



Ken Wittman

August 27, 1943 - December 28, 2021

Kenneth Alan Wittman, 78, of New Hartford, NY, passed away suddenly on December 28, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

Ken was born in New Hartford on August 27, 1943, the son of Clarence and Esther Wittman. After graduating from New Hartford High School he began work at Mohawk Containers, before transitioning to Broadway Brake Shop, where he worked alongside his father for several years. On September 14, 1963, Ken married Joan Marsh and they began their lives together. While he loved working with his father, Ken eventually started his own business, and besides his family, Ken Wittman Sanitation soon became his pride and joy. After retirement, Ken continued to work driving the resident bus for The Presbyterian Home.

Having a witty sense of humor isn't the only thing Ken will be remembered for. His helping hand for anyone in need, his care for others, and his incredible need to stay busy are attributes that will be sorely missed within the family, and amongst those who knew him. Some would say his love for tinkering and fixing things is what made Ken who he was, but his love for his wife of 58 years, Joan, was what kept him so jovial.

Since the age of 16, one of Ken's greatest loves was drumming. The Camden Continentals Fife and Drum Corps was a pastime he enjoyed with his father, and brother, Ron. He was a member of the corps for over 60 years. His love for drumming also provided him the amazing opportunity to meet the love of his life, Joan. The corps wasn't the only thing that filled up Ken's time, however. Anyone who knew "Papa," knew he had a fascination with vintage automobiles, and would often buy or sell cars to take "Mamma" out for rides in. And to say Ken valued being a member of the Elks Lodge #33 would be an understatement. Ken received the honor of being named Elk of the Year, which is an accomplishment that brought him great joy.

Ken is survived by his beloved spouse, Joan (Marsh) Wittman; son, Christopher (Cristal) Wittman, of Suttons Bay, Michigan; daughters, Suzanne (Dave) Spado of Westmoreland,

Rebecca Wittman and Mark Benoit of Munnsville. He also leaves to cherish his memory his grandchildren, David Spado (Erica), Brandi Duell (Tyler), Tiffany Spado, Nicole Wittman, and Michael Wittman. Also surviving are his siblings, Nancy Wittman and Gail Streit; sister-in-law, Jo-Ann Wittman; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert (Deborah), Edward (Gail) Marsh as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings, James (Betty) Wittman, Helen (Corb) Tillman, Peg (Bob) Betler, Ron Wittman, Judy (Larry) Evenson, Gary Wittman, and brother-in-law, Dick Streit.

Visitation for family and friends will be held Monday, January 3rd, from 4-6 p.m. at McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors, 470 French Rd. Ken's family will stay until all guests are seen. B.P.O.E Lodge #33 will hold their prayer service at 5:45 pm. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 4th, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, New Hartford. Following the celebration of life, Ken will be laid to rest at Crown Hill Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to Camden Continentals or Utica Elks Lodge #33. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Cemetery

Events

Crown Hill Memorial Park

JAN 3

Visitation

04:00PM - 06:00PM

3642 NY 12

Clinton, NY, 13323

McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors

470 French Road, Utica, NY, US, 13502

JAN 4

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30AM

St. John the Evangelist

66 Oxford Road, New Hartford, NY, US, 13413

Comments



“ Dear Joan:

Pat and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Ken. It was our pleasure to have known a man with the biggest smile and sense of humor. We are praying for your peace and comfort during this difficult time. Love Pat and Caroline Dodge

CAROLINE DODGE - January 03 at 04:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ken Wittman.



January 03 at 03:35 PM



“ Dearest Joanie, Chris, Suzanne, Becky and be!oved family. So very sorry for your loss and sorry we cannot attend Kens services. We are sad but grateful for our long endearing friendship with this genuine great guy...a beautiful soul with a gifted personality, love of humanity and such a sense of humor. Thank you for sharing this very special man with us throughout the years. It was our honor to have known him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time..

Ken's spirit will forever remain with us and his legacy will live on in our hearts. We will miss him dearly and will treasure our many memories.

Thank you "Mit Mit". Rest in peace and til we meet again, we love you.

Barb and Jim Rooney and family, Pinehurst, North Carolina

Jim and Barb Rooney - January 03 at 01:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Teresa - January 02 at 06:57 PM



“ Dear Joan,
I am so sorry to read Kenny's obituary today. Having known him since early high school days and will never forget when we were all young newlyweds and how kind and generous you both were to us and my children.

Kenny was ALWAYS happy, kind, pleasant and a joy to be around. You must know he is in all of your hearts as love does not die. I believe in time you'll receive signs from him, believe them.

Louise

Louise (Carroll) White - January 02 at 04:12 PM



“ Dear Joan and family,
We were very saddened to learn of Ken's passing. He had a winning personality and a bright, sincere smile that revealed his affection and concern for his family, his friends, and anyone he encountered. We always enjoyed seeing him at St.John's or the Fitness Center. Our prayers are with you all in your loss of a wonderful man— he will be deeply missed, but he will remain in your hearts always. .

With sincerest sympathy, Jerry and Marie Pitarresi

Jerry and Marie Pitarresi - January 04 at 09:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ken Wittman.



January 02 at 12:55 PM



“ Joanie and family— we were so sorry to hear of Ken’s passing. His sense of humor and many stories were always entertaining and never failed to elicit a smile. He touched many lives and will be missed by all. Love- Roxanne and Jeff

Jeff and Roxanne Toczydlowski - January 02 at 12:45 PM



“ Ken will be missed by all the residents and staff at the Presbyterian home! He was a great guy and loved his Sense of humor! God bless all and know your in my thoughts and prayers



Susan Peck - January 01 at 06:29 PM



“ Gail, Rich, Carol, Peggy, and Chris purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ken Wittman.



