



Kenneth D. Skeels

April 13, 1930 - September 27, 2016

ADRIAN – Kenneth D. Skeels, age 86 of Adrian, passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at his home under the care of Hospice of Lenawee. He was born April 13, 1930, in Adrian, Michigan to Wayland and Fern (Pratt) Skeels. Ken graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1949, and went on to serve in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. On June 19, 1954, he married Maxine Yager in Hicksville, Ohio, and she preceded him in death in 1980, having celebrated 25 years together. He married Alice Baxter in 1982, and she preceded him in death in 1999. Ken began his career selling Studebakers in Adrian. In 1964 he and Doug Mann opened Mann Buick. Ken remained active in the business until it was sold in 2000. Ken was a member of the American Legion, Moose Lodge and The Elks. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Adrian.

He is survived by his children: Jeff Skeels and Martha Skeels; step-daughter, Susan (Ed) Willis; siblings, Wilma Welch, Gerald (Eileen) Skeels and Victor (Sue) Skeels; and five grandchildren: Heather, Jennifer, Dustin, Kara and Phil. In addition to his wives, Ken was preceded in death by a son, Phil Skeels; brothers, Charles, Wayland, Donald and Dorman, and a sister, Natalie McCombs.

Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 3, 2016 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Drew Hart officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian. Friends may visit the family at the

funeral home Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Ken are suggested to Hospice of Lenawee or the First United Methodist Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Lenawee Hills Memorial Park

1291 Wolf Creek Hwy.
Adrian, MI 49221

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth D. Skeels*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Uncle Ken- u will b missed- Thanks 4 all the memories- RIP Love, Laura Skeels*

Laura Skeels - October 06, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *I was fortunate to have worked for Ken for several years at Mann Buick, starting in 1992. It was a time when women working in the auto industry in something other than an office position was rather unusual. Ken gave me a chance to grow in the business I loved, and am still working in today. He was such a sweet and caring man, so full of life and tons of fun to be around. I sure miss the old days with Ken and Charlie and the gang at Mann Buick. I will always remember our Ohio State/Michigan football bets (a pop, LOL) and lots of good times with some awesome people. Rest in peace, Ken. You are already missed. Amy Van*

Amy Van - October 03, 2016 at 05:42 AM



“ *RIP Uncle Ken. You will be missed. Love Scott*



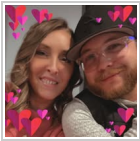
Scott Marvin - September 30, 2016 at 07:41 PM

JL

“ *My fondest memories of Uncle Ken were drinking Vernor's ginger ale on his sun porch and learning to play horseshoes in his backyard when my sister and I were there for a summer visit to our grand parents. I'm sure he is happy to reunite with Aunt Maxine.*



Jacob Levine - September 30, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ *What isnt to say about this great man! My grandpa was one in a million.. I remember as a little girl always going up to the dealership every weekend that I was with my dad and grandpas office was where you would find me, either sitting on his lap, or just sitting at his desk drawing or coloring. There wasnt a time where I wasnt with my grandpa when I was visiting. He was the most loving grandpa a little girl could as for. I will miss you so much grandpa ❤️*

Kara Skeels - September 30, 2016 at 05:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



John McCombs - September 30, 2016 at 11:47 AM

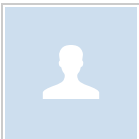
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“ When Uncle Ken was going to come home on leave from the army, he called our house so we could pick him up and surprise Grandma & Grandpa. We were in our backyard "swimming" in our "pool" (a galvanized wash tub), but we happily got ready in anticipation of seeing Uncle Ken and his big grinning face and cheerful ways. I remember he used to say, "Holy Cow!" all the time and we thought that was so funny.

So many good memories.....eating ice cream, riding around town in the red convertible, orange creamsicles, lemon pie (no chocolate), that Thanksgiving on Evergreen before mom died, betting on the World Series, Friday burger lunches at Charlie's, his stubborn insistence on wearing blue & gold in support of UofM, that big smile of his.....Thanks for everything, Uncle Ken. I will miss you but I'm keeping that smile of yours in my head.
XOXOXOXOXO, Suzanne



Suzanne McCombs - September 29, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Skeels.



September 29, 2016 at 09:59 AM

GH

“ The past forty years went by so swiftly. The vacations we shared to the Islands, the Northern Michigan golf outings, card games and dinners provided us with great memories. What a good friend we have lost. But we will always remember sharing those great laughs and smiles and a couple of drinks. Love Gil and Sue

Gil and Sue Henry - September 29, 2016 at 09:18 AM

MB

“ May Ken rest in peace. He was a kind-hearted Family friend who will be missed. Thankful for the memories my parents have of good times with him.

melinda butler - September 28, 2016 at 10:09 PM

EL

“ One time uncle ken and I were watching a very heated basketball game and without warning he jumped up, shouting angrily at the tv, "GOD DAMN!! That guy's wonderful"...before breaking out in a huge grin. He knew what he said was ridiculous and charming.

eve levine - September 28, 2016 at 08:41 PM

MI

“ Grandpa Ken I will forever miss you.
I remember you always smiling at me and saying to me "your the one who lives by Lansing now"
You will never be forgotten.
Love and miss you

Michal - September 28, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ *I spent some of the best times of my life hanging with Uncle Ken and Uncle Chuck at Skeels Auto Sales....For the best deal on wheels...See Skeels.*

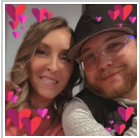
John McCombs - September 28, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *Rest in peace Uncle Ken we will all miss you very much. Love Joe and Sally*



joe and sally Marvin - September 28, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ *He was the greatest grandpa a girl could ask for! Will love and miss him dearly!*

Kara Skeels - September 28, 2016 at 04:18 PM