



Kenneth G. Stoudt

September 12, 2022

ATHLETE, BUSINESSMAN, PHILANTHROPIST and PATRIARCH

Kenneth died on Monday, September 12, 2022 at age 79. Ken was born on June 19, 1943, in Lancaster, son of the late Earl and Ruth Stoudt. He was the husband of Susan, his beloved wife and soul mate for over 60 years. Family was paramount to Ken, and he is survived by his son - also business partner and friend, David married to Susan. Three wonderful grandchildren: Josh, married to Elsie - Rob and Lily. Three great grandchildren: Ariya, Kenneth and Preston. His brother Earl, married to Harriette, brother-in-law Chris Hertz, married to Tracy, sister-in-law Carol, married to Glenn Bowman - plus several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Donald and Gerald. Ken also shared a deep love and admiration for his in-laws, the late Anne and Walter Hertz.

On the playing field, Ken learned many values that contributed to his full and successful life: sportsmanship, strategy, perseverance, loyalty, compassion, friendship - and most importantly, team spirit. These core values became his foundation and identity. They were combined with humor and a zest for life. His personal mantra was “always take the high road, underscored by his realization that “everyone has a story”.

Ken was a proud graduate of McCaskey High School, Class of 1961. He

distinguished himself in athletics (track and football) and was recognized as the most Valuable Athlete of the Class of 1961. He was also named to "All-State" and played in the Big 33 football game. He was inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. Later, the entire team of 1959 was inducted into the McCaskey Hall of Fame. He was also honored by two independent halls of fame: Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame and Susquehanna Valley Chapter of PA Hall of Fame. This led to a full football scholarship at The University of Richmond, where he graduated from their Business School in 1965. He continued to be an outstanding athlete at Richmond, being named Captain of the 1965 team. He was named to the All-Southern Conference and received Honorable Mention as All American for Division 1. Ken was honored to become a member of the Board of Associates for The University of Richmond - and remained a lifelong supporter and fan of his alma mater.

His University of Richmond Business Degree was the foundation of his career path. He launched his career with Aetna Life & Casualty, followed by Gingrich-Stoudt & Associates, Susquehanna Administrators and Stoudt Advisors, in partnership with his son David. He earned recognition county wide for being an entrepreneur and innovator for products and services, serving the self-funded client base. He co-founded and served as Past President and Chairman of the Board for Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA) - encompassing over 5,000 members. He also helped create Preferred Healthcare of Lancaster that led to a partnership between Lancaster General Hospital and its Physicians. PHC was the first Preferred Provider Organization in Pennsylvania.

Ken represented well over 30 organizations on various boards during his distinguished career. These include: The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, The Economic Development Co. of Lancaster County (where he served as Chairman during his years of service) and The Fulton Financial Board, among many others. He was most devoted to Lancaster General Health System,

serving as Chairman and a commitment that spanned 25 years. He was inducted into their “Societas Generalis”, in recognition of his contribution. He was Chairman of the PA College of Health Sciences, which named their administration building in his honor. Ken truly loved Lancaster and strongly felt the need to give back to others, just as he remembered those who helped him along the path of his life.

He served as Chairman of Milagro House, which emphasizes education - and has helped change the lives of women and children in our community. Ken was an active member of the McCaskey Alumni Association and was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005. Ken was also recognized as Central PA Volunteer of the Year in 2017.

A consummate club man, Ken enjoyed golf at both The Lancaster Country Club and Caves Valley - and squash at The Hamilton Club. His hole-in-one at Media Heights Country Club was a happy and proud memory. With Susan he enjoyed travel throughout Europe, Nevis, vacations in Maine and frequent visits to their favorite cities: New York, San Francisco, Palm Beach, Charleston - and time in their second home in Kiawah, So. Carolina. He loved all sports: skiing, fly fishing, hunting and trap shooting. Most of all he loved Lancaster County, enjoying drives in his convertible thru the beautiful Amish countryside - and leisurely walks thru Lancaster neighborhoods with Susan by his side. Home meant everything, enjoying quiet time on their terrace, observing the calm of their own ‘private Eden’ ... with a glass of wine, always toasting life!

Interment will be private. A “Celebration of Ken’s Life” will be held at the PA College of Health Sciences on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 9:45 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, and if desired - consider a donation to Ken's memory at either: PA College of Health Sciences (850 Greenfield Road Lancaster, PA 17601) or Milagro House (669 W. Chestnut Street Lancaster, PA. 17603).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 1. 11:00 AM.

