



Kenneth O. Cooley

March 14, 1939 - March 20, 2026

Kenneth O. Cooley of Cadillac passed away, Friday, March 20, 2026, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 87.

Ken was born March 14, 1939, in Detroit, Michigan to Donald Dee and Eleanor Jane (Cowie) Cooley. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1957. After High School he served in the United States Army. Later Ken retired from Four Winns. Ken was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge, where in earlier years he enjoyed dancing with his wife, Joyce. He loved country music, bowling and reading and he could often be found at the library finding something new to read.

He is survived by daughters: Tina Alexander, Tammy Bilyea both of Cadillac, Toni Cooley of Alpena, Alberta Barnes of Cadillac; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; several great-great- grandchildren; sister, Dolores (Jerry) Beauman; sister-in-law, Judy Cooley, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

On September 30, 1972, he married Joyce Elaine Madole and she preceded him in death on February 4, 2018. In addition to his wife Ken was preceded in death by children: Terry Cooley, Tina Scott; granddaughter, Katie; siblings: Phyllis (Rich), Robert, and Donna (Bill), Jerry.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Wednesday April 1, 2026 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family an

hour prior to the service at the funeral home. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth O. Cooley.

April 02 at 09:33 PM



“ Uncle Ken you are greatly loved and will miss you 💔



Sharon Cooley - March 30 at 04:12 PM



“ Ken was the nicest, quietist spoken sweet man! He always made my day because he was intentional on saying Hi to people. I will miss serving him his Beef & Bean burrito w/no onions at the lodge 💔

Amy Spencer - March 29 at 07:55 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Ken's family. Ken was a very kind and gentle man always willing to sit through the mornings at the Moose for us volunteers to aid seniors in acquiring their foods each month. It was a pleasure to know him. He will be missed.

ELSIE L . MOORE - March 27 at 09:07 AM

RP

“ Sorry for your loss. I bowled with Ken for years on our Friday night bowling league at The Pines. Good memories.

Ron Puruleski

Ronald Puruleski - March 27 at 06:07 AM

SB

“ We will miss you Uncle Ken 💔



Sherry Bryant - March 26 at 08:04 PM