



R. Ken Petrie

June 28, 1947 - February 19, 2023

Richard Kenneth Petrie (Ken), 75, spent his last weeks with his family and friends by his side; one of the things in life which filled him with such joy and happiness. He passed away at home peacefully on February 19, 2023, in the arms of his wife Celeste and daughter Nora.

He was a devoted husband to Celeste for 46 years and a loving father to his three daughters; Nora, Rosalynn (Scott Boyce), and Rachel (Nate Dellinger). Ken was filled with pride and joy for his grandchildren Andrew and Matthew Boyce; Olivia, Amelia, and Jack Dellinger; Skippy Lu; as well as his many nieces and nephews.

Ken grew up in Winchester, Virginia. He loved to learn new things and discovered one of his true passions, writing, while receiving his BA in English from Richmond University. As a writer, Ken was a stickler for proper grammar and would have preferred to proofread this obituary, likely finding a few revisions. Ken joined the AirForce after college where he served as an air traffic controller for four years before returning to George Mason University to earn a second BS in Chemistry and embarking on a career at Quest Diagnostics for 31 years as an industrial hygienist. Over the years, Ken took joy in writing letters to his girls and reading books, poetry, and technical science journals. As a self-taught artist, he loved drawing portraits and landscapes and photographing gardens, birds, family, and vacations. He loved

all sports, "Go Redskins!", and a highlight of his life was coaching Nora's baseball and softball teams when she was young.

Bible studies became an important part of his life where he found great pleasure and comfort for many years. Ken was a loving husband, father, and grandpa who provided a lifetime of love and laughter. He will be deeply missed by many.

As a way of remembering Ken, the family would appreciate flowers or outdoor plants for their garden.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Memorial Service

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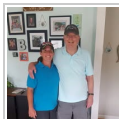
“ Dear Carol,
We would like to thank you for the beautiful arrangement. It sits in my kitchen and enjoy it every day. I remember you from a long time back and seeing you at our parties. Ken would be touched that you remembered him and your kind words. I sent a thankyou to Quest but was not sure if you received it.
Sincerely,
Celeste, Nora, Rosalynn, and Rachel and families.

celeste petrie - April 08, 2023 at 09:16 AM

FG

“ Sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Ken worked for me at AML in the Industrial Hygiene Laboratory. Take comfort in knowing that Ken will be with our Lord and have the peace that passes all understanding.
Fred Grunder

Fred Grunder - March 07, 2023 at 07:32 PM



Thank you so much Fred for reaching out. He loved his job and the people he worked with very much! Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Nora Petrie - March 11, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of R. Ken Petrie.



March 04, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of R. Ken Petrie.



March 02, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Your Friends & Colleagues at Noblis* purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of R. Ken Petrie.



Your Friends & Colleagues at Noblis - March 01, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Carol Woodruff* purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of R. Ken Petrie.



Carol Woodruff - March 01, 2023 at 09:06 AM

CW

“ Dear Celeste, Nora, Rosalynn, Rachel and family,

I am so sorry to hear about Ken's passing. I worked with Ken in the IH lab for many years. He was always such a nice man and a great colleague. He was dedicated to the lab and always strived to take care of our clients.

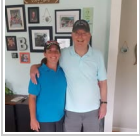
There are many good memories of him. I remember him and Chris Kase working on the GCMS instrument to find creative ways to get it working when it broke down. He also worked to develop new procedures for IH analysis.

He spoke of Celeste and his girl's often and was so proud of each of your accomplishments. I wish I'd known more about his love of writing. Thank you for sharing these wonderful pictures of him and the family. Please know he will always be a blessing in each or your hearts.

My sincere condolences in your loss,

Carol Woodruff

Carol Woodruff - March 01, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Nora Petrie - March 01, 2023 at 01:00 AM



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Nora Petrie - March 01, 2023 at 12:59 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of R. Ken Petrie.



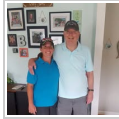
February 28, 2023 at 09:52 PM

CK

“ I worked with Ken for many years and am grateful to have known him as a coworker and a friend. His gentle demeanor, good nature, and unassuming personality made it easy to know him and enjoy his company. I always enjoyed chatting about his days as an air traffic controller at Dover Airforce base, the latest milestones his daughters achieved as they grew, and funny stories as he tried not to curse at the family dog Skippy that got out again! Later it was evident how proud he was of his family, and even prouder to be a grandfather...clearly appreciated and deeply loved by family and all who knew him. Deepest sympathies to Celeste and the rest of his family!

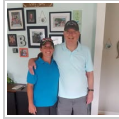
Chris Kase

Chris Kase - February 28, 2023 at 07:34 PM



Chris Kase thank you so much for leaving this message about my dad! It means the world to me. I have heard your name many times over the years! Thanks. Nora Petrie

Nora Petrie - February 28, 2023 at 10:51 PM



I also wanted to mention the numerous times that I had the privilege of hearing about you, Sam, and John Badger there were others that I can't recall right now but he loved you guys so much!!!! He even wrote me letters in college about you guys!

Nora Petrie - March 01, 2023 at 01:05 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of R. Ken Petrie.



February 26, 2023 at 04:18 PM



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Nora Petrie - February 24, 2023 at 07:31 PM