



## Kenneth Allen Lastovich

September 7, 1963 - April 17, 2021

Kenneth Allen Lastovich fiercely battled neuroendocrine cancer for 13 months but ultimately answered God's call to come home. A skilled negotiator and eternal optimist, we were convinced Ken would reach an agreement with our Maker for another 25 birthdays. Although Ken will not have another 25 years, he made the most of the 57 years he lived among us.

Ken liked old cars, especially his 1969 Chevelle SS 396 convertible. Ken used that car to help him woo the love of his life, Terry-Lynne. On their wedding day in June 1987, Ken drove away from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with the top down on his shiny, black convertible, a big grin on his face and Terry-Lynne by his side.

Ken loved the breeze in his hair, whether it was driving a car or flying across the water in a boat. Ken spent annual fishing openers on Minnesota's icy waters with his dad and brothers. Ken always spoke fondly of summers spent at his uncles' lake homes with his cousins. Later, Ken introduced his sons, Andrew and Steven, and daughter Lorna to his love of water sports. They, along with his nieces and nephews, have fond memories of water skiing and tubing, when Ken was driving his boat. Even though there may have been a few bruises and cases of near whiplash, the fun they had with Ken made it worthwhile.

Ken built a successful business using his natural ability to develop meaningful relationships and had a special bond with long time mentor Charlie Quarstad. Although Ken excelled in his work life, he always made family his number one priority. He was a devoted son, husband and father. Ken loved spending time with family: BBQs in the backyard, movies on the big screen in the basement, hosting big feasts on holidays for family, playing board games, ski trips out west and of course DIY projects, endless projects. No matter what the activity, Ken was all in.

On April 17, 2021, Ken left the surly bonds of Earth to rejoin his mom and dad, Arlene and Marko, his brother Steven, and his father-in-law Louis Ritchot. Ken is survived by his wife Terry-Lynne, his sons Andrew and Steven, his daughter Lorna, his brother Mark Lastovich (Vicki) and his sister Lynne Pepin (Tim). Ken's extended family, mother-in-law Maureen Ritchot, sisters-in-law Wendy Anne Asplund (Steve) and Jocelyn Knoll (Peter), brother-in-law Darren Ritchot (Roxy) and his nieces and nephews, will miss his enduring kindness and friendship. Ken's wife and children will miss his daily presence and love. Ken made a difference in every life he touched.

The family thanks everyone for their prayers and kindness, especially Dr. Hucec of Minnesota Oncology and the nurses, doctors and staff at United Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation or donor's choice.

A private Service will be webcast on Saturday April 24th @ 11AM. The webcast of the service can be viewed from Ken's obituary page - click on the photo/video tab to view. A public gathering of friends and family will be held from 12 noon until 1pm at the Washburn - McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel. 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids MN 763-767-1000



# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of Kenneth A. Lastovich in memory of Kenneth Allen Lastovich



Washburn-McReavy - April 23, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ <https://youtu.be/bhkwLBgHFFM>

Ian Glenn - April 25, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Ken's tribute wall photos



Brent Mosher - April 23, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ Wisconsin Stamping & Manufacturing purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.



Wisconsin Stamping & Manufacturing - April 23, 2021 at 04:38 PM

JN

“ I have known Ken and all the gentlemen at MEC for many years. Ken had a wonderful personality, with grace and humility. I didn't know the medical challenges he was facing when we met late December 2019. He faced his challenges well without hurting others. My sincere condolences to the family. May God's grace be with you all.

*Jacob Ninan*



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**Jacob Ninan** - April 23, 2021 at 11:36 AM



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



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April 23, 2021 at 09:28 AM

TO

“ I have had the pleasure of working with Ken and MEC for the last 20 years with Aurora Bearing Company. Ken was one the best reps I have worked with and he and Charlie and their staff have built MEC into one of Aurora's top sales territories. The respect that Ken showed his customers and the knowledge of Aurora Bearing Company and its products is what set Ken apart from other representatives. Personally I will miss our "windshield" time when we would share family stories. He was such a dedicated and proud husband, father and family man. My sincere condolences to Terry Lynne and the kids and also all in his MEC family. Ken will truly be missed.

