



## Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward

May 14, 1934 - October 26, 2018

NEW HARTFORD - Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward, age 84, went home and was received by the Lord and his daughter Cheryl when he passed away on Friday, October 26, 2018 at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Utica on May 14, 1934, Kenneth was the son of the late Martin J. and Ruth S. (Stevener) Ward. He was raised and educated locally. A proud United States Marine veteran of the Korean War, he honorably served his country stateside. During his time in military service he met his future bride, Carolyn Clarke, and on January 23, 1953 they were married. They were beloved by each other and blessed with united minds and hearts for 65 years. They were wonderful parents and their children admired them for the couple they were. Ken worked as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic for the New York State Department of Transportation for 35 years, retiring young enough to enjoy the remaining years of his life. He had a smile on his face and words that were laced with a grand sense of humor. He listened well and found the good in others. If you were in his company, you would remember the personal interest he held in every conversation he had. His sensitivity, gentle nature, and compassionate heart touched people to the core. He was a good man who was truly helpful and trustworthy. Ken had a simple, three-prong approach to life: provide for his family, love his country, and live up to his God-given virtues.

He was the original "Mr. Fix-It". He could build it, change it, and create something exceptional by converting an image from his mind. He was a

genuine jack-of-all-trades, and if something “tickled his fancy” he would get totally immersed and give it his all. Ken was a home body. When he did venture out on a vacation, he may not have been very excited about getting on the road, but once he reached his destination he would light up, especially on their trips to Kentucky and North Carolina to be with their children. They had a place to stay in both locations. Closer to home, Cedar Point State Park on the St. Lawrence River was his favorite destination for camping. Ken was a member of the American Legion Post #229 and a parishioner of the Maynard United Methodist Church. He served his church well by repairing, maintaining, and faithfully sustaining it.

His heart was filled with love and he was never afraid to display it to his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and anyone he called his friend. His life epitomized the words often spoken, “It is one thing to be well known, ...yet another to be well loved.”

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his children and their spouses, Kenny and Michele (Lupia) Ward, Patricia A. Ward, and Suzan and Jim Moore. He held close to his heart the memory of his daughter, Cheryl L. Ward who passed away on January 28, 2006. He also leaves his grandchildren, Jenna Ward, Kathleen Ward; Sean P. Costello, Matthew P. Costello; Dustin and Brittany Moore, and Andrew and Tara Moore; and his great-grandchildren, Stetson Moore, Hendrix Moore, and McKenna Moore. He will also be remembered by his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law, Julianne “Julie” Ward; wonderful family friend, Geri Speich; his retired State Buddies that he met for coffee; and his niece Corinne Spann and her husband Gig; she was a wonderful niece who stayed by her aunt Carolyn’s side. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Douglas M. and Kitty Ward, Frank F. Ward, Sr., and Henry “Eddie” Ward; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Otis and Eloise Clarke; and brother-in-law, Donald Clarke.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Joseph Booth, longtime physician who stood by Ken’s side as a mentor and medical professional; Dr. Clifford

Souls for his devotion; as well as other attending physicians, and the entire staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The team of professionals at this hospital were outstanding and above reproach.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in Ken's memory may be made to the Maynard United Methodist Church, 9626 Maynard Drive, Marcy, NY 13403; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Ken's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Maynard United Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Susan D. Holland, with Military honors conferred by the U.S. Marines. Interment will follow graveside at Carr Cemetery in Marcy.

## Cemetery Details

### **Carr Cemetery**

Route 291  
Marcy, NY

## Previous Events

### **Funeral Service**

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maynard United Methodist Church  
9624 Maynard Dr.  
Marcy, NY

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Thinking about you today Gramps. You would love my girls and Shane. I tell Shane stories about you often. Give Aunt Cheryl a hug for her birthday today. I hope you both are splitting a big cake. One day we will have time to catch up again, but until then- keep watching over us. Nana misses you terribly. Love you XOXO

Jenna - March 06 at 07:28 AM

SM

“ I miss you terribly, I wish I could hear your voice & hug you just 1 more time dad💔

Suzan Moore - October 30, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JE

“ Happy Birthday Grandpa! Today you would have been 91! Your life was cut wayyyy too short. We were meant to have so many more years with you, but I guess it was your time. You would love the girls. We always say they would have loved both of their grandpas. I know you're watching down and don't worry, we will tell them all about you one day. Love you so much. Happy heavenly birthday- I think about you all the time. Nana is anxiously awaiting to reunite with you. XOXO Gramps

Jenna - May 14, 2025 at 07:59 AM

SM

“ Hey dad, tomorrow is Father's Day & you aren't here💔 I miss you so much. I missed you on your birthday, I miss you every single day. It's not the same without you. I'll see you again soon~till then I love you the most❤️

