



## Kenneth E. Heath

October 30, 1936 - February 23, 2025

Kenneth E. Heath, 88, died on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at Ghent Rehab. and Nursing Center.. Born in Hartford, CT. on October 30, 1936, he was the son of the late Jennings and Pauline (Menninger) Heath. Kenneth was a 1954 Graduate of Wakefield High School and was a Veteran of the Korean War proudly serving in the United States Marine Corps. While stationed at HQMC Washington, D.C., he was a member of the elite Honor Guard at the Iwo Jima War Memorial, Arlington, VA. before training with the Naval Intelligence for assignment to the Pentagon. He later attended George Washington University under the G.I. Bill of Rights, majoring in Business Administration.

Kenneth married a fellow Marine, Betty Lou Wasner of Philmont, on Sept. 23, 1955 and enjoyed 60 years of marriage until Betty's death in 2015. He is survived by daughters Sandra Grogan (Jack) of Albany, Joanne Bobb of Savannah, GA., and Angela White (George) of Philmont. Also surviving are six grandchildren: Jessica, John "JJ" (Liz), Samantha (Gordon), Kirstin (Vinnie), Colton (Brea) and Annika as well as two great grandsons: Alistair and Jack. He is survived by a sister Carole and was predeceased by a son Richard and a brother Gordon.

Kenneth was a member of the Second Reformed Church of Claverack in Philmont and was a former elder and deacon. He was also a former member and President of the Philmont Rescue Squad and life member of the Philmont Rod and Gun Club. He spent 31 years at Harders Express, Inc. of Claverack and retired as Vice President. His professional affiliations were closely aligned

with the trucking industry and was on the Board of Directors of the Capital District Transportation Association and the Mid-Hudson Traffic Club. He will be remembered for his energy, tenacity, sharp wit, (his fully stocked cellar), attention to detail, strong sense of patriotism for the USMC, love of family and his prodigious memory. Ken also believed that life is too short to wake up with regrets; Love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't. Ken believed in God, life, the USMC, possessing much empathy, compassion and love for family and all people.

Calling hours will be Monday, March 3, 2025 from 12:00-2:00 PM at the Sacco Funeral Home 700 Town Hall Drive Hudson, NY. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 PM at the funeral home with Pastor Bob Milsom officiating. Burial with Military Honors will be in the Mellenville Union Cemetery. Remembrances are requested to St Judes Children's Research Hospital, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Shriners Hospital for Children, or to a charity of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sacco Funeral Home  
700 Town Hall Dr  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-5000  
smvfh700@gmail.com  
<https://www.saccofuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Sacco Funeral Home  
700 Town Hall Dr  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-5000  
smvfh700@gmail.com  
<https://www.saccofuneralhome.com/>

## Burial

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

Mellenville Union Cemetery  
769 NY Route 217  
Mellenville, NY 12544

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Sportman Family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth E. Heath.*



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**The Sportman Family.** - March 02, 2025 at 04:39 PM

NJ

“ *Nicole Johanson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kenneth E. Heath.*



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**Nicole Johanson** - March 01, 2025 at 08:46 AM

 Ginny Dutcher

“ *A happy man who had a trunk full of tales. He would make you laugh with his witty jokes and give you a story from history, which was always my favorite.*



*Your care for your granddaughter was so beautiful. You'd shoot the moon down for her. And my goodness she knows it. You were and are her everything. May you shine down and protect her and guide her through the rest of her life.*

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**Ginny Dutcher** - February 28, 2025 at 07:36 AM



“ I was so sad to hear this. Ken and I always stayed in touch over the years and always called and always exchange Christmas cards and of course his sense of humor was in every card. I will cherish our friendship and I will miss you my friend we talked about his children and his grandchildren how proud he was Fly high Ken I bet you're up there laughing and cutting up Ginger Riley Gibson



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**Gingerlee Riley-Gibson** - February 27, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ Love, Aurora, David & Nixon purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Kenneth E. Heath.