Terry Orr

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**Terry L. Orr** - April 23, 2021 at 08:11 AM

CH

“ Well, where do I start....I have met very few people in my life that exemplify the way Jesus would like us to be towards one another. Kindness, respect, patience and overall love for others. Ken always showed these qualities. In actuality this can be said of all of the Lastovich kids. I have always cherished the times when we would be able to get together at family gatherings both good and sad. But even at the sad get togethers Ken would lighten the mood. I guess it seems unfair that he was taken and yet there are others on earth we could do without that seem to live forever. I believe that this is because he is needed elsewhere by the powers that be and his passing is a reminder for all of us to cherish each other while we are here. Our hearts go out to Terry, Andrew, Steven and Lorna. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Chad Herrmann** - April 22, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



April 22, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Hilmer, Bonnie, David, Dale, Karen, Dan, Darren purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



**Hilmer, Bonnie, David, Dale, Karen, Dan, Darren** - April 22, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



April 22, 2021 at 12:04 PM

KC

“ In my work history I have needed to interface with a large number of reps in a variety of different ways - there is no one better than Ken. It's amazing to think of his position at MEC, yet he tackled every single request with such tenacity it was as if he was brand new and needed to prove that he belonged by going above and beyond every time. He made my job much easier than it needed to be.

As a person, Ken was one of the most friendly, genuine people I've had the chance to work with. I knew to leave some extra time for our phone conversations because we would spend time talking beyond work, and I always looked forward to the conversations we had. I will miss the smile he put on my face whenever we talked. It's very sad news to hear about this today, but I know he's up there smiling down on all of us.

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**Kris Corts** - April 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JW

“ Ken will certainly be missed. I had worked with Ken through Pfannenbergs for 7 years and he was truly one of the nicest person I have worked with. When we talked about family he was so proud of his kids and how much they accomplished. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Jeff Wiatrowski** - April 22, 2021 at 10:26 AM

TF

“ The Avtron Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.



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**The Avtron Family** - April 21, 2021 at 05:33 PM

BM

“ Ken was my friend from Kindergarten on, So many great memories growing up together,  
Jazz band,  
First Job at Burger King together  
Drive to SD to buy fireworks,  
Work on his first car,  
Fishing opener on Big Winni  
soo many more,  
I will miss him greatly  
Rest In Peace My Friend, I look forward to meeting you again in Heaven,  
Brent Mosher



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**Brent Mosher** - April 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

DA

“ I (and everyone at Pfannenbergs) would like to send our condolences to the Lastovich Family in their loss. I have worked with Ken for the past 10 years, and thoroughly enjoyed our time together. He was a very special person, his honesty, laughter, and general positive attitude made him a pleasure to be around. I so looked forward to my visits to MN to work and just talk with Ken. I will miss him very much. Ken had such a knack for business and relationships, he made it seem effortless, but I knew he always prepared for our working together. I also got to be a recipient of his boat rides on the lake, and just his giving me tours of your beautiful area of the country. Ken and all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers, God Bless.

*Dan Albrecht*

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**Dan Albrecht** - April 21, 2021 at 01:51 PM

TB

“ I first met Ken when he was working for Charlie Quarstad at Northwest Power Products. Then years later as the Sale Manager at MEC, Inc. while working for Charlie and eventually as our boss when Ken took over the business.

I will always remember how Ken loved to entertain our principles when they came into town, especially in the Summer when he could take them out to Lord Fletcher’s on Lake Minnetonka in his boat. We would all gather at Fletcher’s for some refreshments, food and people watching. Great fun for all.

Ken was more than just my boss; he was my friend. I feel honored to have known him, to work with and for him. He was a good leader, always there to help, guide and advise me. Ken had so much knowledge of our industry and loved to provide solutions to his many customers. I will miss Ken greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. May God bless and watch over you.

Tom Bjorgum

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Tom Bjorgum - April 21, 2021 at 12:12 PM

VL

“ I loved Ken's cheerful laugh. Ken would text Mark and send pictures when he was on vacation. It was wonderful to know Ken was thinking of Mark when he was having fun. Ken had 1-hour phone calls with Mark. Every phone call, I overheard Ken say, "Say Hi to Vicki!" Even on a 3-hour call. This made me feel important and loved.

