



Kenneth J. Marsala

December 4, 1942 - August 20, 2016

Kenneth J. Marsala, Sr., Major, USAF (retired) – 73 of Waldorf, Maryland died peacefully in his sleep August 20 at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Stephanie, his two sons, Ken and Mike, and his four grandchildren, Claire, Audrey, Mason and Sophia.

Ken was born on December 4, 1942, in Brooklyn, NY, was an all-star basketball player for the Amityville High School Wildcats, was awarded a full basketball scholarship to Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, where he obtained his B.A. degree in Economics. During his 20 year career in the USAF, he obtained his Masters degree, was an aircraft maintenance officer, recruiting officer and later the Wing Headquarters Squadron Commander at Bolling Air Force Base, where he retired as a Major.

In retirement, was the Deputy Director for Charles County Economic Development Commission, Director of Development for the Prince Georges County Economic Development Corporation, Business and Industry Coordinator for Charles County Community College, Religious teacher for St. Peters Catholic School and was also a real estate agent with Baldus Real Estate for many years.

He was a Big Brother, founded a basketball program at St. Peters School, was the 2004 Catholic School Teacher of the Year and 2005 Knight of the Year for the Knights of Columbus, started the local chapter for the Columbian Squires

(youth organization for the Knights of Columbus) and just loved interacting with people and helping kids.

He survived Hairy-cell Leukemia but succumbed to a muscle debilitating, yet fairly unknown, disease called Inclusion Body Myositis. He and his family are very grateful to the friends and healthcare providers who assisted him in his later years.

Friends received on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30, 2016 and August 31, 2016 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM with Wake Service on August 31 at 7PM at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 (301-934-2920). Interment at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery with full Air Force Honors.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Friends Received

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Friends Received

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 31. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth J. Marsala*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Kenneth J. Marsala*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My mother recently passed and I am going through some of her things and came across a letter he sent her in 1980 as the squadron commander of the 1100th Air Base Group at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. Kenneth is one of the finest examples of an officer and a commander I have ever encountered. I was just an Airman and he treated me with the utmost respect. May God bless him and my Mom and peace be with them.*

Keith Mayo - June 25, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Today is July 31, 2019. Ken passed a while ago so I don't know if anyone will read this. My father also succumbed to IBM (in January 2017). During the few years preceding Ken's death he was very active on an IBM listserv that I subscribed to. His relentless positivity and strength in defiance of such an unfair and horrible condition inspires me even all this time later.*

Rest well, Ken. You were a great man and your legacy is alive. God bless.

-Zack Rodman (Arlington, VA)

Zachary J Rodman - July 31, 2019 at 10:06 AM

AF

“ Alan Bisenieks and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.



Alan Bisenieks and Family - August 30, 2016 at 01:30 PM

TF

“ The Catanese Family purchased the Delicious Delights Basket for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.



The Catanese Family - August 30, 2016 at 10:04 AM

DV

“ *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am."* John 14, 1-3
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God hold Ken in his everlasting care.



David and Pat Viets - August 29, 2016 at 04:35 AM

LK

“ *Love, Cheryl, George, Amanda, Tara, Barrett & Kids purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.*



Love, Cheryl, George, Amanda, Tara, Barrett & Kids - August 26, 2016 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ *The Saunders (West) Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.*



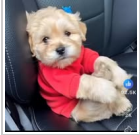
The Saunders (West) Family - August 25, 2016 at 08:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.*



August 25, 2016 at 01:00 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Ken at Baldus Real Estate in Waldorf. Ken was not only huge in stature, he was huge in heart and soul. We had many conversations about basketball and hi military career as well and most importantly about his faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour. I have no doubt where Ken with spend eternity. He was a fine man and although I haven't seen him in 10 or more years, I was so saddened about his passing on but happy that he is meeting his Creator. May God bless his wife, children, grandchildren and many many friends who are mourning him.

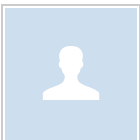
Margot Teague-Grabis - August 24, 2016 at 11:47 PM



“ Love Josephine Sabatino purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.



Love Josephine Sabatino - August 24, 2016 at 03:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.



August 24, 2016 at 03:54 PM

NF

“ Nick & Pam Sabatino & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.



Nick & Pam Sabatino & Family - August 24, 2016 at 03:28 PM

BB

“ Barbara and Charles Berger purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.



Barbara and Charles Berger - August 23, 2016 at 09:09 PM

LS

“ Even though we lived thousands of miles away, I have fond memories of my cousin Kenny's wonderful sense of humor and warm and friendly heart. I will remember him as a gentle giant and a really wonderful man.

Laurie Saunders - August 23, 2016 at 09:05 PM

CB

“ As life long friends, we have many memories of Kenny going to the basket and dunking the ball for the Amityville High School Basketball Team. In 1960, his senior year, he was a leading member of the Amityville Team that won the Suffolk County Team Title. Go Wildcats!

Friends: Charles and Barbara Berger

Charles & Barbara Berger - August 23, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.*



August 23, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ *Larry and Deanna Sivers Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kenneth J. Marsala.*



Larry and Deanna Sivers Family - August 23, 2016 at 08:55 AM