



Kenneth Gerken

October 3, 1929 - February 12, 2017

Kenneth John Gerken born October 3, 1928 entered into the waiting arms of Jesus on February 12, 2017 at the age of 88 at Mayfair Village Retirement Center. Ken graduated from Ridgeville Corners High School, attended Bowling Green State University and graduated from Valparaiso University with his degree in law. Previous member of the Ohio State Bar Association, he retired from State Farm Insurance. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Ken loved his family, always encouraging them to be the best they could be and to be kind, respectful and courteous to others. He is preceded in death by his parents Ruth and John Gerken, stepmother Ada Gerken, infant sister, Brother Howard and Sister Jane Schmeckpeper. Ken is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Alice (Vorwerk); his daughters Patricia (Kevin) of Columbus, Carol (Doug) Scantland of Dublin, Linda (Tim) Pyles of Indiana, son Thomas (Rosanna) of Centerburg, grandchildren Lauren and Pvt. Thomas Scantland, both of Washington State and Alyssa and Christopher Pyles both of Indiana. Ken is also survived by his sisters Jeanette Holers, Rosie Helberg, Marlene Patterson, and Karen Maassel, all of Napoleon, Ohio as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Ken was a long time member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church (35 E. Stanton Ave., Columbus 43214) where a memorial service will be held on Saturday February 18, 2017 at 10:00am, Pastor June Wilkins officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Rutherford Funeral Home. The family would like to thank the team at Mayfair Village Retirement Center and Skilled Nursing for their loving care. In lieu of flowers,

donations in Ken's memory may be made to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 35 E. Stanton Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214 or The OSU Havener Eye Institute, 915 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43212 (attn: Glaucoma Research Fund #306247).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
35 East Stanton Avenue
Columbus, OH 43214

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Gerken*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *So Sorry to hear of your loss, Patty. May God be with you and comfort you and your family. Ed Braughton*

Ed Braughton - February 16, 2017 at 08:33 PM



“ *God Bless and Thank YOU, Ken for your service in The United States Army... RIP ... And Semper Fi..... Soldier.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - February 16, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you Patty and your family. Your Dad lived a wonderful life and left this world with a beautiful family as a legacy! He is now at peace* ❤️🙏❤️

Mary Kelleher - February 15, 2017 at 07:35 AM