Vicki Lastovich

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Vicki Lastovich - April 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



April 21, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Ken and I shared a love for the slopes. We often discussed Afton Alps and even Copper Mountain and how both of our children enjoyed skiing and snowboarding as well. I am truly honored to have known Ken and been able to work along side such a nice, caring and knowledgeable person. I will deeply miss Ken. My prayers go out to all of you.*

*Tim Holupchinski*

**Tim Holupchinski** - April 21, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



April 21, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ *Ray and Cathy Norene purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



**Ray and Cathy Norene** - April 21, 2021 at 07:19 AM

JG

“ Joyce, Cindy, Sherry, Andy, Tina, Candace, George purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.



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**Joyce, Cindy, Sherry, Andy, Tina, Candace, George** - April 21, 2021 at 12:18 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.



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April 20, 2021 at 10:28 PM

DE

“ 2 files added to the album Ken's tribute wall photos



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**Dale Eckstrom** - April 20, 2021 at 07:55 PM

LP

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**Lynne Pepin** - April 20, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



April 20, 2021 at 02:18 PM



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Jocelyn Knoll - April 20, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jocelyn Knoll - April 20, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *Pete, Jared, Sandra, Wayne, Christian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



Pete, Jared, Sandra, Wayne, Christian - April 20, 2021 at 11:42 AM

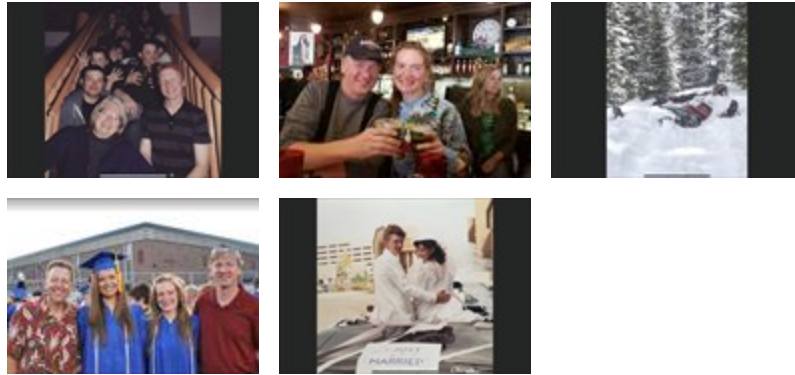
PR

“ Ken was a first class individual. He will be greatly missed by Invertek Drives. Personally it was a privilege to know him and work with him.

Pete Roberts - April 20, 2021 at 11:31 AM

JK

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Jocelyn Knoll - April 20, 2021 at 11:25 AM

LF

“ Lastovich Family purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.



Lastovich Family - April 20, 2021 at 11:24 AM

BW

“ Our entire team at Avtron/NIS is devastated to hear of Ken's death. Ken was an incredibly positive person, even among salespeople. He had a keen technical mind, and could quickly find solutions for customers large and small. He always had a light touch, never trying to impress anyone with his knowledge, and yet helping in so many ways. We will miss Ken's leadership, and most of all, his friendship!

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**Brian Winter** - April 20, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.



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April 20, 2021 at 09:47 AM

RC

“ Ramsey Products Corporation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.



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**Ramsey Products Corporation** - April 20, 2021 at 09:42 AM

DB

“ It was a pleasure to work with Ken over the last 15+ years. He will be surely missed but I will never forget him. The joy and pride he showed when talking about his wife and kids was always a pleasure to have these talks and I will miss hearing about them.

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**Dennis Bailey** - April 20, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Lastovich.*



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April 20, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *My earliest memories of Ken and later of the man that he became, is that he was all about you. Hearing you, supporting you, helping you and loving you. Ken loved people. Ken was as comfortable and enjoyed working with a person who got dirt under their fingernails while making a living as much as someone building the largest moving stadium roofs and walls in the world. A quietly determined person. Steady in his support. Easy to be with. In hundreds of ways he was always thinking of you and how to support you. None more than his family, who he made sure stayed the center of his life. Their dreams were his actions and you always knew they would be and how proud he was of them. And so, this is how I remember my dear brother Ken. Now I believe in my heart that the Lord holds Ken in his loving arms as he held us so many times.*

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**Mark Lastovich** - April 19, 2021 at 11:09 PM