



## Kenneth Samson

September 28, 1936 - July 17, 2021

Kenneth W. Samson ("Ken") was born on September 28, 1936, at home, on Ryan's Alley, in Crystal City, Missouri, (or "Missoura," as he called it). His family relocated to Rossford, Ohio in 1944 and he attended Eagle Point Elementary School. His family soon moved to Toledo where Ken attended Jones Junior High and Libbey High School. Upon graduation, Ken attended Toledo University and studied Mechanical Engineering. During this time, he met the love of his life, Nancy Wehrmeister, whom he married on June 14, 1958 and remained devoted to for over 63 years.

Ken began his career as draftsman at Tillotson Carburetor before joining Owens-Illinois where he assisted in starting the company's first plastic bottle line. He remained at Owens-Illinois for over 40 years becoming one of the lead engineers and founders of the plastic container industry's 'Designs and Standards' that are still used to this day.

Ken and Nancy gave birth to two children, Jim and Mike. Ken mentored his boys in boating, sports, business, maintenance and all aspects of life. Both boys have started their own families. Jim married Cindy (Martin) in 1992 and Mike married Kelly (Bucher) in 1996.

Ken enjoyed camping and boating, for over 35 years at Bay Point Resort in Marblehead, Ohio. During his retirement, Ken focused on his hobby as a

gardener. He was an assistant in planting operations at Hoen's Garden Center and would often plant his creations in his own gardens. To remain active, he was involved in the Golden Emblem Club of O-I, where he served in all offices, including multiple terms as President. Ken was also involved with St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Catholic Church serving as an usher and Eucharistic Minister. Ken spent large amounts of time with his wife and family and positively influenced the lives of his three grandsons, Ben, Tyler and Dylan.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Lucille and is survived by his wife, sons, grandsons and his brother, Roger (Sharon) Samson, as well as, many nieces and nephews. Ken was at peace with Nancy at his side as he was welcomed into heaven to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday, July 21st from 3:00-7:00 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 22nd beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614 at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the retired Catholic clergy of Toledo, Ohio via the Perpetuate the Gift fund at [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org) <<http://www.toledodiocese.org>>

# Previous Events

## Scripture Service

JUL 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral Service

JUL 22. 9:30 AM.

mortuary

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to Nancy. I always enjoyed talking to Ken at the Golden Emblem picnic that we would host on the campus of O-I. He had alot of stories to tell and I enjoyed listening to them. God bless his soul.*

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**Susan Gladieux** - August 03, 2021 at 04:04 PM

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“ *Ken,  
Thanks for loving my sister and being part of our family! Growing up we never had pets, so thanks for introducing them to me with the rabbits and beagles you had just a few houses away. Thanks for taking me hunting, and on the salmon fishing trip in Lake Michigan. Thanks for all the O-I days at Cedar Point. Thanks for the many boat rides in the Irish Hills and on Lake Erie. Thanks for all the great times we had at Bay Point summer after summer. Thanks for all the pool parties that were held at your house over the years. And thanks for carrying on the family tradition of getting the family together on Christmas Eve. Also, thanks for all the advice and guidance you provided over the years. You will be missed - no, you already are.*

*Tom*

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**Tom Wehrmeister** - July 21, 2021 at 11:50 AM

JJ

*To the family of Ken Samson,  
I was fortunate to be one Ken's partners at O-I in the Plastics Division  
for over 15 years. Ken was a professional as he guided one of the key  
programs in the 1970's and 1980's. Ken was in charge of the  
Engineering for the BC-3 plastic machines. He worked diligently and  
tirelessly to help the Plants succeed as O-I grew and kept many  
employees earning a living.*

*I am grateful to Ken for helping me learn the plastics' Industry and as  
an important mentor for me. I am glad to be working with Ken's son,  
Jim, in Bowling Green at Southeastern Container.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*John Johnson*

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**John Johnson** - July 25, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Kenneth Samson.*



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July 21, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of  
Kenneth Samson.*



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July 20, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Samson.*



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July 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Samson.*



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July 20, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Samson.*



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July 20, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Nancy, we are so sorry to learn of Ken's passing...he was a great guy and a good friend. We remember the good times we had with him at all the Dussel gatherings. May his soul rest in peace. We have recently moved to Milford OH, near Cincinnati, so we can't be at the funeral. Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences.*

*Diane & Terry Winslow*

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**Terry Winslow** - July 20, 2021 at 10:34 AM