Suzan Moore - June 15, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JE

“ Happy Birthday Gramps! Your presence is missed immensely, we sure could use a laugh from you sometimes. You would love baby Jack, he’s a doll. Think about you all the time. We love you lots. XO, Jenna



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Jenna - May 14, 2024 at 01:31 PM

JE

“ Hey Gramps- Just thinking about you today on Aunt Cheryl's birthday. I am sure you both are celebrating together and making up for lost time! We all miss you much and your absence is very prevalent in my life. We should have had so many more years together, but I cherish all the years and memories we did have. You are one of the most special people in my life and that will never change. I always tell Shane how much he would have loved you, I wish you got to meet him. Love you so much XO Jenna

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Jenna - March 06, 2023 at 12:25 PM

JE

“ Hey Gramps-

*Thinking about you today. It still isn't the same without you. We could have used MANY more years with you down here. I miss your carefree attitude and your smiles and laughs. Love you lots. Love, Jenna*

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Jenna - January 27, 2022 at 02:48 PM

SM

“ Suzan Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward



Suzan Moore - May 14, 2021 at 11:07 AM

SM

Happy heavenly birthday dad 🍷 I sure do miss you so much! I just never imagined my life without you in it and yet here I am 3 years later & you're gone. I miss our talks the most because you grounded me. I love you forever💕

Suzan Moore - May 14, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JE

“ Hi Gramps-

How has it already been 2 years!?! Everyone really misses you. It was really hard for Nana to move but just keep watching over her for us. We helped her clean out your tool shed and it brought back so many great memories. You had SO many things packed in there and all I could think about was your workshop on 291. You were unlike anyone else I've ever met. We all could use some of your positivity, laughs, and smiles this year, that's for sure. Please give Jaimie a hug for me. I can't believe we lost her too. I hope you two find each other up there and share some good stories together. You both left such a whole in our lives, but I am glad that you both are free of pain. Love you so much <3 Thinking about you often. Love, Jenna

Jenna - November 13, 2020 at 01:34 PM

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“ Happy Birthday Gramps! We miss you SOO much <3 Keep watching over us and Nana. Love you forever. Love, Jenna

Jenna - May 14, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JE

“ Hi Gramps! Missing you extra today. Think about you all the time. Keep watching over us and I know you are enjoying yourself up there. Love you forever <3

Jenna - January 20, 2020 at 10:57 AM

JE

“ October reminds me of you and knowing it has almost been a year really blows my mind. We miss you so much. Nana misses you so much. Dad, Aunt Patty & Aunt Suzan. It's hard without you here but I know you are always watching. I have a few pictures of you and Nana on my desk at work and you have the biggest smile. I look at it every day. Love you so much <3

Jenna - October 17, 2019 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ It's coming up on a year that you left us, God how I miss you. It's been so hard for mom. We miss you so much. It still doesn't seem real to me sometimes. I know you wanted to see Cheryl again & it had to be a sweet reunion! Kiss her for me~love you both so much❤️



Suzan Moore - October 10, 2019 at 08:15 AM

KE

“ Happy Birthday Dad thinking of you and missing you. You were the best love you. Give Cheryl a kiss. Miss and you both very much. You are both in my thoughts all the time. ❤️❤️❤️

Kenny - May 14, 2019 at 08:45 PM

JE

“ Happy Birthday Gramps. It sure is different without you around. We missed you on Mother's Day, but we talked about you like always. Hope you and Aunt Cheryl get to spend all your days together now. We all miss you so much. Love you always.

Jenna - May 14, 2019 at 03:45 PM

KE

“ Hi Dad miss that smiling face and your sense of humor. I was very lucky having you for my father. I was always extremely proud of you. You were the best. Love you and miss you very much.



Kenny - March 29, 2019 at 11:18 AM

AT

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I worked with Ken at the Oneida East shop. I only have fond memories of Ken. He never spoke an unkind word. If you were having a bad day, he would always find a way to lift you up with his humor. May he rest in peace.  
Regards, Tony Talerico

Anthony Talerico - October 31, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 31, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *The Syracuse Steveners purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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**The Syracuse Steveners** - October 30, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ *Tim McCowan and Family purchased the Fairest of All* for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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**Tim McCowan and Family** - October 30, 2018 at 09:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 30, 2018 at 03:40 PM

ER

“ Earlean & Ron purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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**Earlean & Ron** - October 30, 2018 at 02:13 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 30, 2018 at 11:46 AM

GS

“ Geri and Jon Speich purchased the Country Basket et Blooms for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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**Geri and Jon Speich** - October 30, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 29, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 28, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 28, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth E. "Ken" Ward.



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October 27, 2018 at 04:03 PM