



Kenneth C. Mako

January 17, 1950 - February 10, 2017

Kenneth C. Mako, 67, of Wickliffe died on February 10, 2017 after a lengthy stay at a long term care facility. He was born in Cleveland on January 17, 1950, the son of the late Emery and Eileen Mako, and the third of nine children.

Ken earned the rank of Eagle Scout at age 15. He graduated from St. Joseph High School at age 16 and recently enjoyed attending the 50th reunion of the Class of 1966. He studied to become a Marianist Catholic priest at Chaminade Preparatory School in Marcy, NY but returned to secular life to study philosophy at the University of Dayton by 1969. Ken earned a B.S. in Math from Ohio State and an M.S. in Math from the University of Dayton by 1973. Ken began a teaching career at St. Paul's College in Melbourne, Australia, in 1974. However, in 1975, a serious motorcycle accident in Australia changed Ken's life dramatically. His survival and recovery were miraculous, but the injuries frustrated his attempts to regain employment and independence. He returned to live with family in Willoughby until 2009, when he became a resident at Wickliffe Country Place. Ken had a passion for theatre which was kindled in high school. He enjoyed performing in numerous plays and musicals with various groups throughout college and in Australia. Despite his many physical handicaps, he continued to be involved in the theatre in the 80's and 90's throughout northeast Ohio.

Survivors are his siblings, Gail (George) Golga, Karen (Jeffrey) Borsz, David Mako, Janet (David) McFadden, Robert (Julie) Mako, Christine (Michael) Monty, and Thomas (Susan) Mako; 17 nieces and nephews; 6 great nieces and nephews, and his sister-in-law, Karlene Mako.

Besides his parents, Ken was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald.

An expert at anagrams, Ken's final message would likely be "speculating freely" (resting peacefully).

The family will receive friends from 4-8 pm Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060.

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 11:00 am at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. Please meet at the church.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-0600

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Mako.*



February 15, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Mako.*



February 14, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ *Ken was a wonderful friend to my father. I have so many fond memories of him growing up - he was the family math tutor, master of all anagrams, and comedian at our dinner table. He played a mean game of backgammon, and he could pick out any constellation in the evening sky. I always admired Ken for his quick wit and intelligence, but I will remember him for his kind heart. He touched many in this life, and he will not be forgotten. My deepest condolences to his family.*

Halle Smolinski

Halle Smolinski - February 14, 2017 at 07:39 PM

DG

My deepest condolences to the Mako family. Ken was a sweet man with a beautiful soul...he was one of a kind. May he rest in peace. "Good on ya!"

Deena George - February 16, 2017 at 10:14 PM

BT

I lived with Ken and many other Marianists in Dayton, OH during our formative years while studying at UD. What a joy to have shared time together. Rest assured that we will remember him and his whole family in our prayers.

Bob Toia - February 17, 2017 at 11:57 AM

TD

“ I was sad to read Ken's obituary in the News-Herald this morning. I was formerly the podiatrist at Wickliffe Country Place. Ken brightened up my professional life there. He was a joy to take care of. He'd always greet you pleasantly, even when it was obvious he was feeling down that day. I always ask patients how they are. His invariable response was, "Terrible!" - but said with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. He talked a little about his teaching in Australia and the accident - but as is often the case when I read a patient's obituary, I had no idea of all his efforts and accomplishments. We could have talked about so many more things than we did! You, his family and friends, have my deepest sympathy. The world is a less interesting place with him no longer here, but I trust he is now in his real and forever home, safe in God's arms. Rest in peace, Ken.

Tremaine B Oatman DPM

Tremaine B Oatman DPM - February 14, 2017 at 07:50 AM

LB

Hello to all my cousins. So sorry to hear about Kenneth. My ex-husband's name was Kevin and my mom, your Aunt Olga used to call him Kenneth all the time and say "Oh, I have a nephew named Kenneth. " My mother loved Uncle Emery very much. He was special to her. God bless all of you. I remember you coming to visit us in Rochester. I remember Karen's wedding, too. I dont remember meeting Ken but my mom loved him and all of you.

*Love,
Lorna (Mezey) Barnes*

Lorna Mezey Barnes - April 26, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth C. Mako.*



February 13, 2017 at 07:19 PM