



## Kenneth F. "Ken" Williams

March 16, 1941 - December 10, 2022

Kenneth F. "Ken" Williams, 81, of Lancaster, PA, formerly of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Mennonite Nursing Home, Lancaster PA. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late Wilbert and Ethel (Schneider) Williams. Ken was the husband of Gretchen (Stoner) Williams with whom he celebrated 49 years of marriage.

Ken was a 1959 graduate of Peters Township High School, McMurray, PA, where he enjoyed playing basketball along with his studies. He went onto receive a degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University. A dean's list student, he graduated with distinction and was a member of Chi Epsilon Society. Ken was first employed by the U.S. Engineers at Harrisburg. He went back to Penn State and received his masters and then worked for various engineering firms developing and improving sewage and water treatment plants. He retired from CH2M Hill as a civil engineer while living in Key West, FL. He later moved to Amelia Island in Fernandina Beach, FL. Ken was a member of the Perservance Lodge #21, F&AM of PA.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, gardening, and working. During his years in Pennsylvania, Ken was an avid fly fisherman, tying his own flies, and he treasured hunting trips with his dad and brother. He spent many hours flounder fishing and crabbing in his aluminum haul boat on the Assawoman Bay in MD. While in Florida he was an enthusiastic saltwater fisherman. Ken was very active in his Florida communities and participated in many charity events. He was also the "van driver" to his wife's art shows up

and down the east coast. Ken loved watching sports and was a devoted Penn State football fan. He enjoyed entertaining and cooking for family and friends, and was considered a grill master by his family. Ken adored and was very proud of his family. He was a man of great integrity, a faithful Christian, and had a very kind heart. While he didn't talk about himself much he did enjoy talking about his family, his travels, and his work.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Gretchen, are two daughters, Jacquelyn Rinehart, wife of Douglas of Mount Joy, PA and Janice Dudzinski, wife of Eric of Elkton, MD; a step daughter, Susan Whitman of Selinsgrove, PA; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; a sister, Donna Williams, wife of Dale of Elizabethtown, PA; and a brother, Donald Williams of Bridgeville, PA. He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Peggy Stermer.

The family would like to thank the many nurses, doctors, and all staff at Mennonite Home who took wonderful care of Ken during his last few years. He adored you all!

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mennonite Home Benevolent Fund, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Gretchen: Please accept our sincere condolences on Ken's passing. Ken was the first person I hired when we took over the Boca Raton office then Deerfield Beach. Ken was a consummate professional, highly respected by all in CH2M Hill and outside with clients and agencies. Your going to Key West for us was a major part of our success in South Florida. Ken did the engineering and you ran the politics and community outreach. An unbeatable pair, you were the secret weapon. We love you both, and would love to hear from you. My phone is 336.862.3601. Email rbedard54@gmail.com. We can only find your Fernandino address. Love Dick and Susan Bedard.*

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**Richard Bedard** - January 15, 2023 at 11:44 AM

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**Karen Snyder** - December 18, 2022 at 09:18 PM

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**Janice Dudzinski** - December 15, 2022 at 12:20 PM