



Kenneth F. Semrow

February 26, 1949 - October 27, 2021

Kenneth (Ken) F. Semrow, 72, died peacefully in his home surrounded by family on October 27, 2021 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Ken was born in Chicago, IL to Albert Semrow and Eleanor (Carlson) Semrow on February 26, 1949. He graduated from Niles Township High School in 1967 and promptly joined the Marine Corps where he proudly served in Vietnam. Once honorably discharged from active duty, he chose to join the Evanston Fire Department and served for 28 years. He married his beloved wife, Kathy (Campbell) Semrow on June 11, 1988.

Ken was well known to be a huge sports fan – notably the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Blackhawks. Much to most of his Chicago native family's dismay, he was also an adamant Green Bay Packers fan and even owned stock in the team. They won't hold it against him though. He was well known and loved for his sense of humor which he carried with him to every event and gathering – from wearing ant boxer shorts at his own wedding, to embarrassing his children with his over-the-top songs and dances, and horsing around with his family.

Ken is preceded in death by his father Albert Semrow, his mother Eleanor Semrow, and his brother Alan Semrow.

Ken is survived by his wife, Kathy Semrow, his daughters Kasey Hir (Robert Hir), Kami Cantrell, and Devin Semrow (Jason Hiatt), and his grandson Zachary Peltier.

Visitation will be from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, November 1, 2021 at Barr Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Barr Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Rosehill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or the local animal shelter of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

5800 N Ravenswood Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 561-5940

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home
6222 N. Broadway
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Funeral Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth F. Semrow*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *As a fellow "brother" I took an immediate liking to Ken when we met in vietnam. 54 years later my opinion of him has not changed. America needs more people like him and his values are reflected by all he has touched. Ken, as you are with our lord, know your life was not wasted. We will always honor your memories*

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“ *I remember Ken when i was a young firefighter and Kens support and wealth of knowledge that he shared with me and so many others that I will never forget!
God bless you Ken.*

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