



Kenneth R Pekar

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Kenneth Pekar, 78, of Vermilion, Ohio passed away on December 15, 2025. Born on December 10, 1947 in Cleveland, Ohio, Kenn graduated from West Tech High School. For two years, he served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, and was awarded two Purple Hearts.

He retired from Eaton Corporation in Cleveland in 2002. Since 2009, he has made Vermilion his home. Kenn truly enjoyed all aspects of fishing, primarily on Lake Erie, and traveled within and outside the US to pursue his favorite pastime. He also enjoyed hunting, especially bow hunting and shooting sports.

He is survived by his sister Pat and her husband Wyatt; his 'adopted' daughter Diane Skirkanic (affectionately known as "Munchkin") and her husband Scott; nephew Craig Pekar; niece Raylene Herkamp and her husband John; great-nephews Isaac and Eli; and great-niece Violet; and his truly dear friend Darlene (Stan) Zaharewicz.

He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Pauline, and his brother Robert.

The family will receive friends on Monday, December 22, 2025 from 4-6 PM with a service at 6 PM at Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral and Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, OH 44001. Interment with military honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on a date to be determined.

If desired, contributions may be made in Kenn's memory to: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund at vvmf.org.



Events

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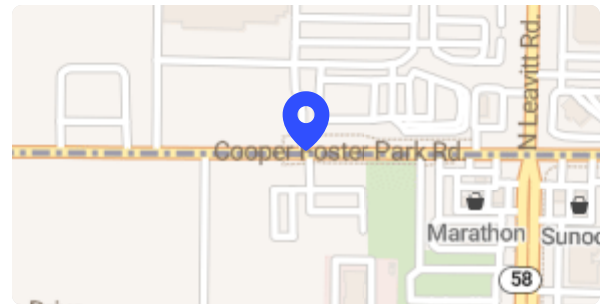
Visitation

Monday, December 22, 2025

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH
44001



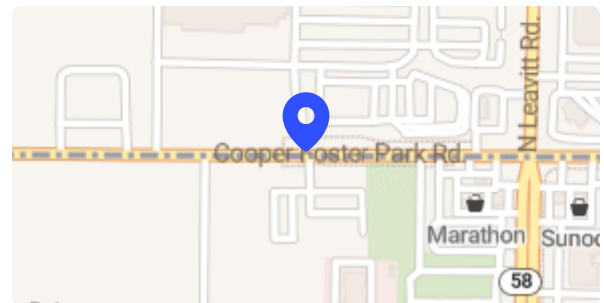
Funeral Service

Monday, December 22, 2025

6:00 PM ET

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Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington VA



Tribute Wall

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BB

Bob Boyich sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Pekar family.

December 20 at 8:20 AM



DZ

Darlene & Stan Zaharewicz sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pekar family.

December 19 at 8:10 PM



DZ

Darlene & Stan Zaharewicz planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kenneth.

December 19 at 8:10 PM



JB

John Barto posted:

I first met Kenn in Scandia, PA. He would come up to my Father-in-law's rental cabin at Christmas time and share in their Christmas gatherings. We became friends when after he retired, he moved to Scandia. He and I would sit and sip whiskey and talk about everything and anything and have a few more toddies. He enjoyed fishing and hunting in PA. When he moved back to Ohio, he included me in his yearly conference chartered fishing trips with his friends on Lake Erie and that's what started our closer friendship. I enjoyed cooking and he enjoyed eating good food, so that's how I became the cook on our fishing trips each year. He always wanted everyone to enjoy the trip and the camaraderie, it was not important if we caught fish, but we did. That was what was important to him, people talking and listening to each other and having fun. He has a great and loyal band of friends, and I am glad I was a part of that group. We would get together once in a while and have lunch or dinner, go to a ball game. We will dedicate this coming year's Pekar conference in memory of him. You are a free bird now!!!! Reset in peace my friend, the final, final!!!! I will miss him and all his stories.

December 18 at 12:03 PM



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John Lynch posted:

I worked with Kenn many years ago in high school and recall him as an outgoing and fun-to-be-with person with dedication to completing any task he was given. I lost track of him thought of him often. My condolences and prayers are with him.

December 17 at 4:04 AM



Dan Moroski posted:

Kenn Pekar passed away, leaving behind a legacy of integrity, honesty, and genuine friendship. I first met Kenn many years ago as a client. He was demanding, but always fair—and it didn't take long to realize that his word was his bond. What began as a professional relationship grew into a true personal friendship, built on trust and mutual respect. Kenn believed in doing things the right way. He was straightforward, thoughtful, and deeply principled. He valued honesty above all else, and once you earned his trust, you had it completely. Some of my favorite memories with Kenn were the simple ones—our conversations over lunch, especially our lunch at the University Inn, which will not be forgotten. Those moments captured who Kenn was: sincere, engaging, and appreciative of good company and meaningful conversation. Kenn will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His fairness, loyalty, and strength of character left a lasting impression, and his memory will continue to live on in the many lives he touched.

December 16 at 1:47 PM



Mark C. sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Pekar family.



December 16 at 10:02 AM



Mark Cahlik posted:

One incredible person humble and kind and one great fisherman thank you for all our great memories I will never forget you You were better than I rest in peace you deserve it my next walleye will be in your honor

December 16 at 9:49 AM



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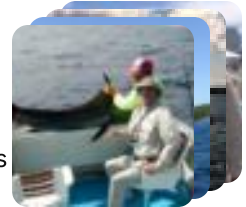
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Bob Boyich shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Kenn and I started out in a business relationship, but quickly became best friends. We traveled many times to my favorite place in Canada, Kississing Lake where he caught many trophy fish. That iconic shot of him on the rock was taken there. He and I caught 14 marlin in one day in Cabo San Lucas, and we fished almost every year in Lake Erie and had so many wonderful days together. I called him last Wednesday for his birthday and left a message on his cell phone. He never called back and I learned today of his passing. So sad to lose a friend like Kenn. Truly a one-of-a-kind GREAT FRIEND. He'll be missed.



December 16 at 6:36 AM



Sheila Mccarver posted:

So sorry for your loss. He was always so nice to me and always made me laugh. Great human.

December 16 at 6:36 AM



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December 16 at 8:13 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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