



Kenneth W. Ehrhart Jr.

December 7, 2024

Kenneth W. Ehrhart, Jr. of Lancaster, PA passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, at his home on Saturday, December 7th, 2024. He was 71 years of age.

Ken was born in Gettysburg, PA, to the late Dr. Kenneth Ehrhart, Sr. and Betty (Nace). He was raised in Hanover, PA, and following his mother's death, his family grew to include his stepmother, Margaret, and her four children, Sandra Cromer (Jay), Teresa Harbert (Ray), Thomas Mann (Bobbi), and Douglas Mann (Laine). He could always be counted on to bring fun and laughter to the Hanover family holidays.

Ken earned his Bachelor's degree from Elizabethtown College and thereafter dedicated his professional career to the state's healthcare industry. He was employed by York Behavioral Health in 1975, County Planner with the Department of Health and Human Services in 1980, and ultimately retired as CEO of Wernersville State Hospital in 2002.

Ken was a loving father to his two sons, Alexander W. Ehrhart (Tierney) of Southport, CT and Austin C. Ehrhart (Frances) of Wellesley, MA. As his two boys grew up, he was a committed fan and sideline staple at their travel soccer, high school football, and college football games. The same love and pride was later extended to his five grandchildren Ava, Turner, Owen, Adam,

and Annabelle.

Lancaster City came to be Ken's home, where he was a familiar face around town, frequenting the arts and theater venues of the city. He owned the Chestnut House for several years in retirement and enjoyed spending countless hours, meals, stories, jokes, drinks, and cigars with friends at the Marion Court Room and the Hamilton Club.

Ken's boys, grandchildren, and friends will miss him dearly.

Ken's services will be private and at the convenience of his family.

Tribute Wall



“ Ken will be so missed by our family. He could always be counted on to provide a good dose of wry humor at our family gatherings. Much love to Alex and Austin and their families at this difficult time.

Diane Castelbuono - December 20, 2024 at 12:10 PM

GL

“ my best friend, Kenny lived life to the fullest---never complained about his illness--he loved his many friends, his sons and his 5 grandchildren!

gary ledebur - December 19, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DH

“ Sending my thoughts and condolences to Ken's family. It was a pleasure to have been able to work with Ken at Office of Aging and getting to know him. He will be missed.

Dianelys de la Heria - December 18, 2024 at 10:58 AM

BR

“ Sending my thoughts and condolences to Ken's family. He was a coworker of mine for many years and we were glad to work with him at Office of Aging. He had a quiet wit about him that made us laugh. Even in his recent health struggles he still was positive in his work. We will miss him!

Beth Roland - December 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM

DS

“Kenny was truly one of a kind. His sharp wit and sense of humor could energize any room, and he had a knack for turning even ordinary moments into unforgettable stories. A lover of stylish cars, sharp clothes, and the finer things in life, Kenny appreciated good style in all its forms. His gatherings with friends—marked by cigars, cocktails, and laughter—were a testament to his love of good company and good times. His charm, humor, and warmth will leave an irreplaceable void. Rest in peace, Kenny. You will be deeply missed. Dave and Sandra Schaffhauser

David Schaffhauser - December 17, 2024 at 01:56 PM

VM

“Kennee, we will miss you and all the things we love about you:

1. Your taste for extravagantly expensive steak houses.
2. Your impressive collection of striped shirts
3. Your entertaining wit, which could go from caustic to scorching in under two bourbons.
4. Your love and support for the arts, with an honorable mention from your theater pals. They'll be an empty seat this EPAC season. We were hopeful...
5. Your discerning taste in deviled eggs.
6. Your stunning inability to keep track of keys.
7. Your slavish loyalty to *THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE*
8. Your unique taste in art.
9. Your blatant favoritism and love for Alex and Austin.
10. Your constant good humor even while going through profound difficulties. A hero to the end.

Thanks for all the years of your friendship, Steve and Val



Valerie Moul - December 17, 2024 at 12:07 PM

RK

“ My condolences to the boys and family. We were neighbors for several years. Always a gentleman, lots of fun to be with. Very sorry for your loss. Rich Keister

Richard Mr Eddy Keister - December 17, 2024 at 09:06 AM

CH

“ I was part of a regular theater group with Ken - we shared a row at Ephrata Performing Arts for many years. Always enjoyed catching up with him - he was on top of whatever was going on, curious and interested in people and life. He didn't let his illness stop him. He'll be missed.

Chris Hausner - December 16, 2024 at 08:49 PM

AB

“ To Ken's sons and family.... please accept my sincere sympathies in the loss of your dad/loved one. I am Ken's cleaning girl. He was a very kind man and I enjoyed seeing him once a month. I am saddened at the news of his passing.

April Boyer - December 16, 2024 at 08:13 AM

EN

“ Sending my condolences to Ken's family and friends. We worked together at Office of Aging and he was always more quiet, but very hard working and kind. He had a great sense of humor and a great smile. I also liked seeing him around downtown.

Evelyn Nellius - December 15, 2024 at 08:23 PM

DW

“ We, Dean & Darlene Way, are VERY SORRY to read of Ken’s passing. We have many memories of both sons having been neighbors in Old Town Lancaster for many years. Our fondness for Ken will remain entangled among many, many years of interactions. LOVE TO ALEX & AUSTIN

Darlene & Dean Way - December 15, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JP

“ My sincere condolences to Ken's family. It was a pleasure working with Ken at Office of Aging. He will be greatly missed. Jennifer Poff

Jennifer Poff - December 15, 2024 at 02:20 PM

LH

“ So very sad to learn about Ken’s passing. I worked with him at Office of Aging for the past few years. He was an important and highly regarded part of our Team. Always enjoyed chatting with him and hearing about his family and trips he was taking. He will be very missed. Condolences to the family.
- Linda High

Linda High - December 15, 2024 at 02:03 PM

RE

“ I met Ken many years ago at Marion Court Room. From then till his recent passing he would often speak of his pride in his sons Alex and Austin, and later their families. Will miss his sense of humor. Ron Eastridge.

Ron Eastridge - December 14, 2024 at 08:42 PM