



## Kenneth Lee Mendel

October 28, 1937 - May 12, 2020

Kenneth L Mendel age 82 of Dixon died Tuesday May 12, 2020 at his home. He was born Oct. 28, 1937 in Peoria the son of Roger and Jeanne Kaebel. He was a graduate of Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, FL. He earned his Bachelor Degree in Industrial Engineering from Bradley University in Peoria, IL and his Master Degree in Business Administration from Akron University in Akron, OH.

Ken worked Stephens-Adamson in Aurora, Great Dane/ Timpfe in Wayne Nebraska, Jetway in Ogden, Utah and Jim Hawk Truck Trailers in Council Bluffs, Iowa prior to his retirement.

He was a veteran of the Navy and served on the USS Randolph.

Ken was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 690 and the Fr. Boland Assembly of the 4th Degree. He was also member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Ken married Judith Polka May 9, 1964 in New Philadelphia, OH.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step father Felix Mendel and step mother Nellie Kaebel.

Ken is survived by his wife Judy, four sons Michael (Heidi) Mendel of Sycamore, Bryan (Patti) Mendel of Woodridge, Dennis Mendel of Las Vegas, NV, Christopher (Jill) Mendel of Elgin; seven grandchildren Justine Mendel, Spencer Mendel, Brandon Mendel, Brittany Kapper, Mitchell Mendel, Jacob Mendel and Aly Mendel.

A family visitation will be held on Friday at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. A memorial has been established to Knight of Columbus Charities. Funeral Mass will be available on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StPatrickDixon/> 10:30 AM Saturday May 16, 2020

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Lee Mendel*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Kenneth Lee Mendel*

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December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM

LK

“ We were honored to be part of the USS Randolph CV-15 Reunions where we met Ken and Judy! Ken took on the position of Secretary/Editor of the USS Randolph newsletter "Randy Roundup" which was printed and sent out to all the members who had once served on the Randolph on its history, and kept everyone informed of any news he would receive regarding members and their families. Most of all he and Judy played an intricate part in the organization of the reunions with the other reunion committee members!

*LeRoy and some others always looked forward and enjoyed playing a round of golf with Ken at the reunions that were held near a golf course.*

*Ken, you will be sadly missed at the reunions, but you will always be remembered for your friendly smile and phenomenal personality, always willing to help others. The Randolph has lost another comrade who dedicated a part of his life to his shipmates and our Country, the USA!*

*Thank you Ken for all you have done for all of us!*

*Our heartfelt sympathies and blessings go out to Judy and your families!*

*With Love,*

*LeRoy and Alice Kutz*

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**LeRoy, Alice Kutz** - May 24, 2020 at 03:28 PM

DH

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ken’s death. Dick was very honored to know Ken and work with him in the Knights of Columbus. Our prayers go out to all the family.  
*Dick and Bev Hart*

Dick and Bev Hart - May 15, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Mendel.



May 15, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stacie Palmer - May 14, 2020 at 10:52 PM

BM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Bryan Mendel - May 14, 2020 at 10:25 PM

RC

“ Ken was a generous volunteer at St. Pat's Church and the Knights of Columbus. Honored to have known him. Rest in Peace Friend.

Randy Carlson - May 14, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Mendel.



May 14, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ I always enjoyed see Ken at the class reunions he will be missed. GOD bless his family. My prayers goes out to them.

Leah Russell - May 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM

FD

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Mendel Family. May the Lord grant eternal rest to this good son and servant of his.  
Fr. Draper  
4th Degree Knight of Columbus

Fr. Draper - May 14, 2020 at 02:11 PM

CS

“ I went grades 10-12 at BKHS with Ken. He was a solid rock and great leader. He became our senior year class president and I knew he would have a great career. No doubt he has reached his reward in heaven resting in the arms of our Lord God. RIP my friend.  
Charles Stichweh

Charles Stichweh - May 14, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ *RANDOLPH REUNION GROUP CV-CVA CVS-15 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Lee Mendel.*



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**RANDOLPH REUNION GROUP CV-CVA CVS- 15** - May 14, 2020 at 09:53 AM

CS

“ *Ken was a fellow member of Dixon Sister Cities. He served as an officer on the Board of Directors during that time. He was a very nice gentleman!*

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**Cathy Seagren** - May 14, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ *Stephanie Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Lee Mendel*



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**Stephanie Hernandez** - May 13, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Mendel.*



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May 13, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Mendel.*



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May 13, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ *Ken was a True Friend to All, He will be missed... Ken and I were DD's, with the KC's, quite a while ago, we share and ride together for meetings. Always had a Great time. I'm glad I had the opportunity to share a small part of His Lifetime.*

*James Starr*

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**James Starr** - May 13, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ *Ruth and Steve Miller purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth Lee Mendel.*



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**Ruth and Steve Miller** - May 13, 2020 at 02:11 PM