



## Kenneth Joseph Byrne

January 16, 1943 - July 19, 2025

In Loving Memory of Kenneth Joseph “Ken” Byrne

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Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, and Friend

Kenneth Joseph Byrne, age 82, of Saline, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025, with his family by his side. Ken was born on January 16, 1943, in Spangler, Pennsylvania, to the late Louis E. Byrne and Florence L. (Kelly) Byrne. Ken is survived by his beloved wife Jean of 61 years; his daughters Christina Byrne Hawkins and Paulette Byrne Goforth; and his grandchildren Anna Lindsey Goforth, Brian Todd Goforth, and Jackson Kenneth Hawkins. He is also survived by his siblings Donna Byrne Frank, Paul Byrne, Mary Lou Byrne Knapik, Raymond Byrne, and Gloria Byrne Hanlon, as well as many treasured nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth Byrne Jr., and his brothers Eugene Byrne and Walter Byrne. Ken and Jean settled in Virginia, where Ken worked for Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Power) for 30 years. A dedicated and dependable employee, he brought the same steady presence to his work that he brought to every area of his life. Upon retirement, Ken (Pap-Pap) and Jean followed their heart—and their grandchildren—relocating to Michigan to be closer to family.

Ken was a man of quiet strength, deep faith, and infinite patience. He was

devoted to his family above all else, especially his three beloved grandchildren. Whether at home or at the “mountain house” he built with his brothers and brother-in-law in Pennsylvania, Ken created spaces where memories flourished. The mountain house became a treasured getaway for his grandchildren and the site of joyful Fourth of July reunions, where Ken could be found joking, laughing, and playing with his siblings and nieces and nephews. His corny sense of humor—often shared in long, laughing conversations with his brothers and sisters—was one of his trademarks.

He never judged and always made people feel welcome and at ease, even during times of illness. Ken had a special way of making everyone feel seen and valued. He was endlessly patient, generous with his time, and happiest when surrounded by family.

He will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Private services have taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Kenneth’s name may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908, or to the Special Olympics, 160 68th Street SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49548. To leave a memory you have of Kenneth or to sign his online guestbook please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Kenny showing his nephew how to install his 1st electrical fan at age 10. That nephew is now a 19 year journeyman electrician.



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Christopher Michael BASAK - July 26, 2025 at 07:28 PM

BK

“ Sending my love and prayers to Aunt Jean, Tina, and Paula ❤️ Mom always loved talking and joking around with Uncle Kenny. May he rest in peace.

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Becky Kratofil - July 26, 2025 at 05:34 PM

VA

“ Jean and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Ken. He was "one of a kind".  
I worked with Ken at Virginia Power for many years. Always helpful, good sense of humor and most of all a good friend.  
A true "diehard" Redskin fan. I will always remember our traveling to DC to see a game without tickets. We would set out our lawn chairs and our portable sign NEED TICKETS. It always worked. We never missed a game we went to.  
I will miss you.

Vernon "Bugs" Abbott

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VERNON ABBOTT - July 26, 2025 at 04:49 PM

CB

“ I cried reading all your posts because uncle Kenny "Padre" was such a beautiful soul. He was patient, caring, selfless, loyal and dedicated to his family. This Byrne family tree is reflection of unconditional love and uncle Kenny set the bar high early on. I will never forget the days of "all of us" hanging around Granny's pool and uncle Kenny eating cashews from a bean bag! You are forever in our hearts uncle Kenny and you have left your loving impression on all of us! I coul only imagine everyone waiting there, welcoming him(Lou, Florida, Eugene, Walt and more) saying "welcome home Bud"  
God bless you Aunt Jean, Tina, Paula and grandkids !! "We" will ALL be together again one day.....Thank you Jesus

Christopher Michael BASAK - July 26, 2025 at 09:24 AM

GH

“ I don't know what to say, will miss you brother Kenny.. you have won the race and now your home. So sorry to Jean Marie, Paula, Tina and the Grandkids... We love you all, Gloria and Jimmy.



Gloria Byrne Hanlon - July 25, 2025 at 09:46 PM

SR

“ Uncle Kenny was an amazing uncle. He was intelligent and kind. He and Aunt Jean would come down see us and us kids were excited to see them. He was very brave. Especially these past few years. He is with the Lord, his parents and I know that his brothers will say " We missed you, Bud!"

Sally Hanlon Rowland - July 25, 2025 at 09:20 PM

LF

“ *What a beautiful telling of Uncle Kenny, his patience and humor was so comforting you didn't want to leave any conversation. I'm one of those treasured nephews and I will never forget the time with my uncles. You have a beautiful family, God is so proud of you*  
*Lou*

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**Lou Frank** - July 25, 2025 at 09:01 PM