



Mr. Ken Cholewczynski of Hoffman Estates

February 3, 1947 - March 4, 2015

Ken Cholewczynski, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois; age 68 died March 4, 2015 with his loving wife Gerri by his side.

Ken is survived by his wife Gerri of 47 years, two children, Mark Cholewczynski, and Jennifer (Jeff) Straub, as well as three adoring granddaughters, Lauryn Straub 15 years old, Rachel Straub 13 years old, and Meghan Straub 8 years old.

Ken was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served with the United States Army 1st Calvary Division from 1968-1970. He earned the award for combat aerial support of ground operations in Quan Loi, and the prestigious Purple Heart for heroic actions.

Ken was employed by Motorola from 1964-1999, he was a great thinker, and problem solver as he was involved with the creation of 14-20 award winning patent designs.

Ken was a family man and enjoyed spending most of his time “tinkering” around in the garage taking apart, and rebuilding anything that had a motor. He loved gadgets of all kinds, and always had the right tool for the job! He was lucky to share his love of mechanics, engineering, gaming, computers, and technology with his best friend, and son Mark.

Ken and Gerri built their life together, with their family, loving extended family, and great friends. He especially loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, and trips up to Rhinelander to catch the “Big One”.

When he could no longer travel, he would often build a campfire in the yard where family and friends could spend time together, and enjoy.

Ken, also known as “Grandpa C” will be fondly remembered by his granddaughters, who loved to hear his funny stories, participate in his crazy inventions and experiments, and pick tomatoes in his famous garden.

Family and Friends will meet Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 11:30 A.M. until time of Memorial Service at 12:30 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 Hassell Road (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

Visitation, Funeral Service, Committal and Burial Service entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home / Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), 6 minutes South of Palatine Road and Barrington Road, 6 minutes North of Schaumburg Road and Barrington Road, in Hoffman Estates / South Barrington, Illinois 60169.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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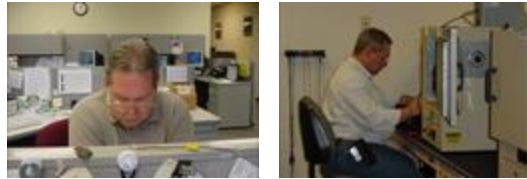


“ *Mr. Ken Cholewczynski of Hoffman Estates*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *I worked with Ken for years and even got to know him outside of work, visiting his home on occasion. We kept in touch after he left work and I found out years later that my wife and his daughter were childhood friends. He was a good man and it was an honor to have known him.*



Ed Hardt - October 05, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ *One of the nicest guys I've ever met.
I worked alongside of 10 for several years and day after day it was a great pleasure to talk to him.
A good man to say the least.*

Phil Honaker - August 27, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ *Marilu M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Ken Cholewczynski of Hoffman Estates.*



Marilu M. - March 12, 2015 at 09:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Ken Cholewczynski of Hoffman Estates.*



March 11, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ *Ken was a friend and trusted colleague at Motorola Labs. I could always count on Ken to tell me the unvarnished truth about the challenges we were facing in meeting customer commitments and reliability testing of new technology. He did some remarkable things in the lab and kept them running smoothly like the finely oiled machines he loved to tinker with. Ken could always be trusted to keep commitments and was a man of his word. I have the highest respect for Ken and want to give my sincere condolences and prayers to Gerri and Mark and the rest of his family. I am sorry for your loss.*

He will be missed by us all.

Bill Olson

Bill Olson - March 10, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *Boisselier Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Ken Cholewczynski of Hoffman Estates.*



Boisselier Family - March 07, 2015 at 03:27 PM

TB

“ We lost a great friend and neighbor this week when Ken went on to a "Better Place". For the past 15 years Ken and Gerri have been extended family to us. We shared many memories over the years that will always be in our hearts. Ken always had the right joke to lighten things up or the right tools to get the job done. He was loved and will be deeply missed by our entire family.
Sincerely,
the "Bart's"

the Bart's - March 06, 2015 at 08:12 PM

MM

“ Regretfully, I did not know Ken personally. I do know how wonderful he was by way of my sister Carla's account and the testimony that lives through a fantastic human being: Jennifer Cholewczynski Straub. She is such a gift to our family. You all are in my heart as you celebrate Ken's life.

Mary Carmen Milano

Mary Carmen Milano - March 06, 2015 at 01:12 PM

JM

“ It was with great sadness that we learned of Ken's passing; please accept our heartfelt condolences. Tom and Janet McIntyre

Janet McIntyre - March 06, 2015 at 11:06 AM

CN

“ Ken always made me laugh. He had a great sense of humor, which thankfully Jen and Mark inherited. Ken was always concerned about everyone else. He was an American hero, and a hero in our family. I miss him, and am looking forward to seeing him in heaven. Carla Nelson

Carla Nelson - March 06, 2015 at 06:31 AM