



Kenneth F. Leedy

December 4, 1941 - March 30, 2023

Kenneth F. Leedy, 81, of Lebanon, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2023, after a short stay at Spang Crest skilled nursing facility. He was the husband of Linda F. (Leahy) Leedy, with whom he celebrated 56 years in marriage.

Ken was born in Lebanon, PA on December 4, 1941, to the late Harrison and Marian (Rittle) Leedy. He was a 1960 Lebanon Catholic High School graduate. He worked for 43 years at New Penn Motor Express, based in Lebanon, PA. Ken started as a rate clerk in 1960 and worked his way to President of New Penn Motor Express, retiring in 2003.

During Ken's career he held almost every possible responsibility at New Penn. He also served on the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee (TNFINC) and was a trustee on the Teamsters Pension Fund of Philadelphia.

Ken was an avid sports fan. In his early years he coached basketball at the YMCA and had season tickets to the Hershey Bears. He was an Eagles season ticket holder for 40 years and was fortunate to attend many Super Bowls and Indianapolis 500 racing events. He loved playing golf with his regular foursome at the Lebanon Country Club on the weekend, and he spent two terms as the President of the Board there as well.

Ken loved to travel, particularly enjoying his first trip to Europe through France and Germany with his wife and friends Pard and Ethyl. He made many golf trips to Scotland and loved the 25 years he spent at his home in Marco Island, FL where he entertained family and friends all winter long.

Ken was charitable in ways big and small. As well as making anonymous donations to families in need and being generous with his own family, he made major donations to Lebanon Catholic School and Lebanon Valley College. The Leedy Theatre at Lebanon Valley College is named after Ken.

Ken was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the Elks Club Lodge. He was known to have many friends and made sure to keep in contact with them all. He truly had a gift for connecting with people and he placed a very high value on the relationships that he made.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his sons, Gregory Leedy (Kathleen) of Lebanon, David Leedy (Rebecca) of Lebanon, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and a sister Sally Allwein (William) of Lebanon. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Terrance and William Leedy. In addition to his immediate family, Ken leaves so many current and former members of the New Penn family who loved and respected him as a leader, a mentor and a friend.

There will be a viewing on Monday April 3, 2023 from 6PM – 9PM at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 618 E. Main Street, Annville. There will be an additional viewing Tuesday April 4, 2023 from 10AM until 11AM at St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 125 S Spruce St, Annville, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial will then be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 11AM at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church with a reception to follow at the Lebanon Country

Club, 3375 Oak St, Lebanon, PA. Interment will be held privately.

Ken would like you to know that he was shaped by his Lebanon Catholic High School education experience. For that reason, in lieu of flowers, he requests that a contribution might be made to Our Lady of the Cross School/ LC Strong Foundation, 1691 Grace Ave, Lebanon, PA 17046.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Public Viewing

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
125 S. Spruce St.
Annville, PA 17003

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
125 S. Spruce St.
Annville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall

TM

“ Dear Linda, Greg, David and family. We are so sorry for the loss of a great man. Ken was so good to our Dad and brought him to New Penn in 1974. He was a great friend to our family and I personally loved his gregarious nature. Anyone that met him knew him and never forgot the meeting. Ken was a strong leader who made those trucks and company run and my dad respected him very much. That spoke volumes to me! Wishing you all strength and peace during this difficult time.

Tom Murray

Tom Murray - April 04, 2023 at 10:45 AM

PP

“ Paul Petry lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Leedy



Paul Petry - April 03, 2023 at 10:24 PM

PP

“ Best company I ever work for when Ken was in charge

Paul Petry - April 03, 2023 at 10:22 PM

KM

“ Kathy & Larry Minnich lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Leedy



Kathy & Larry Minnich - April 03, 2023 at 07:25 PM

DJ

“ It was 1987 when I first met Ken. He was recruiting me to take a job at New Penn, and he and EH hooked me when they took me to the Gin Mill for a "dinner". This man was a Leader, a Mentor, a Negotiator, a Ball Buster, and above all a Friend. He was not only smart, he was brilliant when it came to leading a diverse group of people. He knew when to be hard on someone, and when to pat them on the back. If he wasn't busting on you, you knew you were a short timer at New Penn. It was in the mid 90s that I had to force him to put a computer on his desk. "What the hell do I need that for? The 'From the desk of Ken Leedy notes work just fine'". Can you imagine Ken without a computer?? He led the charge putting a dozen fire extinguishers in my office the day after I almost burnt down our house..... Later, our kids would periodically get "pizza money" from Ken when they were in college, always accompanied by a supportive note, and also indicating that he knew their father was too cheap to send a check. He never lost his sense of humor, even joking the last time we spoke that he kept checking the Obituary Page each day to see if he had graduated. Denise and I will miss having our chats, and we will especially miss those emails that bombarded us daily. God Bless you Ken for all that you did for the hundreds of lives that you touched. You were one of a kind and we will miss you dearly.

Don & Denise Johnson - April 03, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Leedy.



April 03, 2023 at 09:16 AM

TB

“ Every year that I served as principal at Lebanon Catholic, Ken would call me in the weeks leading up to Christmas and give me a large sum of cash, with instructions to share it with families at our school who needed food or clothing or Christmas gifts for their own children. He wanted his own generosity to be anonymous, and I honored his requests. Some families in very desperate circumstances had better Christmas holidays in those years because of his generosity. As direct as he could be in business, that was how kind he was in offering a gesture of support to those who needed some help. He was a good man, and our community benefitted from his presence. He is missed, and we are reduced by his loss.

Tom Beazley

Thomas R. Beazley - April 03, 2023 at 07:31 AM

CK

“ I was hired by Ken right after Hurricane Irma hit Marco Island. He wanted me to check on his house after a mutual friend/client referred me to him. I met him in person when he and Linda arrived for “season”. That winter, we would meet several times and became friends. When season ended, I thought I had him as a new client for Home Watch service. He explained to me that he wasn’t hiring me to keep an eye on his house, but hired me to actually watch over the service he was using for Home Watch at that time, lol. We spoke and texted frequently, his humor, wit and sarcasm always keeping me on my toes. He could give a review of every restaurant in the Marco/Naples area. If we ever open up that sub shop, there will be a “Leedy” on the menu. It was a sad day when Ken and Linda sold the Marco home. We continued to speak and communicate weekly after that. What started off as a business client, became a very good friend and felt like a family member. I’m going to miss the phone calls of good conversation and steady flow of humorous or sports related emails.

*Our sincere condolences to Linda, Greg, David and family.
We will be keeping all of you along with Ken in our prayers.*

*Chris & Vanessa Koch
Marco Island, FL*

Chris Koch - April 02, 2023 at 05:22 PM

BS

“ *Bernie and Sue purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Kenneth F. Leedy.*



Bernie and Sue - April 02, 2023 at 11:25 AM

TF

“ *Teena Appleby And Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Leedy*



Teena Appleby and family - April 02, 2023 at 10:05 AM

BO

“ *If you ever met Ken chances are you just met one of your best friends. Ken was so genuine and trustworthy, always there for you, and a very caring person. I will really miss him. Rest in peace. I love you bud!*
Bernie

Bernie Olcheski - April 02, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *He could royally chew you out, bur when he was done, it was forgotten and you moved on.*

Bob Anspach - April 02, 2023 at 09:11 AM