



## Ken Smith

December 6, 1948 - May 15, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kenneth Charles Smith at Hospice Peterborough with his wife Betty by his side on May 15th, 2021.

Ken was born December 6, 1948 to Eileen and William Smith (both predeceased).

Devoted husband and soul mate of 50 years to Elizabeth Ann Smith (nee Armstrong). Proudest Dad of Debbi (Dave) Hutchinson and Dianne (John). Cherished Papa of Summer Hope (Michael), Leanna, and Evan.

Dear brother of Bill Smith, Sam (Maureen) Smith, Sue (Jim) Rowden, and Danny (Lynda) Smith. Predeceased by Ted (Barb) Smith, Jim Smith, and Eileen Huard.

Beloved son in law and "best friend" to Louisa Grace Webster.

Dear brother in law to Marilyn Smith, Bill Huard, Irene Ferguson, Fred (Ellen) Armstrong, Barb (Jerry) Saunders, Tom (Shelley) Armstrong, Grace (Wim) Schoep, June (Bob), Todd and "much older" brother in law of Colleen (Bruce) Howson.

Much loved uncle to many, many, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews who will always remember his cheerful, witty, and usually corny sense of humour.

Ken grew up in Oshawa Ontario. Ken worked at Whitby Psychiatric Hospital for 27 years. Kenny honed his corny sense of humour on his co-workers and many of those friends still get together for the retiree dinners once a month when able. Kenny and Betty were avid bowlers and for many years enjoying dancing at the bowling banquets. Kenny loved to whistle, dance and sing. Kenny passed on his love of music and singing on to both his daughters and granddaughter.

After Ken retired from Whitby Psych, he and Betty moved to Peterborough and shared a home with his mother in law Louisa and even with the hundreds (likely thousand) of "mother in law" jokes Kenny told to everyone who would listen, Louisa considered Kenny her best friend and he loved Louisa just as much.

Kenny loved get-togethers, parties, euchre, and poker tournaments, calling bingo games at the apartment building, family picnics, car rallies, a few hours at the slots or an evening at the horse races. Kenny was an avid fan of the Toronto Blue Jays and wore it proudly on his clothes, hats, and other items. Kenny looked forward to the time he spent with his family and his friends in the apartment building and he will be missed greatly by so, so many. Kenny always took the time to speak to everyone from the youngest to the oldest, always with a smile and maybe, okay always, a joke.

Rest in peace Ken, keep practicing those jokes for when we all meet again, especially the mother in law jokes as Louisa will be expecting them.

The family is thankful for all of the wonderful staff at Hospice for joking with

Ken and for the amazing care they provided Ken and for all of the patients and their families.

Donations to Hospice Peterborough would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements entrusted with Community Alternative Funeral Home. No funeral or memorial service to be held at this time.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss Rachel. My heart goes out to you and your family. God Bless Julie Simpson

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**Julie Simpson** - May 18, 2021 at 07:33 PM

CW

“ Ken was amongst the first employee I met at Whitby in 1975. He immediately made me feel welcome with his great smile, calm personality. Whenever you heard whistling in the hallways , you could bet it would be Ken and sure enough you'd be greeted with a smile & a joke of the day. My condolences to Betty & family. R.I.P. Ken, keep them smiling!

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**Cheryl Carpenter Waller** - May 17, 2021 at 01:30 PM

PT

“ Betty I am so very sorry for your loss. Ken was absolute treasure and simply had a knack to keep us laughing. So many great memories. The first person I met at OS and I will never forget that beaming smile and great character of his. To know Ken is to love Ken. Sending you love and hugs my friend, thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Patti and Bruce Lang

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**Patti Taylor-Lang** - May 16, 2021 at 07:14 PM

TS

“ I have so many great memories of my uncle Kenny, from running around the bowling alley on Friday nights, eagerly sitting at the table watching the adults play cards wishing we could too, our trip to Nova Scotia, and him whisking me into his arms to dance across the floor at family reunions. He was always laughing, and telling jokes, his keys dangling from his hips. I am so grateful that I was able to visit him this year and spend the day playing cards with him one last time.

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**Tammy Schoep** - May 16, 2021 at 03:38 PM

JW

“ Betty, Louisa and family, We're so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He did always have a joke and he was the King of Valley High 1. He and Betty ran so many programs here - enjoyed by so many. They made a lot of people less lonely. We miss him. God rest his soul. Joe and Kathleen Whetung

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**Joe and Kathleen Whetung** - May 15, 2021 at 05:16 PM