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May 28, 1949 - September 7, 2018

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A memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, September 22nd at 10am at the First Presbyterian Church, 1101 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT 06905.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Ken’s memory to: Thumbelina Fund c/o Fairfield County Community Foundation, 40 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854.

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Previous Events

Service

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
1101 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06905
(203) 324-9522
<http://fishchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

VK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Prof.Koprowski passing. He was one of my professors at Manhattanville College during my freshmen year. I had professor Koprowski for communication course and it was interesting to learn. I wish I knew him more. He will be sorely missed and my condolences goes to the family.

Vikram Kolluru - May 06, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Prof. Koprowski's passing. He was one of my favorite professors during my degree at Manhattanville and his presence will be sorely missed by all. My sincere condolences and thoughts go out to his family during this difficult time.

Jessica - September 21, 2018 at 11:11 AM

AL

“ Dear Prof. Koprowski's Family-

I am so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed my class with Professor Koprowski at Manhattanville College. My condolences go out to you at this difficult time.

Alexis - September 21, 2018 at 11:09 AM

PH

“ Dear Prof. Ken's family,
Prof. Ken is my favorite teacher in NYU. I am so sorry for your loss.
Please accept my deepest sympathy and convey my best wishes.

Phoebe - September 19, 2018 at 06:04 PM

CB

“ *Dear Pam and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories warm your heart
and given you strength during this difficult time. God Bless.*
Candace

Candace Burke - September 16, 2018 at 10:08 AM