



# Kenneth "Ken" P. Keyt

DEC 23, 1924 - MAY 16, 2021



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## **Kenneth "Ken" P. Keyt**

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**L**akeview-Kenneth "Ken" P. Keyt, age 96, of Lakeview passed away on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at Lakeview Terrace Assisted Living.

He was born on December 23, 1924 in Greenville, the son of Leslie and Margaret (Schroder) Keyt. From a young age, Ken was raised in Lakeview where he attended school, graduating with the class of 1943. He was employed by Federal Mogul in Greenville for more than 40 years.

Ken married Ardeth Laper at Rev. Hayes home in Lakeview on December 23, 1950, and they spent over 60 years together before her passing in April of 2011. Ken was a warm and caring man who enjoyed the simple things, traveling, fishing of all kinds, mushrooming, antique tractors, golfing, gardening, and socializing at McDonalds.

He loved spending time with his family, eating candy, (especially chocolate) and had a soft spot for animals. He will be missed by all who knew him. Ken's family would like to give a heartfelt "Thank-You" to his dedicated caregivers Barb Morris, and Judy Kruger, and to the wonderful staff at Lakeview Terrace.

Ken is survived by his children, Deanna (Miller) Hotchkin of Ionia, David (Annette) Keyt of Lakeview, Jill (Glenn) Simon of Norfolk, VA; grandchildren, Kelly Simon, Katie (Brian) Griffin, Nick (Tricia) Simon, Elizabeth (Eric) Connor, Bryan Keyt, Mark (Lori) Hotchkin, Greg Hotchkin; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews including special nephews, Larry Loft and Gary Keyt.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ardeth; parents, Leslie and Margaret; sister, Lucille (Don) Pratt; and brother, Robert (Jane) Keyt; brothers-in-law, Ronald (Phyllis) Laper and Lee Laper. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Lakeview with Pastor Ted Johnson officiating.



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The family will greet friends from 1:00 PM until the time of service. Those wishing to make a donation in Ken's memory are asked to consider the Montcalm County Animal Shelter or the Humane Society. Condolences may be made by utilizing the guestbook at [www.brighamfuneralchapel.com](http://www.brighamfuneralchapel.com).



## Tribute Wall

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DL

**Dan & Terry Lindsey** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our warmest condolences,

May 25 at 8:00 PM



RK

**Robert And Alice Keyt. Gary And Sandy Keyt.** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The loss is immeasurable, but, so is the love left behind. Our love and thoughts are with you.

May 25 at 8:00 PM



XH

**Xri Testing - Hampton Lab** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Sending our warmest condolences to you and your family.

May 24 at 8:00 PM



SL

**Sharon Laper** posted:

I always remember Uncle Jen as a gentleman with a kind demeanor, a quiet strength & patience and always with a smile. He will be missed by many family & friends. I'd like to believe he's been reunited with Aunt Ardeth. Sorry to all fit your loss.

May 23 at 8:00 PM

DH

**Deanna Hotchkin** posted:

And I think you were just going to cook up those pumpkins and make Thanksgiving pies for the shut-in's if I remember correctly.

May 21 at 8:00 PM

GZ

**Gary Zank Sr.** posted:

I had the pleasure of knowing kenny all the yrs we worked at Federal mogul, he was a good man an I enjoyed his company, I send my condolences to the family 🙏🌹

May 20 at 8:00 PM



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AF

**Aaron Free** posted:

Prayers allways a great family and neighbor rip

May 20 at 8:00 PM

MH

**Mark Heath** posted:

So sorry Annette.

May 20 at 8:00 PM

KF

**Kevin Free** posted:

Sorry for your loss

May 20 at 8:00 PM

CW

**Cheryl Wilson** posted:

Sorry to hear of Kens passing. He was a real sweetheart. I enjoyed working with him. He used to ride to work with me in our car pool from Lakeview to FM. Good memories. I worked some with his Mother Maggie too...at my folks bar. She was a treasure also!

May 19 at 8:00 PM

TS

**Thomas Skinner** posted:

Always enjoyed talking to Kenny. He had his special way of making you laugh and thankful you had someone like him in your life. He did have that look in his eyes, though, that maybe, just maybe, he was just trying to pull your chain! He will be missed!!

May 19 at 8:00 PM

KA

**Kathy Jo Duerr Akin** posted:

So sorry. I loved it when he came in the office. He cracked me up. Hugs to you and Dave

May 19 at 8:00 PM



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JB

**John A Blumberg** posted:

A great guy who told me last year he was aware of the high number pumpkins being stored in his barn until Halloween evening back in the day.

May 19 at 8:00 PM

BL

**Brian Loft** posted:

I'll always remember Uncle Ken as a really nice man, always with a smile on his face. His house was like a farm to my brother and me, we always had fun playing with what I remember as some kind of rickshaw?

May 18 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Melodie J. Howe Bunce** posted:

So sorry for your lose, thinking of you and Dave.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

RP

**Ron Petersen** posted:

Dave and Annette,so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

RC

**Rod Carlson** posted:

Dave and Annette... Please know that Diana and I are thinking of you. Rest in peace Ken.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

DE

**Dean Jan Earhart** posted:

So very sorry. Always enjoyed our conversations! He was a very nice man and have missed seeing him. 🙏

May 18 at 8:00 PM



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CD

**Connie Denton** posted:

Sorry for you loss!

