



Kenneth C. Rakes

June 19, 1939 - January 4, 2023

Kenneth C. “Ken” Rakes, age 83, of Mentor, passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at Symphony of Mentor. He was born June 19, 1939 in Woolwine, VA to the late Oliver and Ovilla (nee Roberson) Rakes.

After graduating high school he left VA for Bridgeport, CT and began his career at Sikorsky Aircraft while also attending the University of Bridgeport. He left Sikorsky for RB&W which brought him to OH. After several years at RB&W he ventured out on his own and started two companies: Great Lakes Machine and Manufacturing and Lake City Products. He enjoyed following NASCAR, especially his hometown team, Wood Brothers Racing; woodworking; tinkering with new inventions, including his latest the “Kenrake”; and was always good for an ill-advised joke or two.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years: Patricia (nee Gross) Rakes; children: Kenneth S. “Ken” (Cathy) Rakes, Kelly Caldwell and Kevin Rakes; grandchildren: Kyle Rakes, Cecilia (Dan King) Rakes, Albert “Al” Caserta, Courtney (Mathew Gotliebowski) Rakes, Killian (Katie McGuire) Rakes and Payton Caldwell; great-grandchildren: Nolan, Gavin and Corinne; sister-in-law: Jessie Rakes; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Kenneth in death are his great-grandson Evan; sisters: Jean (Clay) Wood and Janice (Roscoe) Nolen and brother, Buel Rakes.

The family request contributions be made in memory of Ken to Cypress Hospice, 2 Berea Commons, Suite 1, Berea, OH 44017 or Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, 23215 Commerce Park Suite 300, Beachwood, OH 44122.

A private visitation was held for family.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Tribute Wall



“ Jeannie Thomas lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth C. Rakes



Jeannie Thomas - January 10, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ Prayers for the family

Jeannie Thomas - January 10, 2023 at 09:04 AM

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“ As a kid I lived on the same highway that
Kenneth lived on and always loved to see him
drive by in his beautiful '58 Chevy Impala.
Also his mother was my good 4th grade
teacher at Woolwine. Sorry for your loss.



Bruce Griffith - January 10, 2023 at 01:18 AM

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“ Larry Roberson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth C. Rakes



Larry Roberson - January 09, 2023 at 09:34 PM



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



January 09, 2023 at 06:49 PM