



KENNETH H. BRADFORD JR.

November 10, 1943 - March 28, 2024

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN KEN'S
NAME TO:

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT NEWFOUNDLAND
P.O. BOX 288
NEWFOUNDLAND, NJ 07435

AND / OR

WEST MILFORD ANIMAL SHELTER SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 72
LYCOSKY DRIVE
WEST MILFORD, NJ 07480

THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT A LATER DATE

Kenneth H. Bradford, Jr., 80, of West Milford, NJ, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Ken was born in Kearny, NJ to the late Kenneth Bradford, Sr. and Eleanor (nee Ralph) Bradford.

Ken worked as an auto mechanic for 60 years of his life, most of them in his own business, Bradford's Auto Repair in West Milford. He also worked many years at Carriage Auto Repair in Greenwood Lake, NY before retiring. While he was known for his auto work, he could fix most things that were mechanical. The more puzzling the problem, the more determined he was to repair it.

Ken was an active member of the United Methodist Church at Newfoundland. He loved putting his many talents to work there from light fixtures to lawn mowers, sinks, ceiling tiles and sound systems. And oh how he loved his coffee, so made the coffee every Sunday for the church coffee hour. He served as President of the Board of Trustees for many years and on the Worship and Finance Committees. He could be found there working many days during the week and each Sunday as Head Usher.

His second love was Greenwood Lake either racing his Hobie Cat with the Awosting Yacht Club or just gently cruising in his power boat. Ken served a term as Commodore of the Hobie Cat Fleet 135 and ran several Northeast Regional Hobie Cat Regattas on the lake. The 4th of July fireworks on the lake was a favorite. He loved his dogs, cats and oldies music.

Ken is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carol; his sisters Sandra Waddell and Barbara Mackenzie and her husband Ted; 9 nephews and nieces; 20 great nephews and nieces and one great-great niece.

There will be a memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ken's memory to the United Methodist Church at Newfoundland, P.O. Box 288, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 or the West Milford Animal Shelter Society, P.O. Box 72, Lycosky Drive,

West Milford, NJ 07480.

Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Ken 💔

*In the quiet corners of memory,
Where shadows dance and whispers linger,
There resides a love, unyielding and true,
Woven into the fabric of our existence.
Uncle Ken was a gentle soul,
His laughter a sunbeam breaking through clouds,
His wisdom a compass guiding lost ships,
And his love—an ocean, vast and deep.
Through seasons of joy and tempests of sorrow,
He stood unwavering, a lighthouse on rocky shores,
His arms wide open, embracing life's tides,
Each wave a testament to his enduring grace.
And when grief arrived, uninvited yet inevitable,
It wasn't a burden but a tribute,
For grief, my friend, is love turned inside out,
A kaleidoscope of memories etched in tears.
So let us honor Uncle Ken's love,
Not in sorrow's heavy cloak, but with gratitude,
For every tear shed is a testament,
To a heart that dared to love fiercely.
Uncle Ken, your love lives on,
In the laughter of children, the warmth of a hug,
And in the quiet moments when we remember,
That love, even in grief, is a gift beyond measure*

Russell Davis - April 01, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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“ *The pain and grief is due to your loving heart and huge part you are in our lives. The world is just a bit sadder without you.
Your memory will be eternal.*

Russell Davis - March 31, 2024 at 10:04 AM