May 18 at 8:00 PM

HM

**Holly Marie** posted:

So sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed our visits. He will be greatly missed. The Rinaldi family

May 18 at 8:00 PM

PB

**Pat And Tom Berry** posted:

Use to see Ken every Saturday night at Mac Donald's. Always had a smile and would talk alittle while as he drank his coffee. A sweet man.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

RJ

**Rick Johnson** posted:

Sorry for your loss Ken was a great guy !!!

May 18 at 8:00 PM

SD

**Susan Draper** posted:

What a character he was! Thinking of you all. ♥

May 18 at 8:00 PM

LF

**Larry Loft And Family.** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

With loving memories of "Uncle Ken". Our favorite uncle.

May 18 at 8:00 PM





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BS

**Ben Stout** posted:

Wonderful dude Emily and I would always get to catch him for a little talk as he would rest in his car when we would go for a walk.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

KC

**Katrina L Corwin** posted:

Sorry to hear this Annette and Dave

May 17 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Robin Hart Merritt** posted:

Thinking of you & Dave and the rest of the family .. Sending prayer.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

BM

**Becky Shippy McClellan** posted:

Thinking of you guys. So sorry to hear the news. ((Hugs)) ♥

May 17 at 8:00 PM

KM

**Karen Martin** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Sending our prayers

May 17 at 8:00 PM

RD

**Robin Donovan** posted:

So sorry to hear this ♥

May 17 at 8:00 PM

DE

**Darla Edison** posted:

So sorry to hear this Annette Keyt. He was a great neighbor to my parents.

May 17 at 8:00 PM



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VR

**Vicki Rader** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Thinking of all of you.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

SP

**Sandy Perez** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Hugs to all and our deepest condolences ❤️

May 17 at 8:00 PM

PA

**Pam Andresen** posted:

So sorry to read this, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

CC

**Connie Cole** posted:

So very sorry for your loss

May 17 at 8:00 PM

KA

**Kris Arntz** posted:

Dave and family , so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Enjoyed many late night snacks with him.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

DD

**Deb Davis** posted:

Dave, Annette and family. We're so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Sending you all love hugs and prayers ❤️🙏. Jeff and Deb Davis

May 17 at 8:00 PM



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DL

**Diw** posted:

Deanna, Dave and Jill, I'm sorry for your loss. Always tried to catch Ken at McDonalds when I was in town. The two or three times I caught up with him, we always had a nice visit.....He was a good guy.....

May 17 at 8:00 PM

HP

**Holly Poll** posted:

Great neighbor... he will be missed.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

SD

**Shannon H Demyer** posted:

He was so nice! Id drop off stuff from the garden or apples and things, always smiling. Post office would give us his mail all the time. Lots of hugs and prayers for his family

May 17 at 8:00 PM

MD

**Mae Dines** posted:

Him and his wife were both such sweet people!!!

May 17 at 8:00 PM

KA

**Kay Adams Anderson** posted:

Aw I'm so sorry for your loss! ❤️ sending our prayers!

May 17 at 8:00 PM

ES

**Emily Stout** posted:

Ben Stout, Molly Moblo Perusse. He was the sweetest neighbor 😊

May 17 at 8:00 PM



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AK

**Arvilla Keaton** posted:

Dave & Annette so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

SN

**Sharon Nelson** posted:

Dave & family I'm so sorry for your loss! He was such an amazing man! Lots of hugs!

May 17 at 8:00 PM

MH

**Marie Hoolihan** posted:

Dave and Annette Keyt In so sorry for your family's loss.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

RD

**Rena Drain** posted:

Dave and Annette Keyt, sending my love to you.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

TB

**Tinka Bucholtz** posted:

Dave and Annette sorry to hear about Ken. When Keith or Marty would take Hayden to McDonalds and Ken was there Hayden would always go and shake his hand. Ken thought that was pretty great 🙏 and when Keith would go in alone Ken would always ask where's the little guy ❤️

May 17 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Rosemary Murphy** posted:

So sorry for your loss

May 17 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Janice K Seigel** posted:

So sorry for your loss Dave & Annette Keyt. We're sending our love. ❤️

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KL

**Kris Lockwood** posted:

So sorry for your loss Dave and family.

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KC

**Kathy Christensen** posted:

Prayers for the family, so sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

May 17 at 8:00 PM

AM

**Andrea Mayer** posted:

Prayers 🙏 & love ❤️

May 17 at 8:00 PM

BR

**Barb Rodarmer** posted:

Sending my love!!

May 17 at 8:00 PM

GJ

**Grammie Jan** posted:

Keep the sweet memories in your ❤️

May 17 at 8:00 PM

GD

**Gail Dempsey** posted:

Ken was one of our most cherished customers at Lakeview Mcdonalds and I will miss him so when we open again. He was always the kindest man. Heaven is gaining a wonderful angel.

May 17 at 8:00 PM

LK

**Linda Keeler** posted:

My heart goes out to the family and friends ,I grew up being neighbors and best friends to Deananna will miss seeing him at the Terrace

May 17 at 8:00 PM



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CH

**Carolyn Hansen** posted:

Oh we are so sorry Dave and Annette! He was so faithful to his visits to Dave's mom- loved his McD visits and I enjoyed seeing him in the Terrace posts! Thinking of you all !

May 17 at 8:00 PM

DJ

**Diana Jensen** posted:

Always a small smile and his pipe...not easy to do! Ken and Ardeth were great neighbors to us for many years! RIP Ken!

May 17 at 8:00 PM

SW

**Steve Willison** posted:

I sure enjoyed visiting with Ken. So sorry he's gone.

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Kenneth "Ken" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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