PA College of Health Sciences

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth G. Stoudt*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear family, just a note of condolence to let you know you are thought of with the loss of your husband, father and family member! Ken was an old schoolmate of mine. One of the nicest guys anyone would ever want to meet as we journeyed through our lives.*

*Blessings,
Mary Bair*

Mary Bair - October 05, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 04, 2022 at 02:25 PM

TW

“ Susan and David, while far removed from Lancaster I was saddened to hear of Ken’s passing. Whether seeing him in Central Penna. or Kiawah, he was a special person who cared deeply about his family and community. He will be missed but his contributions and beautiful personality will benefit many for years to come. What a special person! Stay well. Tom Weisser

Tom Weisser - October 03, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JC

“ David, I was sorry to hear of Ken’s passing. He was a special person who, I know, will be missed. The guidance he provided to others over the years, will last long into the future. Your dad left a permanent imprint on everyone who had the pleasure of working with him. While it has been a number of years, I feel honored to have been part of his professional life. His death is a great loss for all the people who ever knew him. I extend my sincere condolences. Wishing you peace and strength during this difficult time. Regards, John Carroll

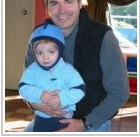
John A. Carroll - October 02, 2022 at 02:04 PM

JG

“ David and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He was such a class act and gift to the Lancaster community. May you and your family have strength, peace, and comfort during this time and your very fondest memories remain forever... JP McCaskey proud!! Jeff Glass

Jeff Glass - October 01, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Dave, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I always enjoyed seeing him and the funny and warm welcome he used. I remember some fun skiing with him too. He was a gentleman and is greatly missed. Praying for peace for you and your family, and the love that remains. Dave Friedrichs Jr.*

David Friedrichs - October 01, 2022 at 10:15 AM

MS

“ *Dear Susan,
I was so sorry to see the passing of Ken. I am sending my warmest and deepest sympathies to you and your family. His many endeavors were amazing. Marilyn Sander*

Marilyn Sander - September 25, 2022 at 12:13 PM

DL

“ *Sue - So sorry to hear of Ken's death. I considered him a friend with an easy smile and quick to laugh. He was the epitome of the true gentlemen and will be missed by many and his community. Don LeFever*

Don LeFever - September 23, 2022 at 06:37 PM

GG

“ *David - So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. We all enjoyed his company - he was a fun guy to be around.
Gordon Graffius*

Gordon Graffius - September 21, 2022 at 01:11 PM

RS

“ Dear Sue and family members:
Ken was a visionary and we and you were fortunate to have him.
Enough can not be said about his accomplishments and
contributions,
With deepest sympathy and condolences.
Ron and Dee Smith

ron smith - September 20, 2022 at 06:41 PM

AM

“ Dear David, Susan and Family, What a great man you had guiding
you through life. Wishing you all peace of heart during this time. Ann
& Ken McCoy

Ann McCoyt - September 20, 2022 at 09:58 AM

CP

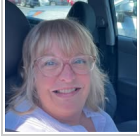
“ David, Josh and Family, I'm really sorry to hear about the loss of
Ken. He was such a great person and will be dearly missed by
everyone who knew him. He had so much knowledge to share and
it was always a pleasure working with him. Carla Phillips

Carla Phillips - September 17, 2022 at 11:52 AM

KM

“ My condolences to the family. Enjoyed talking football, McCaskey,
etc. at your brothers party. It was also nice talking with you and your
family at the HOF banquet. I wish your family all the best during this
tough time.

Kenneth Myers - September 16, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *David, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Deborah (Ranck) Gavalchik

Deborah Gavalchik - September 16, 2022 at 03:45 PM

RR

“ *My condolences to the family, especially brother Buddy and cousin Tom. Our dads worked together for many years. Ken was two years behind me at JPM. I played against him when the varsity scrubs (I was one of them) scrimmaged the Sophs. He was much much better at football than me. I think he was much better than me at many things after reading his accomplishments. Rest easy, Ken.*

Robert Reed - September 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM

SS

“ *I was saddened to read this morning of Ken's passing. I have many fond (and ancient) memories of the hijinks that were a regular part of hanging out with Dave in the basement at the Linden Avenue house where Ken and Susan always warmly welcomed me. Please accept my heartfelt condolence. May the memory of Ken Stoudt be for a blessing.*

Stephen Sherman - September 16, 2022 at 08:10 AM

BH

“ *My very good friend, Chris Hertz, is how I came to know about Ken. He was so well regarded - someone to look up to and respect, as were the entire Hertz family.*

Bill Houck - September 15, 2022 at 05:59 PM