



## Kenneth "Ken" Koch

January 14, 1931 - January 14, 2013

Kenneth D. "Ken" Koch, 82, of Iron Mountain passed away on Monday, January 14, 2013 at his home.

Ken was born July 15, 1930 in Waupaca, WI, son of the late Peter and Sonia (Floistad) Koch. He graduated from Waupaca High School in 1948. Ken was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War serving from 1951 to 1953 and attained the rank of Corporal. He married Alice Baldwin on March 15, 1980 at our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingsford. Ken worked for many years as a sales representative, finishing his career with Morning Glory Foods and retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Elks Club and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church where he served as an elder. Ken was proud to be a veteran and faithfully supported several veterans' organizations. He enjoyed collecting coins and playing outdoor games at the cottage, which he loved. Ken was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Packers, Brewers, Tigers, Cubs, Badgers, Michigan and Michigan State. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sporting activities.

Ken is survived by his wife, Alice; his children; Keith (Cindy) Koch, Karri (Richard) Spletter, Kitty (Rob) Groves, Alice's children; Dale (Lori) Baldwin, Glenn (Kris) Baldwin, Sue Fox, Debi (Mike) Horton, Sandy (Jim) Petroff, Keith (Lisa) Baldwin and Brian (Kristie) Baldwin; a brother, Robert Koch; aunt, Elsie Gurholt; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and

special friends, Jerry Michael, Jim Huntsman, Ron Cerasoli and Dave "Gramps" Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Grace Koch.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 18, 2013 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingsford. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 noon at the church. Rev. Thomas Mackey will officiate. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military funeral honors following the services at the church. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Park in Appleton, WI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ken's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Kenneth Koch online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
420 W. Breitung Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Funeral Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
420 W. Breitung Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ I miss my grandfather every day. Things won't be the same but we all have such amazing memories with him, especially his smile. My grandfather always smiled and it was so heartwarming and you could just see the love he had for his family and friends in his eyes. The memory that keeps getting me through is when he took my cousin Andrea and I down to the cottage with him and grandma for the weekend. We had such a blast spending time with them. My grandfather and grandmother used to also always take care of me when I was sick whether it was picking me up from school in the nurses office or staying with me when I broke my collarbone. My grandfather will be missed by many but we all have very good memories about him and can all smile when we think of him since thats what he is doing while he looks down on us.

*Rest in Peace grandpa. I miss you tons!*

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**Katie Baldwin - Marquette,, MI - Granddaughter** - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Alice & Family,  
I was saddened to hear of Ken's passing.  
My sincere condolences.

*Larry*

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**Larry Spera - Florence, CA - Friend** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We extend our heartfelt condolences on your loss. May the many memories made help you through this difficult time.

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**Lloyd & Donna Mannigel - Spread Eagle, WI - Friend** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Our condolences, Alice. Ken was always such a friendly person, we will miss him. May God comfort you at this time and give you strength.

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**Larene and Ron Maki - Fllorence, WI - Fellow member of ORLC.** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Very sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for your family. Love you guys!

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**Amanda Hietpas (Kramer) - Little Chute, WI - family friend** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Keith,  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time  
Please accept our condolences.  
Darcy and Ken Kulesha

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**Darcy and Ken Kulesha - Greendale, WI - Co-worker for Keith at Fedex** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I did not have the opportunity to know Ken, but I certainly have had the pleasure of getting to know Keith, his son. I am blessed to work with Keith at FedEx. We have all of the family in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

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**Kym Kyker - Mundelein, IL - Friend of Keith Koch** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ As I read about Ken and his wonderful life I could only smile as it reminded me so much of my own father. Clearly Ken was a blessed man because of his life experiences but mainly because of his commitment to his family, his country and his faith. Frankly, I can't think of a better way to leave your mark on the lives you touch; and he clearly touched many in a positive way. He is truly, truly a part of that greatest generation the all of us owe so much to due to their amazing sacrifice. He was no doubt a gem, and I am certain he will be missed. However, hold on to the great memories and laughter. While Ken may not be with you in body, he will always be there in spirit and I'm sure he would like to know you are embracing the great times and great memories that you've all shared in. Your family will be in my prayers. Blessings to you all.

*Dave Russell*

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**Dave Russell - Memphis, TN - Friend of Keith's** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Michelle Rochon - west bend, WI - daughters coworker** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GY

“ Our condolence to the Koch Family.

*Ken was a Special friend and neighbor at Sand Lake. He loved to come and enjoy his weekend here. You would know Ken was here by his laughter.*

*He had this thing about cutting his grass-since he could not be here every weekend he would lower the cutting blade and it would be HI OLD SILVER, as you would only see a cloud of dust and not Ken.*

*He liked to fish and caught his brother-in-law in the lip. Yes we have many memories of that Special man. You are missed KEN*

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**Gerald & Murnell Olsen - Scandinavia, WI - Friend of 40 plus years - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ Hello Beautiful Friends,

*It is quite Rare when God puts the right people in our lives, for a Reason, Season and Moment in Time. When we all have the opportunity to Enjoy such a fine man called Ken, he either offered you his hand in Friendship, a Drink to warm yourself up, or a Kind word to help you get through those troubled times. I'm the Ever so fortunate one here, to have Met Ken, through my big brother Gramps. To have known Ken and his Family, is to Really know what Love is all about. He Lived Life to the Fullest Everyday. Thank You All, for Sharing Ken with All of Us. May the Good Lord above, give you all the guidance with your healing. Love Always with Hugs in the future, Lori an Bob Kitslaar*

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**Lori Kitslaar (Gramps Little Sister) - Luxemburg, WI - Friend - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

GF

“ Keith,  
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with and your family. May God comfort you as you deal with this difficult time.

Glenn and Carol Johnson

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Glenn Johnson - Waukesha, WI - Friend - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was one of the good ones. We always enjoyed spending time with him and Aice. Our condolences go out to his family. May he rest in peace.

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The Anderson's; Gramps, Sandy, Andy and Ben - Aurora, WI - friend - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Alice and Family -

We wish to express our condolences to you and your family. I worked with Ken for many years at Fairmont Foods as well as Morning Glory Dairy. Ken was always a friendly individual and an honest employee.

Enjoyed seeing you at the Morning Glory Christmas parties and will miss you.

Cal and Barbara Rose  
1637 Ravine Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54313

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Cal and Barbara Rose - Green Bay, , WI - Co-worker - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM