



Kenneth Louis Goff

October 25, 1934 - August 27, 2018

Kenneth Louis Goff passed away Monday, August 27, 2018 at his home in Cadillac, MI due to complications of cancer. He was 83.

Ken was born October 25, 1934 in Tustin, MI to Arnold and Dorothy (Stenman) Goff who preceded him in death.

The family moved to Lansing, where Ken graduated from Sexton High School. Ken attended Michigan State University and was later drafted in the U.S. Army serving in the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, GA and Kitzingen, Germany. He later owned and operated a 7 UP Distribution Company and the Capital Auto Wash. The mainstay of his career was working as a Regional Manager for William Wrigley Jr. Company for 27 years.

On July 9, 1960, Ken married his wife of 58 years, L. Marlene Zuidema Goff of Holt, MI. She preceded him in death by one month to the day.

Surviving is his son, Ken Jr. (Vonda) Goff and daughter, Lisa Thompson. They had five beloved grandchildren: Matthew, Adam and Meagan Goff and Everett and Ian Thompson. Also surviving is a brother Art (Saundra) Goff and a sister, Lura (Jim) Waisanen; in-laws: Dean Hefty, Butch (Cheryl) Zuidema, Sandy (Larry) Jones, and Jake (Barb) Zuidema; and many nieces and nephews.

In 1971, due to a company transfer, the family moved to Hudsonville, MI where they were members of Fellowship Reformed Church for 43 years. In 2014, Ken and Marlene moved to a condo on Lake Cadillac. Ken loved fishing and hunting and played on several golf leagues.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, August 31, 2018 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services, 205 E Cass St., Cadillac, MI 49601, with the Cadillac Area Honor Guard Chaplain, Pastor James Helmboldt officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am prior to the funeral with the family inviting all to celebrate his life with a luncheon at the American Legion after the funeral service.

Ken's final resting place will be Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

BA

“ I am so sorry to read of Ken and Marlene's passing. I first met Ken when I was ten. My dad was the battalion commander of the 9th Field Artillery, 3rd Inf. Div., and Ken was his driver. They served together in Kitzingen, Germany, and remained friends and in contact until my dad died in 2011. Ken and I were in touch after that. Both Dad and Ken had a great affinity for the 9th FA and for the men they served with. At Dad's request, I sent Ken the 9th FA wooden crest that hung in his office for 50 years. Ken's phone calls with Dad, particularly in the five years after my mother died, brought Dad much joy and comfort. Ken and I had some great phone conversations, reminiscing about our time in Germany, but I will also always remember him as the funny, handsome soldier who was so kind to a ten year old. My heartfelt condolences to his family. May both Ken and Marlene rest in eternal peace.

Bobette Adcock - March 06, 2019 at 05:34 AM

TO

“ Thinking of you and your families, Lisa and Ken Jr., especially having lost both parents in such a short time. Ken and Marlene were a dedicated couple who seemed to love life and its simple pleasures..a glass of wine, fishing together, a round of golf. We will remember them fondly as our Cadillac condo neighbors.

Tim & Mary O'Neill - August 31, 2018 at 07:27 AM

LB

“ Sorry about the passing of your father. I am happy to have had the privilege to work with Ken and Lisa.

Larry Byle - August 30, 2018 at 01:33 PM

VC

“ I knew Ken from working at Wrigley Company. We had some good times as Regional Managers at Quarterly meetings.

Verlon Curran - August 29, 2018 at 06:31 PM

KL

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Karol and I were neighbors in Lansing on Francis St. back in the 1960's

Karol and Lance Lynch - August 29, 2018 at 05:17 AM

CM

“ Ken was a great co-worker at Wrigley. We enjoyed many fun times. Candy show at Boyne was always a highlight with Ken and Marlene. May he Rest In Peace

Carol Murdock. - August 28, 2018 at 07:58 PM

JK

“ Had the pleasure to work with Ken for many years at Wrigley. Great family man and an even better person. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

John Knoeckl - August 28, 2018 at 06:02 PM

DG

“ So many happy memories with your family. Blessed to have visited him last week. They are greatly missed but together forever now. Prayers for you all.

Deb Green - August 28, 2018 at 02:33 PM

DK

“ Sorry to hear this. Spent some time with Ken ,fishing,lunches and just hanging out. Always enjoyed his company.He was a great guy. He sure loved Marlene and talked about his family a lot.Honest and honorable man.Reading this obituary is very interesting because he never talked about himself much.

Don De Kraker - August 28, 2018 at 01:44 PM

TD

“ Ken will be missed. Just had breakfast with Ken Wednesday morning of last week. Spend many enjoyable times with Ken over the 50 years we were friends. God's richest blessing to the family!

Tom Dygert - August 28, 2018 at 01:31 PM