



Kenneth Dean Auten

June 1, 1929 - January 1, 2022

Kenneth Dean Auten 92, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 1, 2022 with his family by his side. Ken was born on June 1st, 1929, to the late Leslie Auten and Alice (Kempf) Auten. On August 5th, 1955, he married the late Margaret Anne Lange. Kenneth is survived by his two sisters Harriett (Auten) Searfoss and Marlene (Auten) Berkley; two sons Brian Auten and Joel Auten; granddaughter Jodi (Auten) Marschall; two great-grandchildren Christopher Marschall and Alexis Marschall; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, Leslie Auten and Alice (Kempf) Auten; brother Russell Auten; Wife Margaret (Lange) Auten; and grandson Philip. Ken worked at Eastern Michigan University in the heating and cooling department until he retired in 1994. Before working for Eastern, Ken sacrificed his life and time and served in the United States Air Force. In his spare time, he volunteered to drive the cancer patients to their appointments, to train guide dogs for the blind, and to donate gallons of blood to help those in need and give back to the Saline community. In Kenneth's freetime he enjoyed woodworking, bowling, photography, golf, painting, travel, his dog Bobby, and spending time surrounded by his loved ones. He was a member, along with his late wife Margaret (Lange) Auten, of St. Paul United Church of Christ. The cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will take place this following spring (To be determined). In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests that those who wish to pay their respects for Kenneth Dean Auten please feel free to make a donation in his name to St. Paul United

Church of Christ, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, or Leader dogs for the blind. To leave a memory you have of Ken, to sign his guestbook or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Dean Auten*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dearest Auten Family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Ken was a steadfast presence at St Paul. Our Sunday services and Ice Cream Socials will never be the same. I will miss his smile and sense of humor. He was an amazing, gentle man.*

Robin (Hainstock) West

R - January 15, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Brian, Joel and Jodi, you are in my heart and prayers.
I looked forward to seeing your Dad/Grandpa during my visits to St Paul UCC. We made sure to greet each other. He always had a twinkle in his eye. We laughed for years about the time I pulled on his tie and it came off in my hands. I noticed in the last years he wore a turtle neck collar rather than a tie to church.*

I hope to attend his memorial service, so please let me know when it will be.

God's peace and comfort be yours.

Jacoba Margaret Koppert

Rev. Jacoba M. Koppert - January 15, 2022 at 01:11 AM

KF

“ I worked with Ken years ago at Big George's. He was one of the best service technicians and was always kind, generous and patient-with everyone. My sympathy to his family.

Karen Farmer - January 14, 2022 at 11:16 AM

DD

“ I met Ken about 5 years ago at the Saline Recreation Center where he worked out on the NuStep several times a week. What an inspiration! Condolences to the Auten family.

Diane DeNio - January 13, 2022 at 04:13 PM

LS

“ Ken was a very special uncle to me and my family, always kind and loving. He will be missed by many and will always have a special place in our hearts❤️

Love, Lori , Scott and Sarah Sober

Lori Sober - January 11, 2022 at 04:13 PM



PR

“ Dear Auten family,

You are in our hearts and prayers with the loss of Ken. He was such a gentle man, soft spoken but very funny and enjoyable to be around. He loved his Margaret, and missed her so. Until the pandemic, he was always at church--he didn't want to miss a Sunday. We will always have fond memories of Ken and Margaret.

*Love,
Craig & Patty Richter (and family)
John & Elaine Layher*

Patty Layher Richter - January 09, 2022 at 11:29 AM

SU

“ *Ken's gentle humor and quiet dignity always brought forth smiles. He was a great neighbor and a dedicated member of St. Paul. My sympathy goes to his family. He was a good man.*
Susan Keezer

Susan - January 03, 2022 at 05:37 PM