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**Love, Aurora, David & Nixon** - February 26, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ Anne M. lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Heath



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**Anne M.** - February 26, 2025 at 02:08 PM

AK

“ *My dear friend!*



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**Aurora Kolb** - February 26, 2025 at 12:34 PM

AN

“ *2 files added to the album Poppy*



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**Annika** - February 26, 2025 at 10:57 AM



*He adored you*

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**Gingerlee Riley-Gibson** - February 27, 2025 at 06:22 PM

LA

“ *Love, Karen and Aidan purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Kenneth E. Heath.*



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**Love, Karen and Aidan** - February 26, 2025 at 08:24 AM

LA

“ Love, Karen and Aidan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth E. Heath.

Love, Karen and Aidan - February 26, 2025 at 08:24 AM

AN

“ Angelina lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Heath



Angelina - February 25, 2025 at 10:02 PM

IS

“ Isabella lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Heath



Isabella - February 25, 2025 at 09:24 PM

ME

“ Megan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Heath



Megan - February 25, 2025 at 09:17 PM

JU

“ Semper Fi, Marine!

Jim Macfarlane, USMC - February 25, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *A wonderful Poppy that raised a wonderful granddaughter.*

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**emma** - February 25, 2025 at 07:55 PM

AK

“ Oh, Ken. Where do I begin? You have been such a huge part of my life and my family's life for 30 years. Meeting you at Germantown Central School back in 94/95, you became great friends with my family and were there for us when Rosine passed away. I will always remember the hunting trips (in your OCD decked out tree stand), all the newspaper clippings that you'd photocopy, hi-light, underline certain words with red pen and then send to me, the birthday cards with some sarcastic comments, and how you'd always tell me "woman driver no survivor." You were there again for us when Nonna and my Mom passed, and more recently got to meet David. We were so happy to have you at his promotion party and at our wedding last February. I will miss our hour long phone conversations, the distinct smell of your cologne (Lagerfeld), your sense of humor and your love for your county and the United States Marines! There is so much more to say. But for now I'll say, fly high my dear friend and I'll miss you terribly. To Ken's family (some of whom I have met), my deepest condolences to you all. Ken was an amazing person and friend and I am so grateful I had him in my life. I pray that you find comfort and peace.

Love,

Aurora Kolb (Lighthart)



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Aurora Kolb - February 25, 2025 at 05:28 PM

MJ

“ *Monte Jennings lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Heath*



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**Monte jennings** - February 25, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JH

“ *We send our deepest condolences. We know what a hard time this is having lost our Dad, Ken's brother, Gordon, only two months ago. We grieve with you and wish our cousins and their families our very best at this difficult time. Here's to a life well lived - Jena and Ted Heath*

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**Jena Heath** - February 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM

FD

“ *Ken was a terrific man*

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**funeral director** - February 25, 2025 at 02:17 PM

FH

“ *Great man.*

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**Funeral Home** - February 25, 2025 at 02:11 PM

AN

“ *Annika lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Heath*



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**Annika** - February 24, 2025 at 09:00 PM

AN

“ i love you so much poppy you're the best grandfather in the world. you're the most perfect, loving, caring, and selfless person i'll ever know. you mean everything to me and i will never be able to thank you enough for all you've done for me. i love you forever. xoxo, annika

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**Annika** - February 24, 2025 at 07:05 PM

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*Annika,  
We never met, but your grandfather was a big part of my life and my family's life for 30 years. I know that you were EVERYTHING to him. I would hear all about you and your accomplishments at TH. He even told me about the car you had gotten a few years ago and how well you were doing in college. He loved you so and was beyond proud of you. My heart is broken by his passing. He was just at my wedding last February. My deepest condolences to you and your mom. I pray for your comfort and peace. ~ Aurora Kolb (Lighthart)*

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**Aurora Kolb** - February 25, 2025 at 05:11 PM