me in my younger years forming me into the person I am today. I remember you taking me to a Bay City (I believe) football game when I was very young and to teach me to swim at the "Y" by just throwing me into the pool. Glad it was the shallow end!

Mostly I remember sitting with you and Maria in the closing days of October a few years back as Mom spent her last days on this world and holding her hands to the last beat of her heart.

Don has joined you now and I am the last of those Gonser boys left behind. It is a bit lonely for me being the last but I know that we will be together some day when we will go fishing on the Fox with Dad for those trout! Don will be there though I doubt he will actually fish. I suspect he will eat your portion of them, though, as he tries to get over his poison ivy. Bob, gone so many years now, will get the most and Dad will get the biggest and we and our families will be together again to enjoy those good times again.

Lovingly your brother,

"Marty"

Marvin F. Gonser - February 17, 2021 at 02:33 PM

BL

“ 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, 2020 at 09:02 PM

SS

“ 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, 2020 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ 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, 2020 at 10:28 AM

TF

“ *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, 2020 at 01:40 PM