



Kenneth G. Joynt

September 5, 1929 - August 30, 2024

Kenneth G. Joynt of Cadillac died August 30, 2024 at Sunnyside Senior Living facility. He was 94.

Ken was born on September 5, 1929 (Traverse City) to Adelbert and Praxedes “Sadie” (Brzezinski) Joynt. He was the oldest of five.

Ken graduated from Cadillac High School in 1948. He would later attend Ferris Institute Business School. He also was trained in an engine rebuilding program and Harrison Radiator repair school.

In January 1951, Ken enlisted into military service as an Army Engineer, completing basic training at Ft. Hood. He was then deployed to Germany in support of the Korean conflict as part of the 17th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division NATO defense forces. He was responsible for building supply line bridges across the Rhine River. Ken was honorably discharged in 1952.

On return to private life, Ken married his high school sweetheart, Lucille “Babe” Bourassa on April 11, 1953 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac.

Ken worked in the family’s automotive businesses (AH Joynt Inc. and Cadillac Automotive Warehouse) working many of the locations with his father and

brothers. He sold the automotive business around 1990, phased into retirement, and soon ventured into residential contracting, building a few spec homes and one of his own.

Ken loved northwestern Michigan. He was committed to the Cadillac community and was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church; Cadillac Elks Lodge #680; American Legion, and others. Ken served on many local Cadillac organizations – Cadillac Downtown Development Authority (Charter Chairman); Cadillac Economic Council; Cadillac Community Foundation and others. He was member of the Cadillac Country Club for most of his adult life. He enjoyed playing golf, tennis, and hunting as well as his residential remodeling projects. Like his father, he instilled a solid work ethic.

In 2010, Ken married Elaine Keller and moved to “Keller Farms”. Having grown up on a farm in Traverse, Ken enjoyed his time at the farm with Elaine. They liked to spend time with family in the summers and enjoyed some time in Sarasota, Florida in the winter.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucille (2008), sisters Margaret (Herschel) Allen and Adele (William) Royce, son Gordon E Joynt (1999).

He is survived by his wife Elaine Keller Joynt; brother Herb (Judy) Joynt, brother Bob (Sue) Joynt; sons, Jeffrey (LoRayne Apo) Joynt of Saginaw; James (Laura Letts) Joynt of Manton; daughter-in-law, Elaine (David Duffy) Photiou Joynt of Grand Blanc; grandchildren, Nicole (Michael) Burton, Andrew (Carrie) Joynt, Jordan (Mattie) Joynt, Sadie Joynt, Adele (Darryl) Wait, Leah (Ben) Kolanowski, Zachary (Tracie) Joynt, Kenneth G Joynt, Jeffrey W Joynt; great-grandchildren, Madeline, Jennika, Josie, Eva, Lila, Everleigh; step-children Corky (Wilbur) Potvin; Shelley (Mark) Wheeler; Paul (Julie) Keller; and step grandkids Russell (Meghan) Keller; Andrew (MaJoya) Keller; Michael (Kayla) Keller; Matt Potvin; Julie Potvin; and several great grandchildren from

the Keller side. Ken is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial mass will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Fr. Michael Janowski as celebrant.

Friends may meet the family Monday September 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the St. Ann Catholic Church or the Veterans Endowment Fund through the Cadillac Community Foundation. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **16.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Mass

SEP **17.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
800 W 13th St
Cadillac, MI 49601-9281
(231) 775-2471

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Ken I knew was a great guy. Always helpful and very smart., no BS man. He helped me get a start at Jo ynt Auto back in 1980, with some good shop men. Thank you Ken, rest in peace.*

Mark E Malleaux - September 16, 2024 at 05:10 PM

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“ *I met Ken when my wife Linda and I joined the CCC in 2009 and played in the Tuesday night golf league with him until he had to give it up. I still play the Thursday round of the member/guest with his son Jeff and Wilbur Potvin. Ken always greeted me with a handshake, a warm smile and generally a smart comment or two which were returned in kind. He was a wonderful man who will be missed here but Heaven is gaining a good one! Condolences to the entire family from the Tanners.*

Mark & Linda Tanner - September 07, 2024 at 05:52 AM

BM

*Condolences to the family. I am most familiar with Elaine and my heart goes out to all of you. Take care, Elaine.
Bev Monroe*

Bev Monroe - September 15, 2024 at 08:16 PM

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“ *We always enjoyed our time that we got to spend with Uncle Ken. He was quite the entertainer. He loved to have people around him and we were so glad to have been a part in his life. He will be missed by many but we're glad he can finally rest in peace. Happy Trails Uncle Ken. Love The Lees*

Carol Lee - September 06, 2024 at 10:25 AM

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“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Joynt family. Gordy was a good friend and classmate, so I've known the Joynt boys and parents for some time. My parents, Doug and Mary Bell, were long time golfing friends of Ken and Babe as well. May he rest peacefully... Sincerely, Linda Bell Ziska*

Linda Bell Ziska - September 05, 2024 at 11:56 AM