



Kenneth Harold LeRoy

April 19, 2021

Kenneth H. “Ken” LeRoy, 91, of North Syracuse passed away on Monday, April 19, 2021. Born in Barre, VT in 1929, the son of the late Elizabeth McDonald and Glendon LeRoy, he attended Matheson grade school and Spaulding High School. He was mascot for the Vermont State Guard from 1942 until 1945 where he earned a War Emergency Radio Service (WWII radio operators) License which determined his future. He received word in November 1947 that he was on the list to be drafted, and at that time, he joined the Navy. Ken went on a blind date with a friend and met his future wife. He presented Gerri with an engagement ring Christmas 1948 and they married February 27, 1950. The marriage resulted in three children, Tom, Debra and Daina. They lived in several locations from 1950 to 1962 when they settled in Syracuse.

In 1951, Ken applied for Nuclear Propulsion School which was three years at the University of Idaho. The school was named “that school,” because at that time it was classified top secret. His application was accepted pending a six year reenlistment. He reenlisted and subsequently was rejected for the school by Admiral Rickover because his mother was born in Canada. He completed the six year enlistment and was discharged in 1957. He went to work for General Electric (GE) as an Electronic Technician in Burlington, VT. He worked for GE for 33 years, retiring from Syracuse, NY.

Ken and Gerri were active in craft shows in the Syracuse area from 1991 to 2008 when they retired from craft shows. Winters from 1991 to 2008, they traveled the country in a motor home, managing to visit all 48 lower states. The USA is a beautiful country.

Surviving are his wife of 71 years, the former Geraldine E. Lamell; children, Tom Henry LeRoy, Debra A. (John) LeRoy-Elliott and Daina Clair (Bruce) Beckman; grandchildren, Michelle (LeRoy) Neske, Shawn Jankowski, Carrie (Christopher) Jankowski-McNish, Shannon Beckman and Jason (Jennifer) Beckman and great-grandchildren, Tony Hodges, Brittany Bethea, Tyler Neske, Reilly McNish and Lily Beckman.

Private calling hours will be at Fergerson Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, North Syracuse and live streamed on his tribute page at FergersonFuneralHome.com. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Onondaga County Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery, Syracuse.

Donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Salvation Army, Give.salvationarmy.org,

677 South Salina St., Syracuse or St. Rose of Lima, StRoseNY.org, 409 South Main St.
North Syracuse 13212.

Cemetery

Onondaga County Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

4069 Howlett Hill Road
Syracuse, NY, 13215

Events

APR 21 **Mass of Christian Burial 10:30AM**

St. Rose of Lima Church
409 S Main St, Syracuse, NY, US,
13212

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Fergerson Funeral Home - April 21 at 10:37 AM



“ Dawn Brocious lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Harold LeRoy



Dawn Brocious - July 27 at 07:12 PM



“ I just found out about Ken's passing. I am so sorry for your loss.

I met Ken and Gerri through my friend Karen. I had also seen them at craft shows, but did not know them at the time. They were so kind and generous to everyone.

After meeting them through Karen, I was gifted many beautiful rocks, which they had collected over the years, but were no longer using to make jewelry.

We visited on several occasions, and I would show them some of the things I had created using their "stones", as Ken called them. I recall several times asking him what a certain rock was, to which he replied "that one there; that's a stone". We would always laugh about it.

I am very blessed to have met them both.

I only wish I had been able to get over more often.

I promise that the stones I was gifted, will always be used to create something beautiful and I am forever grateful.

I hope Gerri is doing well.

My condolences to the family.

Dawn Brocious

Dawn Brocious - July 27 at 07:25 PM



“ My name is purple painter I met Ken and his lovely wife Gerrit at craft shows. They are the salt of the Earth kind of people that would do anything for you. I was very fortunate to have have met them and have have a few good memories doing doing shows with them.
Could the daughter that did the craft shows please contact me. Karen McCrum 315-420-5703

God Bless you Ken

Karen McCrum - July 27 at 04:26 PM



“ I just heard the news! I am devastated to hear of Kens passing. Im so sorry for your loss.

Both Ken and Gerri have always been so kind and generous to my entire family from being the best next door neighbors to Adeline and to us growing up across the street, to keeping on the tradtion when my son and his kids moved in across from them.

Even after moving away i would stop and visit with them when i walked my grandkids past their house last summer and fall.

He was always so kind to not only my grandmother Adeline but to me as well. I would really appreciate one of the kids, (Tommy, Debbie or Daina) to reach out to me and let me know where Gerri is now as I Heard she went to assisted living and I would like to either go see her or send her something. (Im on FB, pm me there if you can)
Thank you

Linda Morey Thomas

Linda Thomas - May 15 at 04:46 PM



“ Beth Leroy McWade lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Harold LeRoy



Beth Leroy McWade - May 06 at 11:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Harold LeRoy.



April 20 at 03:15 PM



“ Sandi Kelly lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Harold LeRoy



Sandi Kelly - April 20 at 09:47 AM