



Kenneth S. Gates

February 10, 1959 - February 29, 2024

Kenneth S. Gates (formerly Mark Jon Liinangi), age 65 of Lake, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at his home. Kenneth was born on February 10, 1959 to June (Cargal) Gates in Clawson, MI. Shortly after his birth, Harry and Verna (Tulpo) Liinangi adopted Kenneth and raised him throughout his childhood into adulthood in his hometown of Clawson where he was proud member of the Clawson High School Class of '77. Shortly after his high school years, Kenneth's thirty-plus year career in home improvement sales began as he would go on to work fifteen-plus years at the pro desks for both Home Depot and Lowe's Corporations. In the early 2000's, Kenneth moved from Madison Heights to the Central Michigan area, where he could better pursue his passions as an avid outdoorsman that loved time on the water fishing, in the woods hunting, or simply tinkering on one of his many hobby projects. Kenneth was a lover of baseball, a huge Red Wings fan, and a lover of all dogs. His quick wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed by all whose life he touched.

Kenneth is survived by his two daughters Jessie Liinangi and Leah Halloran. Other survivors include his siblings, nieces and nephews and many close friends. Kenneth was preceded in death by his birth mother June Gates and his adopted parents Harry and Verna Liinangi.

In keeping with Kenneth's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of

Kenneth's life will take place at the Farwell Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Memorial contributions given in honor of Kenneth may be directed to Jessie Liinangi. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared on Kenneth's tribute page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)

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Tribute Wall

SI

“ *SK International purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Kenneth S. Gates.*



SK International - March 28, 2024 at 06:17 PM

KW

“ *Karleen Warren lit a candle in memory of Kenneth S. Gates*



Karleen Warren - March 27, 2024 at 08:34 PM

KW

“ *Our deepest and sincerest condolences to Jessie, Karen, family & the friends during this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. ❤️ Frank and Karleen ❤️*

Karleen Warren - March 27, 2024 at 08:34 PM

LC

“ *Linda Canterucci purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth S. Gates.*



Linda Canterucci - March 26, 2024 at 03:24 PM

ER

“ Elite Robotics planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth S. Gates.

Elite Robotics - March 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kenneth S. Gates.



March 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM

MM

“ Sending love, hugs and prayers to the Liinangi and Gates families during this difficult time. Jessie and I grew up together and she shared stories about her dad, the great outdoors and their special bond. I'm sorry for your loss and know that if you need anything, I'm here for you. 💕💕



Melissa Morrison - March 24, 2024 at 07:33 PM

RP

“ Me and ken worked together for years and we shared alot of good times fishing and camping! Ken was a great guy, i am just saddened with his passing! Ken loved his dogs and the outdoors,we had plans to hangout this summer a little. Rip my friend!((

Ronald Pool - March 24, 2024 at 02:09 PM