



Kenneth B. Godfrey

April 5, 1931 - April 25, 2019

Friday, April 26, 2019

Kenneth B Godfrey, 88, of Bainbridge Township died Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Hanson Hospice Center in Lincoln Township.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Friday, May 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. The family will receive friends and family beginning at 10 AM at the Church. Burial of the ashes will follow the service at Crystal Springs Cemetery where military rites will be conducted.

Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School or the Parkinson's Disease Association. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Ken was born on April 5, 1931 in Benton Harbor to Earnest and Dorothy (Dukesherer) Godfrey. He was a graduate in 1949 of Benton Harbor High School. Ken enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sargent in 1954. In Oct of 1953 he married the love of his life, Esther Stelter, and together they have celebrated 65 years of marriage. He was employed with the Whirlpool Corp for 40 years and was the grounds keeper for many of those years. He also enjoyed his farm in Bainbridge Township. Ken was a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He also

liked to spend his time deer hunting with his close buddies. Ken also enjoyed fishing and carpentry work. The family would like to thank the Hanson Hospice Center and Caring-Circle for their care.

His family includes his wife, Esther; his children, Robert Godfrey of Bainbridge Township and Deborah Dekker of Auburn Hills, MI; his brother, Donald (Bonnie) Godfrey of Stevensville, and Katherine Eggermont of South Bend, IN; his 4 grandchildren, Dr. Robert (Dr. Stefanie) Dekker, Jacquelyn Dekker, Dianna Dekker, and Ben Godfrey and his many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Beverly Chandler.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
619 Main Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
<http://www.discovertrinity.org>

Service Celebrating His Life

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
619 Main Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
<http://www.discovertrinity.org>

Burial

MAY 3. 12:15 PM (ET)

Crystal Springs Cemetery
1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Luncheon

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church

619 Main Street

St. Joseph, MI 49085

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mrs. Godfrey, Bob, Debby, and family,
I was very sorry to learn of Mr. Godfrey's passing. It is difficult to wait behind while they go to glory, but someday, the Lord will receive us also into His presence. Christ in us, the hope of glory! I pray that you will be comforted as you miss him and that your faith will be strengthened. God bless you and keep you.
Deb Pratt

Deborah Pratt - June 15, 2019 at 07:17 PM

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“ Lou, Laura and Linda purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kenneth B. Godfrey.



Lou, Laura and Linda - May 02, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth B. Godfrey.



May 01, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kenneth B. Godfrey.*



April 30, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *To all my cousins, their spouses, and descendants, Kay and I are still in Florida, but we will be with you in spirit during this week of remembering and celebrating Ken's life. He was one of the good guys. I can remember as a kid being taught and entertained by the big cousins at Grandpa John Dukesherer reunions. We always had a great time and went away tired but smarter. In the years since retiring I looked forward to driving past the house on Empire and catching him outside. We would sit on the tailgate of my truck and reminisce about the old days and the twists and turn of life in general. The best part is we could both laugh about most of it. One special time we had was to go visit our cousin Eileen while she was in the rehab and there we talked and talked. Wound up that she was 10 years older than Ken and he was 10 years older than me and that coincidence will always stick with me. My hope is for everyone to enjoy each other and the stories and history of our clan*

John and Kay Dukesherer

John Dukesherer - April 29, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *Ken always made me smile! Always enjoyed his friendship!! Prayers for you and your family! Joann and LeRoy Melvin*

Joann Melvin - April 29, 2019 at 01:05 PM