



Kenneth Roy Wenske

March 13, 1947 - May 10, 2018

Kenneth Roy Wenske, of San Antonio, Texas, born March 13, 1947, passed away on May 10, 2018, at the age of 71.

As a boy, Kenneth spent his days raising homing pigeons and playing football. As a young man, after graduating from Highlands High School and attending San Antonio College, he decides it is his time to enlist in the United States Navy and proceeds to serve his country honorably with tours in both Guam and Puerto Rico. Upon his return to the States, he embarks on a 45-year career in commercial roofing as a respected Estimator and Assistant Consultant.

He meets his future bride, Carol Sue Koether, while the two work together at Handy Andy #4 between Presa and St. Mary's. They fall in love, marrying each other on December 9, 1967, afterward blessing the world with two beautiful daughters. The couple then takes to enjoying square dancing, league bowling, and coaching and playing soccer with their girls, all the while, traveling to Oregon and Arkansas, visiting family and friends.

Kenneth's happiness was being outdoors, found especially in the bonds he created fishing and hunting with his friends, family and grandchildren.

Whether it was a kayak race on Town Lake in Austin or a family reunion trip to Nebraska and South Dakota with his wife and grandsons, "Papa" was always up for the adventure. Those fortunate to know him, knew also his love for his dogs, seen in his passion for training, hunting with and just sitting on the back porch with them.

With his mother's shared love of gardening, Kenneth would grow vegetable gardens and plant trees wherever he went, becoming well-known for his homemade fig preserves and fudge, while his barbecuing and sausage-making became treasured family traditions passed down from his in-laws, Harry and Emmie Koether.

Most notably, Kenneth faithfully served the Lord as a teacher, eucharistic minister and ACTS leader for Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church, ushering numerous souls into the faith and, taking each step in a Christ-like manner, enlightening everyone by his example of how it should be done. Quoted by one of his many brothers in faith, "People walked a little taller in Christ when he was with us." He truly was a one-of-a-kind extraordinary man loved by those whose lives he touched.

Kenneth is survived by his treasured wife of 50 years, Carol S. Koether Wenske; daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Michael Zang; sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Harold Friesen (Atlanta, GA); brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Connie Wenske (Houston, TX); grandchildren, Christopher and wife Courtney, Joshua and wife Dawn, Kenneth and wife Molly, Robert, Troy, Victor, Jacob, Dean and Sophia; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Mackenzie; many who lovingly call him "Uncle Ken" and countless who can say "I am his godchild".

Kenneth is preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela Susan Wenske; parents, Bennie and Esther Wenske; and brother Norman Wenske.

A rosary and visitation will be held on Monday, May 14th from 6:00-8:00pm and the funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 10:00am. Both services will be at Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 2829 Ackerman Road, Kirby, Texas. Burial will follow the funeral at Holy Cross Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church and Abode Contemplative Care for the Dying, who were great supporters to Ken and his family in life and in death. The family wishes to thank the fine people at The Villages at Incarnate Word, By Design Home Healthcare and Encompass Hospice, especially John Wick, RN, and Audrey

Wisher, who became dear friends at his journey's end.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78266
(210) 651-6011

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
2829 Ackermann Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78219

Rosary

MAY 14. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Roy Wenske*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 14, 2018 at 10:16 AM

FF

“ *Carol,
I remember like it was yesterday that we were all working at Handy Andy #4. What a beautiful story to have met there and have been married so long and have such a large family. Last time I saw Ken was in 1978 when we were working on a project to be bid on. He was a great man. My prayers are with you.*

Frank X Farias

Frank X Farias - May 14, 2018 at 07:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Roy Wenske.*



May 14, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth Roy Wenske.*



May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *willie jo and nancy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Roy Wenske.*



willie jo and nancy - May 14, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Aunt Diane, Ken's sister, took this video when they were in a Houston hospital with Aunt Connie. There was a player piano and Dad had to show his skills.*



Cheryl Zang - May 13, 2018 at 02:51 PM

AP

“ One of the best memories I have of Ken
Was in Dec 2016 he invited us to join in on a family tradition he
would do with his daughters. We went out to hwy 281 and found
several trees along the way to decorate with garland and
ornaments. It was such a fun experience for my 3 daughters and I
and a most special memory. Ken will be greatly missed. Our
deepest of sympathy to the Wenske Family.
Love, Shelby, Sxiomara, Sierra and Adriana.



Adriana Perusquia - May 13, 2018 at 11:54 AM

YO

“ My family and I would like to extend our sincere condolences for the
loss of your loved one. May the true God mend your family crushed
and broken hearts, and may your family be comforted by God's
promise of the resurrection. (John 6:40) Which assures us that we
will see our loved ones again.

Young - May 12, 2018 at 09:39 AM

 Dawn
Collins

“ Ken was a welcome smile every time I came over to visit or was with Cheryl. He was a great leader in his family and his church. Always had a quick wit (which sometimes left you wondering if he was serious). He welcomed me like one of the family. I was blessed to share some great moments with him these last few weeks. I loved him very much and he will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Dawn Collins - May 11, 2018 at 11:37 PM

MA

Ken is one of the greatest losses in my life. I loved ken's personality friendship and to share happiness, sadness with Carol and Ken. But I will miss him because he walked in a Christlike manner for everyone to see how it should be done. People walked a little taller in Christ when he was with us.

But I will continue to use his example in my life.

marcel - May 13, 2018 at 03:36 PM