



Kenneth John Mezger

November 19, 1964 - November 17, 2024

Kenneth John Mezger, 59, of Mooresville, NC, passed away peacefully in the afternoon of November 17th, surrounded by his family, after a brave battle with cancer.

Born to Edward and Marie Mezger on November 19th, 1964 in Carmel, New York, Ken was a 1983 graduate of Brewster High School. Ken met the love of his life Melissa Gmerek that same year and they were married in 1986.

Together they moved to Teays Valley, WV in 1989, where they had their two daughters, Kayleigh and Taylor. They would reside in West Virginia until 2004, when the family relocated to Mooresville, NC.

Ken is survived by Melissa, his wife of 38 years and the absolute light of his life. Daughters: Kayleigh Mezger, Taylor Mezger-Lewis and husband Casey Lewis. His grandson, Walker Lewis. Siblings Debra Bryan of Vestal, NY and Michael Mezger of Rochester, NY. His mother-in-law, Ursula Gmerek of Mooresville, NC. Numerous brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends - whom he loved each and every one deeply.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his grandparents, who raised him, Alfred and Lillian Ryerson. Father-in-law Walter Gmerek of Mooresville, NC. And his oldest brother Edward Mezger, of Chappaqua, NY.

Ken dedicated multiple decades working in the auto industry. He started out by washing cars in high school, selling cars for many years and eventually working his way up to finance manager, a position he maintained for the last 25 years of his career.

Ken completely embodied the phrase, "work hard, play hard". Not only was he a skilled and devoted employee, winning many auto group sales competitions and awards, he was also always the life of the party! He relished time spent entertaining family and friends, telling the best stories and enjoying a great cocktail. Ken absolutely loved music, and there was rarely a moment in his life where there wasn't music playing. He enjoyed live music as well, whether a large concert, or a small set at a bar. He loved to laugh, to garden and do yard work and travel. He loved to dance and was truly most content dancing with Melissa on their back deck together.

A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 24 at the Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTczMjI0NDM0OTMzODA1MSZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to all family, friends, hospice nurses, physicians and staff for the unwavering, compassionate and supportive care that was provided. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wake Forest Baptist Hospital, Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, or The American Cancer Society.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Mezger's family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth John Mezger*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - November 21, 2024 at 05:01 PM

CA

“ Dearest Kenny....

You will always be the coolest guy I've ever had the privilege to know. I enjoyed our friendship forged from Keffer Automotive and the time I got to spend cutting your hair and having the beautiful girls as clients for prom, graduations and other fun events. We shared the memories of our Grandfathers both being named Alfred and the wonderful grandmothers (Lillian and Lucy) we had, that loved them.

Thank you for so many memories and stories filled with laughter and the love you have of your Family. And thank you for your always caring friendship.

Although I'm very sad that you are not here... I know you're no longer suffering. And celebrating a life well lived. Fly high dear friend! Say hello to heaven...

To the Mezger Ladies!

I love you girls. If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to reach out. You are all very special!

Sending you all our deepest heartfelt sympathy.

Love,

Cynthia and Abbey



Cynthia Underwood and Abbey - December 01, 2024 at 12:57 AM

PF

“ To the Mezger Family,

Our deepest and sincere prayers and condolences goes out to your family today. Ken, you were a great guy and mentor here at Modern Nissan of LKN. We use to talk about being girl dads and shared NYC stories with each other. We will miss you buddy and thank you for everything you've done for us.

*Sincerely,
Perry and Tannette Flythe*

Perry Flythe - November 23, 2024 at 05:12 PM

FW

“ Dear Mezger Family,

I will always cherish the memories of our time as neighbors in Hidden Valley Estates and the precious childhood years shared with your family. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Faith Woodrum*

Faith Woodrum - November 22, 2024 at 11:59 AM

CD

“ Celeste DesRochers purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kenneth John Mezger.



Celeste DesRochers - November 22, 2024 at 11:54 AM

RF

“ To my best man Ken,
These are the early years and moments that influenced who we
have become. We are individually a product of the relationships we
keep dear in our hearts.
I love you and I will miss you but you will always be with me
God bless your soul for the good man you will always be

Rick



Rick Fischer - November 21, 2024 at 10:05 PM

FE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Fabian Escoto - November 20, 2024 at 06:16 PM

WL

“ With love from Rich & Lora purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kenneth John Mezger.



With love from Rich & Lora - November 20, 2024 at 02:05 PM

RC

“ Rose & Rob Colarossi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth John Mezger.

Rose & Rob Colarossi - November 20, 2024 at 07:58 AM

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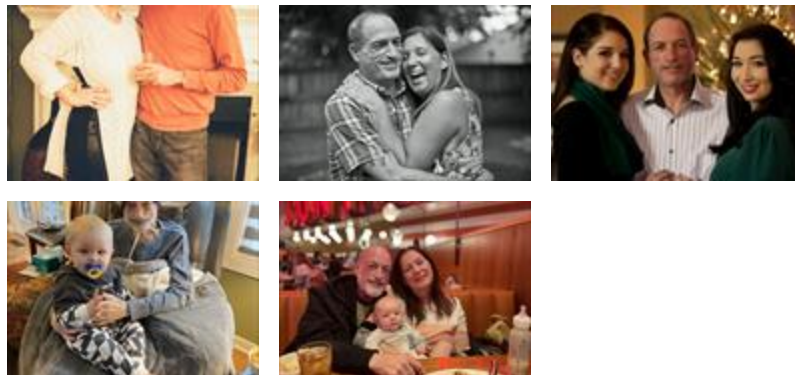
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth John Mezger.



November 19, 2024 at 07:33 PM

KA

“ 43 files added to the tribute wall



Kayleigh - November 19, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - November 19, 2024 at 04:47 PM