



Kenneth Kapplinger

September 12, 1925 - April 17, 2021

Kenneth G. Kapplinger, age 95 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the MidMichigan Medical Center of Midland. On September 12, 1925, Ken was born the son of William and Charlotte (Northon) Kapplinger at their family home in Grant Township near Five Lakes. He was united in marriage to Vernetta Pudvay on May 16, 1947 in Clare County. They enjoyed 68 ½ years of marriage until her death on November 22, 2015. Ken was a proud graduate of the Clare High School Class of 1941 and a lifelong resident of Clare. Ken's entire working career was spent in the tool and die trade. He was proudly one of Holley Carburetor's early hires, and remained an employee until the plant closure. He then worked at Evert Products until his retirement. As prideful as Ken was about his work in the trades, he enjoyed his farming and raising Herford cattle. Other than farming, his interest included deer hunting, snowmobiling and a passion for woodworking. Upon his retirement, he and Vernetta spent time traveling the United States and abroad. They enjoyed many hours at their home on Five Lakes with family and friends. Ken is survived by his children Debbie Kapplinger of Stephenson, MI. and Karl (Cindy) Kapplinger of Midland and his grandchildren Karla (Carlos) Sola, Wade Kapplinger, Joe (Lauren) Naboychik, Susan (Rich) Crooks, and John (Crys) Naboychik. He was especially proud of the recent arrival of his first great-grandson Santiago Sola. Other survivors include many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Vernetta, his parents William and Charlotte Kapplinger, and his siblings Frances Warner, Charles, Jarvis,

and Morris Kapplinger, and Ethel Tunsen.

Friends may visit with the Kapplinger family on Wednesday the 21st at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. On Thursday the 22nd a 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. visitation and a 2:00 P.M. Service will all be held at the gravesite at Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Current Covid-19 guidelines will be in place. Memorial contributions in honor of Ken may be directed toward the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund. For those unable to attend, services will be live-streamed on the Stephenson-Wyman Facebook Page and online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanfh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Visitation

APR **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cherry Grove Cemetery
1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Graveside Services

APR **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss thoughts and prayers for all 🙏

jeff michels - April 22, 2021 at 11:57 AM

BM

“ Memories are the Legacy of Love. I know the family has many as do I> Ken was a neighbor . He and his wife purchased asparagus from me. Always enjoyed their visits.

Sincere sympathy to the Kapplinger families.

Beverley Mapes - April 22, 2021 at 09:34 AM

BM

“ Beverley Mapes lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Kapplinger



Beverley Mapes - April 22, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JF

“ Dear Debbie, Karl, Karla & Wade,

We were saddened to hear of Uncle Ken's passing. We have so many fun memories of times with Ken, Vernetta and all of you at the lake & farm growing up. Swimming, fishing, pontoon rides, camping and Ken was always such a kind and generous person. I remember a tractor ride at the farm (I think I was 6 of 7) and we stopped so Ken could call over the cattle for a closer look, and it worked! I was so amazed he could talk to them and they would listen.

We will miss him dearly. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Jarrold & Jennifer Folsom

Jarrold Folsom - April 21, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kapplinger.



April 21, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF MR. KAPPLINGER .. I DELIVERED MEALS TO HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS & WE HAD SOME NICE TALKS.. HE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL & KIND- HEARTED MAN..HE WILL BE MISSED.. RIP

Jennifer Richards - April 20, 2021 at 08:36 PM

AS

“ Dear Debbie, Karl, Karla & Wade,

We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Ken. What I will remember of Ken is spending fun summers outside at the lake with Ken, Vernetta, and you folks too. Ken was always happy man who had a wonderful laugh and gave the most amazing hugs!

One of the funniest memories I have of Ken was when we stopped by one day to say hello and Ken was cutting frozen meat on a band saw in the garage.

He will be missed. Sending our thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time.

Alexa & Andy Soares

Alexa Soares - April 20, 2021 at 03:39 PM



LR

“ Love, Jan, Alexa and Andy, and Drew and Rebecca purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kenneth Kapplinger.



Love, Jan, Alexa and Andy, and Drew and Rebecca - April 20, 2021 at 11:35 AM

YH

“ So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. We worked together at Holley Carburetor for many years. Ken was a talented machinist, a hard worker and an all around good guy. My sympathies to the family.

Marion Hildebrandt

Yvonne Hildebrandt - April 20, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Kapplinger.



April 19, 2021 at 09:46 PM