

## Kenneth M. "Ken" Rueth

June 26, 1940 - April 15, 2020

CENTERVILLE, Ind. - Kenneth M. "Ken" Rueth, age 79, of Centerville, Indiana, died Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at Reid Health.

Born June 26, 1940, in Dayton, Ohio, to Carl and Frances Bucher Rueth, Ken graduated from Holy Angels High School in Sidney, Ohio. Following graduation, he proudly enlisted and served in the United States Air Force. Ken graduated from the University of Dayton with a degree in electrical engineering. He then relocated to Wayne County, Indiana. Ken retired from Belden in 1999, where he was a member of the Belden 25 Year Club. Ken was also a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Cambridge City, Indiana, American Legion Harry Ray Post #65, and the Whitewater Valley Amateur Radio Club. He was a WWII history buff, who loved visiting the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Ken enjoyed trivia of any sort, especially watching Jeopardy, and playing cards.

Survivors include his children, David (Tricia Duncan) Rueth of Indianapolis, Indiana, Carol Rueth of Centerville, and Susan (Brent) Schaeffer of Carmel, Indiana; grandchildren, Olivia Rueth, Jackie Duncan, and Quinton, Landon, and Ava Schaeffer; sister, Judith Rezy of Dayton; brother, Frederick (Marilyn) Rueth of Dayton; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Patricia L. "Pat" Rueth, who died December 28, 2010, and parents.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we regret to inform you that services for Kenneth M. "Ken" Rueth will be private. Private graveside service will be at Crown Hill Cemetery with Fr. John M. Hall officiating. A memorial service to celebrate Ken's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Mills Funeral Home, 405 East Main Street, Centerville.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Office of Annual Giving, University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-7056 or The Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1903, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Crown Hill Cemetery**

407 Short Street  
Centerville, IN 47330

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I used to love Uncle Ken's fireworks and I remember well all his radio stuff that we couldn't touch. But what I remember most was riding in the classic GTO on the Indiana country roads. He would give it a little gas and smile and me and my reaction. He definitely started my love for classic muscle cars.

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**Kara Burks** - April 25, 2020 at 06:31 PM

JR

“ David, Susan, and Carol, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Jim and Sandra Resh

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**Jim Resh** - April 23, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JD

“ My first HAM radio instructor. He helped me with Morse Code and electrical theory. Ken is one of the people who influenced me, instructed me and guided me as I moved into what was to be a great career in technology. A true friend and mentor, the world has lost one of the great ones! Rest in peace.

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**Jackson Durham** - April 20, 2020 at 09:05 AM

PW

“ My prayers go out to the family. I worked in Spec Engineering our office connected to the Engineering Department. This was when we were located in the Belden Factory upstairs before the office was built on US 27. I remember David when you were born and how Happy and Proud he was. I remember him passing out “Baby Ruth” candy bars in celebration and everyone smiling. Enjoyed working with him. Pat Williams

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**Pat Williams** - April 19, 2020 at 09:18 PM

DB

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of Ken. On behalf of the entire Belden team our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Ken was great to work with and “showed me the ropes” of coaxial cable design. He will be missed. Sincerely, Doug Brenneke, Richmond Plant Manager

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**Doug Brenneke** - April 18, 2020 at 03:40 PM

DN

“ What a great guy! I worked with Ken in Belden Engineering starting in the late '70s. He was always very helpful and patient with me as I learned. Last time I saw him he was playing cards with Don Ramsey..... Sheephead no doubt 😊. Sincere Sympathies to all.

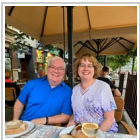
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**Debbie Ninde** - April 18, 2020 at 09:57 AM

CC

“ Cindy & Mark Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Kenneth M. "Ken" Rueth



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**Cindy & Mark Cunningham** - April 18, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Ken was a good friend and a great guy. I learned a lot from him over the years! 73 and SK my friend! Marty Van Der Burgt - Vice President, Global R&D, Belden.

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**Marty Van Der Burgt** - April 17, 2020 at 08:05 PM

ML

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers



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**Mary Denise Logan** - April 17, 2020 at 07:14 PM

DS

“ Carol and family,  
So sad to hear of your Dad's passing, he was a good and gentle man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, may God bless you all with fond memories of good times.  
Dave & Janet Sweet

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**Dave Sweet** - April 17, 2020 at 06:54 PM

LC

“ Ken was my neighbor on Kennedy Drive. When I was a teenager, Ken taught me amateur radio. We had quite the antenna farm between the two houses. During the summers, I would wait for a Ken to get home from work, and we would go to his “shack” and create wondrous things! I remember him passing out baby ruth candy bars for the birth of his son.

He was like a second father to me. We attended Hamfest in Dayton together, and enjoyed many club get together with WVARC. I recently tried to reach out to him, but apparently waited too long.

Thank you Ken for the lifelong memories.

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**Lawrence Coblentz** - April 17, 2020 at 05:28 PM

Larry Boesch

“ *David Rueth, Susan Schaeffer & Carol Rueth, you were blessed with a great father, as well as, a wonderful mother, Pat. I loved both of them & and you, their special children. I have been pouring out prayers for both as they are being reunited in the spiritual realm. I cherish the many fun summer weeks Ken & I spent together & during visits over the years. We were ushers in each other's weddings. God bless. Larry Boesch, 1st cousin*

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**Larry Boesch** - April 17, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kenneth M. "Ken" Rueth.*



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April 17, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *I got to know Ken about six years ago after I retired, We met at the amateur club's weekly luncheons. We been getting together every week since. Ken and I had many connections and were friends from the start. Ken made being a friend easy. I will miss Ken very much.*

*Russ Davis N9PTK*

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**Russ Davis** - April 17, 2020 at 02:17 PM

DS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**David Lydick and the Doan & Mills Staff** - April 17, 2020 at 01:26 PM