Gail, Rich, Carol, Peggy, and Chris - January 01 at 03:24 PM



“ Joan-

I was very sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I will miss our chats before Sunday mass. Please extend my sympathy to your entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Vic Fariello



Victor Fariello - January 01 at 02:12 PM



“ Joan and family, so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and watch over you in this time of sorry. May Ken Rest In Peace
Dawn Nudo Elks Lodge #33



Dawn Nudo - January 01 at 02:12 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ken Wittman.



January 01 at 01:30 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to our brother and friend Ken. This news was a shock as we just enjoyed his company at our Elks Christmas party. He was well respected and admired and will be sorely missed. We are unable to attend services due to a prior commitment but will be with him in spirit. May he rest in eternal peace in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To our absent member!
Vince and Elsa Mazzei

Vincent Mazzei - January 01 at 12:42 PM



“ Beckey, Mark, and Family,
Sorry to hear of Dad's passing. I remember meeting your Dad at your salon more than once. A heck of nice guy, someone you enjoyed seeing. Sorry for your loss.
Tim Tripp

Tim Tripp - January 01 at 11:24 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss

JoanBognerLyons - December 31, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ Joan and family, my condolences to you and the entire family at this difficult time. I'm truly shocked and saddened on hearing this news. Being a longtime drummer myself and member of the Clark Mills Community Band and Legion drill team over the years, I got to know Ken very well. There is no words that can express on how much of a gentlemen and super class person he was. I will always remember the little chats I had with him before and after parades or the Band circles near the beer tents when all the groups would get together to entertain the crowds. Those were such fun days and boy could Ken bang that Bass. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time, please remember all the great memories. Rest in peace my Friend.

Thomas Chesebro - December 31, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Ken, I have so many fond memories of him from my childhood! I went out on his route with him when I was about 12. I had the most fun a kid could have picking up trash with him and going to a diner where everybody knew him! He always had a smile on his face! We will miss you Uncle Ken and will see you in Heaven.

Peggy Streit-Rost - December 31, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ Joan,
I was very saddened to here of Kens passing. He was a sweetheart. My prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. May he Rest In Peace.
Patti Nitti

Patti N - December 31, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ Joan & family I was saddened to hear of Ken's passing he's such a great guy always full of jokes and always willing to help anybody that needed it I had the privilege of working with him for a short time and he taught me all about astronomy in the solar system which did make our job a little more interesting. he leaves behind wonderful memories to be shared for years to come Rest in peace

Wendy Davy - December 31, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ Joan and family, So sad to hear of Ken's passing. He truly was a one of a kind guy. I'll always remember all the trips we made to Fife and Drum Corps practice and musters. Especially the Connecticut trips. Also the many car shows we attended. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My sister Barbara will also miss him greatly.

John Wnuk - December 31, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ Joan and family,

We were shocked and saddened to learn of Ken's passing. Please accept our most sincere condolences for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Margaret Beck - December 30, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ Rebecca and family ,
Fred and I are so sorry for your loss....Your dad was always a delight when he visited the salonour thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.....

Janice Greer - December 30, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Joan and family, Dan and I are so sad to hear of Kenny's passing. I first met Kenny In Becky's shop and thought what a nice and funny guy. Dan knew him from Mohawk Containers and spoke very highly of him but most recently, this year we joined the Elks club and we met you and always enjoyed seeing and visiting with you and Kenny. He will truly be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Candy & Dan Wisnoski - December 30, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ I will never forget the true friendship Ken brought to everyone around him. One of my fondest memory is driving up to the Camden Muster with Jim Lamay (Lefty) and Roger Clark at the helm. Once we entered the field Roger yelled "Slalom!", we drove in and around all the garbage cans that Ken had placed out on the field. It was pretty funny telling Ken about our entrance later that day. His hearty laugh was genuine.

It is sad that we will not see Ken at the musters or parades, though he will always be in our hearts. My sincere thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Denise Ciastko - December 30, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ Joannie, My prayers are with you and your family. Ken will certainly be dearly missed by all his friends. One thing is for certain, the Fife & Drum Corps will never be the same now. God Speed there Mr. Ken my friend.

Ed WASHBURN - December 30, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ Joan and family, Ken was a true gentleman overall great guy with caring heart! I always had great conversations with Ken while working on his heating system. As time went by I would hear from other customers of mine on how this funny and caring guy would drive them to appointments. It turned out to be Ken.
I am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing, thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Peter Huckabone - December 30, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ What can be said at this time. Only that drumming brought a great many people together and kept us together. Ken has a part in this.

Thank God for drummers!

Our love Bob and Elaine

Bob and Elaine - December 31, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ Ken was a man of honor, integrity and dedication. He truly was larger than life and his smile would light up any room. Ken and Joan's marriage was a testament to their commitment to family, friends and community. Together, they brought so much happiness and joy to so many. We will miss seeing Ken at the Lodge and at Church but he and Joan will always be "family" to us. May God bless Ken, Joan and their family and friends and may Ken rest in the eternal peace of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Marie - January 01 at 10:16 AM



“ Joan:

So sorry to read about Ken's passing. Your Ken made friends with everyone he met. His warm and pleasant way will be greatly missed.

Robb D'Apice

Robb Dapice - January 11 at 11:51 AM