



Kenneth Wayne Lassmann

May 12, 1958 - November 9, 2020

Kenneth (“Ken” or “Kenny”) Wayne Lassmann, 62, passed away on November 9, 2020. Ken was born on May 12, 1958 in Chanute, Kansas to Irvin Joseph Lassman and Mary Alice Doepke Lassman. Ken attended Chanute Schools, where he participated in many extracurriculars including band and yearbook. He graduated from high school in 1976.

Ken then went on to attend Kansas State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1980, followed by a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1982. Ken later attended the University of Houston, where he graduated with a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Quantitative Management Science in 1987. He also completed coursework toward a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering at the University of Houston and Kansas State University.

Ken led a successful career as a Professional Engineer (PE), which he began in 1982 with the Exxon Company as a Senior Project Engineer designing offshore oil platforms. He then went on to work at the NASA Johnson Space Center from 1987 to 2004, where he held multiple roles, including an esteemed position as a Manager of the Space Shuttle Production/Operations Assessment Office. Prior to his retirement in 2016, Ken held additional jobs at KWL Enterprises, Jacobs Engineering Group, Octave Chanute Consultancy, Kansas State University, the City of Chanute, and Holly Frontier Refinery.

In his spare time, Ken enjoyed cheering on the Kansas State Wildcats, hanging out with his family and friends, substitute teaching, and many local activities including visiting the art gallery, attending the Zion Lutheran Church, and watching sporting events. Ken also enjoyed traveling, sailing, and tinkering in agriculture, auto mechanics, and home repair – he really was a jack of all trades.

Ken found the most pride and joy in his children, whom he is survived by – James Lassmann of Dallas, Texas, Aaron Lassmann of Houston, Texas, Anna Lassmann of Austin, Texas, stepdaughter Rachel Mathers of League City, Texas, and their mother Michelle Moore of League City, Texas. He is also survived by his father Irvin of Chanute, Kansas, sister Diane Taylor of Topeka, Kansas, aunt Doris Wilhite of Humboldt, Kansas, and many nieces and nephews. Ken is preceded in death by his mother Mary Alice and sister Lynda Hildebrand.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 11:00 am. at Zion Lutheran Church in Chanute, Kansas, followed by a graveside service at Mount Hope Cemetery in Humboldt, Kansas. Due to COVID-19 precautions, masks will be required, and social distancing observed. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to The Kansas State University Carl R. Ice College of Engineering – Target for Study Abroad Excellence Fund (I38480). Online condolence may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

1282 Hawaii Rd.
Humboldt, KS

Previous Events

Service

NOV **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
1202 W. Main
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

JB

“Kenny was a great friend during our HS days in the early 70's, and remember his yellow VW. Very sad to know of his passing, too young.

James Bashor

James Bashor - November 18, 2020 at 02:30 PM

DB

“The Lassman family has always been a part of my life. Our parents were good friends in Chanute, Diane was in my sister's wedding and Ken was a fellow 4H member. But I will always remember Ken's kindness when I arrived at KSU in 1978 and seeing Ken on my first night in the dorm. He took me out to dinner, gave me a tour of all the places I would need to know on campus and in Manhattan. He was a godsend as a fellow engineering student guiding me thru some of the toughest courses. His kindness, patience and good cheer were lifesavers. I share the sadness at his passing and pray for peace for all his loved ones.

David Black - November 13, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JF

“My sincerest sympathies. Thinking of all of you in this difficult time and sending you love. May God give you all peace!

Joan Fox - November 13, 2020 at 10:38 AM

RK

“ Robert Krone lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Wayne Lassmann



robert krone - November 12, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Kenneth Wayne Lassmann.



November 11, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Kenneth Wayne Lassmann.



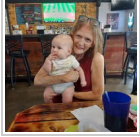
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“ Jack & Sheryl Irick purchased the Beautiful in Blu
e for the family of Kenneth Wayne Lassmann.



Jack & Sheryl Irick - November 11, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ *Donna Dye lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Wayne Lassmann*



Donna Dye - November 10, 2020 at 09:58 PM

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“ *Rest In Peace.*

Diane Taylor - November 10, 2020 at 05:11 PM