



Kenneth Joseph Downer

October 12, 1932 - September 23, 2016

Kenneth Joseph Downer, 83, a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and friend to many, passed away peacefully at Stamford Hospital on Friday, September 23, 2016 with his family by his side. Ken was born October 12, 1932 in White Plains, NY and was one of five children born to the late Sherman and Katherine (Cuddy) Downer. The two most important things to Ken were faith and family. He grew up in Mamaroneck, New York and began working at a very young age with his father at Playland, a second home to him for 60 years. Ken proudly served his country in Germany from 1954 to 1956 as a member of the United States Army. He later joined the Greenwich Police force making many lifelong friends among colleagues and the community. While at Playland, Ken managed the pool, the ice rink and the park over the years – known as Uncle Kenny not only to his family but to many others who worked there. Ken spent many hours enjoying sports, whether it was his beloved Mets, UCONN basketball, or Notre Dame football he could always be found cheering them on with whoever wanted to join him. A bowler for many years, Ken played in leagues with his son, Kenny, in the Men and Boys League and later in the Visitations League. Ken is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Patricia, nee Delaney, his three beloved children; Karen Downer-Doyle (Patrick), Kathleen Solecki (Michael) and Kenneth Downer, Jr. (Victoria), five grandchildren; Ryan, Sean, Kenny, Kyle and Thomas, sister, Virginia, sister-in-laws, Kathleen Delaney and Norma Downer, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in

death by his siblings; Mary Jane Recher, Sherman Downer and Nancy Collins. The family will be receiving friends and family on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 from 5pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. A mass of Christian burial will take place on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 10am at St, Leo Parish, 24 Roxbury Road in Stamford. The interment will be private and at a later date. The family would like to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses at Stamford Hospital for all they did for Ken and his family during this challenging time. Their compassion and warmth was overwhelming. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Stamford Hospital Foundation, 1351 Washington Blvd. Ste 202, Stamford, CT 06902 (www.stamfordhospitalfoundation.org) or Autism Speaks (Team Ramblin' for Robert), 1060 State Road, 2nd Floor, Princeton, NJ 08540 (www.autismspeaks.org). The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. If you care to leave an online condolence message please visit the family guestbook on www.bosakfuneralhome.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Tribute Wall



“ To the Downer family. I am sorry to hear of the passing of Ken. He always had a smile on his face. Taught me many lessons during our time together at G.P.D. He will be missed.

October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Downer family, I am sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I enjoyed knowing and working with him at G.P.D. Bob Hansen, Sr.

September 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Pat & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He was such a great man. So kind and thoughtful, he will be missed. God Bless you all.

Scott Gray - September 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat and Family - It was a pleasure to have known and having worked with Kenny -always knowing he was someone you could count on - Rest in Peace good friend. Ed Duff - Naples, FL.

September 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Pat, Karen, Kathleen and Kenny - I am so sorry for your loss. Ken was an exceptional person. I am so happy that you and Ken visited me in Fla not long ago, and so I am left with wonderful memories of that visit. You remain in my prayers and thoughts in these days. (I am sure that he and Duke are having some lively conversations about the "old" days in Playland.) Love to all and many prayers.

Dolores Cleary - September 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ To Pat and Family: Please accept My Deepest Condolences upon The Passing of Ken. He will always be remembered as a Kind and Decent Man.

Albert Barclay - September 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My dear Pat AND family! I was so sorry to hear of your loss Not living in Stamford anymore my daughter Dorothy advised me of Ken's passing. I look back at the fun times we shared when the children attended St Bridget's and the many times you both visited my wife Pat and me at our house on Urban (the party house). I can see that radiant smile Ken most always wore it was a pleasure to be with him (and most certainly you). I know the good Lord will comfort you and give you the strength needed at this time. May God Bless you all at this time.

Lee Gray - September 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Kathleen, Karen and family: I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sue Kelly - September 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Karen and family,I am so sorry for your loss. It sounds like your dad was a very lucky man, he had a wonderful family around him. His grace shines through to you, it is an honor to know you and work with you. Please take care, best, Beth

Beth A - September 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ To the Family of Kenny Downer, Buddy and I are so sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. There are a lot of good memories. Our best, Buddy and Gerry

Buddy and Gerry Thompson - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mrs. Downer, Karen, Kathleen, and Kenny,I have so many fond childhood memories of you all and your dad. Thinking of you.

Donna MacLeod - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Pat, Karen, Kathleen & Kennyl am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was a good man and a good friend for many years. May God bring you peace and comfort.With SympathyCookie Jaworoski

Cookie Jaworoski - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Kenny and family,I've known Ken from Bowlarama Lanes for many years. Always a gentleman with a clean sense of humor. My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Bob Verrastro - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Pat and Family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Ken was my Best Friend and Best Man all the time we spent together on the Greenwich Police Department and after, Now he will rest with God and past friends in Heven,

Bob Jaworoski - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat and family, I was very sorry to hear of ken passing. He was a great person to know and work with. He will be missed Take care. John and Mary Cornelius

September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Pat, My sincere condolences to you and all your family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Love Barb Cuddy

Barbara Cuddy - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for your service to our country. A grateful American

September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Downer family. He was a wonderful man. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and in turn no one said a bad word about him. Ken, you will be missed. RIP Friend.

Bob - September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Mrs. Downer, Karen, Kathleen & Kenny: I am so very sorry & sadden by your loss. Mr. Downer was such a kind man with that sly sense of humor. Please know you are all in my thoughts & prayers now & always. I'm sure your Dad & my parents are up there "having lunch." Love to you all, Sheila

Sheila Dunn - September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Downer Family- Very sorry to hear of Mr Downers passing he was a true gentlemen. Robert Martino

September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Mrs. Downer, Karen and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Downer's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. With Sympathy, Mary Sette

Mary Sette - September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Karen & family, So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your beautiful family, AnnaMarie (simonelli) Boccuzzi

Annamarie Boccuzzi - September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM