



Kenneth Clarence Gressens

February 14, 1938 - January 26, 2024

Kenneth Clarence Gressens, 85, of La Plata, MD passed away peacefully at home on January 26, 2024.

Ken was born on February 14, 1938 in Ashland, PA to Clarence and Miriam Shutt Gressens. He was drafted into the U. S. Army and served for 4 years as well as 4 additional years in the U. S. Army Reserve. He worked for the FBI for 39 years in the Fingerprint department starting in ink fingerprints while completing his degree in Accounting from Benjamin Franklin University. He became a Latent Fingerprint Expert, testified on numerous criminal cases and participated in the computerization of fingerprint records and identification process. He retired as a section supervisor and took a job running the building facilities at his home church, Good Shepherd United Methodist, in Waldorf, MD for over 20 years.

He married Nina Jane Wilson in 1967 and raised their children in Waldorf, MD and later moved to La Plata, MD. They were founding members of Good Shepherd and were active for over 50 years. Ken enjoyed bowling and playing softball and later became an umpire for Parks and Recreation softball. He also enjoyed working in his yard and was an avid fan of the Washington, DC sports teams.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nina

and his brother, Robert Gressens. Ken is succeeded by his son Christopher Kenneth Gressens, his daughter Julie Ann Taylor, grandchildren Zackary Taylor, Zavier Taylor, Kristan Taylor and Mallory Taylor Popielski and 6 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services are being planned for a future date when family members can all be present.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
305 East Smallwood Drive
Waldorf, MD 20602

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Inurnment

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Mr. Gressens was so nice. I worked with him at the bureau. So sorry I missed his service. Rest in peace Mr. Gressens.*

Maxine Proctor - March 19, 2024 at 03:11 PM

TF

“ *The Bookstein Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Clarence Gressens.*

The Bookstein Family - March 12, 2024 at 10:29 AM

TF

“ *The Bookstein Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Clarence Gressens.*



The Bookstein Family - March 12, 2024 at 10:29 AM

KC

“ *When we built our home Ken & Nana were our neighbors, loved to sit and talk good times. Our Anniversaries were two days apart favorite treat to celebrate was Chart House. We could do a number on the salad bar. Good Memories Ken & Nana RIP Ken Welcome Home*

Kenneth W Cross - February 29, 2024 at 12:47 PM

JB

Ken and Nina were great and longtime friends of my parents. I remember having holiday dinners and summer cookouts at their home all throughout my childhood. Ken was always kind, warm, and welcoming and such a good friend to my dad.

Jen Bookstein - March 15, 2024 at 04:17 AM

HS

“*My condolences to Ken's family. I attended Good Shepherd for many years, and I got to know Ken and Nina well. I particularly enjoyed talking to Ken about our home state of Pennsylvania and the happenings in Ken's neck of the woods. I also enjoyed talking with him about the success (or not) of Penn State's authentic teams. I know Ken will be missed by his family and by his numerous friends.*

HARLAND SHOEMAKER - February 12, 2024 at 03:50 PM

HS

Athletic teams

HARLAND SHOEMAKER - February 12, 2024 at 03:51 PM

EW

We always liked Ken: he was areal sweetheart ❤️🙏

Enid Winters - February 12, 2024 at 05:12 PM

LA

Our condolences to the family of Ken. He was a wonderful man and wS always fun to talk with. We are so sorry for your loss. We were great friends with Ken and Nina while at GSUMC.

linda and Frank Adgate - February 12, 2024 at 07:36 PM