



Kenneth E. Macke

February 22, 1963 - March 16, 2014

A much loved father, son, brother, and friend Kenneth Edgar Macke, 51, of Round Lake Beach passed away at home on Sunday, March 16, 2014. He was surrounded by family and loved ones in the last week of his life. He bravely confronted and fought cancer for over four years.

He was born in Downey, California on February 22, 1963. He was the son of Shirley and Kenneth Macke, and he was the oldest of five children. A U.S. Navy veteran, he served his country from 1982 to 2005. In December 2007, he earned his Associate degree in Arts at Coastline Community College. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Columbia College of Missouri in May 2011.

For all of those who knew Ken, they were able to share in his humor and his many passions in life. He was an active reader, an avid Chicago sports fan (especially the Blackhawks), and a history buff. He was also a longtime member of the International Plastic Modeler's Society in the Lakes Region chapter. Ken's greatest passion in life, though, was his family. His greatest accomplishment, he often said, was raising his daughter.

Ken is survived by his daughter Alison Macke and her mother Teresa, his parents Kenneth and Shirley Macke, his brothers Chris and Tim Macke, his sisters Teresa Crowley and Deana Perkins, his favorite Aunt Bev, and his

grandmother Pauline Macke. He is also survived by his nieces Heather, Sydney, Erin, and Gracie, as well as his nephews Christopher Scott, Tony, Tyler, Scott, Bryan, Danny, and Colin.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 21, 2014 from 4-6 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. (Rte 83) Lake Villa, IL 60046. Services will begin at 6 p.m. Cremation rites and burial of the cremated remains will take place privately. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Kenneth Macke's name to Rush University Medical Center's Oncology unit. <http://rush.convio.net/kmacke>. Contributions in his name can also be sent to Rush University Medical Center at 1700 W. Van Buren St. Suite 250, Chicago, IL 60612.

Sun is shinin' in the sky,
There ain't a cloud in sight
It's stopped rainin'
Everybody's in a play
And don't you know
It's a beautiful new day.

—Electric Light Orchestra

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 21. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth E. Macke*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Kenneth E. Macke*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Michael Williams lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth E. Macke*



Michael Williams - March 25, 2014 at 04:43 PM



*All that is truly good, is fleeting in this world. My sincere and heartfelt
condolences to his family.*

Michael Williams - March 25, 2014 at 04:46 PM



Shirley
Macke

Thank you, Michael. Yes...makes one wonder why that is, doesn't it?

Shirley Macke - March 26, 2014 at 10:32 AM

 Shirley
Macke

“ Often times, there is a special bond between a mother and her first born child...Kenneth and I had that special bond. There wasn't much that he didn't share with me...things going on in his life; his thoughts about things; things that were on his mind; things he wanted to do.

Growing up, Kenneth fought constantly with his 2 brothers and 2 sisters. I used to tell the kids that “Someday, you kids are going to like each other.” I don't think they believed me back then. But they did fulfill my prophecy...no, I take that back...they fully exceeded my prophecy, beyond measure. I lost a piece of my heart on March 16, 2014, when my firstborn passed away, as did so many others.

Kenneth also had such an incredible bond with Alison. Ali...you had the kind of relationship with your Dad that most of the rest of us can only dream about. He loved you more than life itself. You are such a lucky girl.

Kenneth had such a good heart. What an awesome guy he was! We (his Dad and I) already knew that. We were proud of him as a little boy, and we are SO proud of the man that he became. Every time someone would come up to us and tell us how much of an inspiration Ken was to them, and what a good man and what a good friend he was, it just warmed our hearts.

I feel SO blessed and honored to be his Mom. Thank you, all of you.

Shirley Macke

Shirley Macke - March 24, 2014 at 09:29 AM

LA

“ Ken, you will be missed, I worked with Ken as Navy Recruiter, we had our share of crazy military memories in this position, it was a pleasure to have served with you Ken, "Fair Winds and Following Seas" fellow shipmate! We will cross paths sailing in another time.
Lorenzo Atencio

Lorenzo Atencio - March 24, 2014 at 08:58 AM

MA

“ Ken, I wish you fair winds and following seas as you continue your journey. Mark

Mark - March 20, 2014 at 11:01 PM

RD

“ Kenneth, I will always remember you as my Son In Law. Your kindness and Love You showed for Your family. The Strength you displaced through out your illness. No Better Man could ever be. My Love and heart to My daughter Teresa and Grand daughter Alison and all your family.

roger duran - March 20, 2014 at 02:53 PM

HE

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Heather - March 19, 2014 at 11:31 PM

HE

“ I'm saddened that Uncle Ken isn't going to be around anymore, but comforted at the same time, knowing that's he's watching over us and not fighting against his cancer anymore.

I love you Uncle Ken, I wish we could have spent more time together though.

Heather - March 19, 2014 at 10:17 PM

RE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ron Erick - March 19, 2014 at 05:31 PM

SM

June 6, 1982

Shirley Macke - March 19, 2014 at 07:24 PM

SM

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Shirley Macke - March 19, 2014 at 04:21 PM



Fishing last summer, with his good friend Travis Russ.

Shirley Macke - March 27, 2014 at 09:24 AM

SM

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Shirley Macke - March 19, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ My condolences go out to Ken’s family. I haven’t seen Ken in nearly 20 years... a long time perhaps ... but Ken always seemed close in memory. He was ... and always shall be one of the members of the “Weekend Gang” from Roy.



Jordan Stover - March 19, 2014 at 04:01 PM

BB

“ I have some good memories of times spent with Ken in high school and afterward when he was back in Utah on his recruiting assignment. I used to go over to his apartment and we would watch Jazz games and eat his special peppered popcorn. And he loved going fishing, which we did many times. Although we lost contact when he moved back east to finish his time in the military, I will miss him.

Bill Black

Bill Black - March 19, 2014 at 03:51 PM

CW

“ We're very sorry we can't be with you guys - Kenneth was a great guy and a lot of fun. We miss him dearly. Melissa, the kids and I have been praying over you all through this time of loss. We love you!



Chris Weidenhamer - March 19, 2014 at 03:10 PM

SM

“ Shirley Macke lit a candle in memory of Kenneth E. Macke



Shirley Macke - March 19, 2014 at 02:33 PM

BR

“ On behalf of the staff at Ringa Funeral Home, we would like to express our condolences to Ken's family. It is our privilege to serve your family during this time.



Bob Ringa and Andrew Ringa - March 19, 2014 at 10:03 AM

M(

“ My condolence to Ken's family. He was a true shipmate and friend.

Mike Judson, HMCS (Ret) - March 19, 2014 at 04:58 AM