



Kenneth W. Corbett

June 16, 1964 - February 3, 2022

Kenneth William Corbett, 57, loving son, brother, and uncle, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022. Kenny was born in Northampton on June 16, 1964 to Frances (née Cybulski) Merski and William Francis Corbett, Sr. He lived in western Massachusetts his entire life and was a devoted Patriots, Red Sox, Celtics, and Nascar fan.

Kenny was a quiet kid but very outgoing and friendly. Family and friends remember him for his empathy and desire to care for others. As a young boy, he spent a lot of time at Shriners hospital and was known for organizing wheelchair races and making all of the kids laugh. Once his bones and legs strengthened, he developed a love for sports and became a solid baseball player.

He graduated from Smith Vocational Highschool in 1982 from the auto body department and was a member of the Junior ROTC. He worked in auto body shops for many years before starting his own landscaping business. His love for cars and vehicles was a big part of his life and he owned several scooters, including a beloved red Vespa that he drove all over western Mass. Kenny was an avid Nascar fan and he frequented tracks across the Northeast with his dad and friends.

Kenny was most at peace when he was fishing. Alongside his brother, step-

dad, friends, or often alone, he enjoyed saltwater, freshwater, and ice fishing. He would hop on his bike with his fishing rod and head down to the Mill River or Broad Brook, and also loved fishing off the coast of Cape Cod. Being near the water brought him great joy and he spent many wonderful days visiting the beaches of Florida with his mom and step-dad.

Ken spent the last five years of his life at CareOne in Northampton after a long battle with brain cancer. His family is very grateful to the nurses and aides who cared for him and ultimately became his friends. Kenny loved his “tunes” and his care team made sure to have Rock 102 on the radio for him. A special thank you is extended to those who made his final days with his family as peaceful as possible and for giving him the gift of passing with dignity and grace.

Ken leaves behind his mom Fran Merski and his step-dad John Merski of Florence, his father Bill Corbett and his step-mom Betty Burnham of Easthampton, and his three older siblings: Linda LaFlamme, Bill Corbett Jr. (and Betsy Poudrier), and Elaine Moczulewski. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Megan LaFlamme and her husband Dave Powell, Sean LaFlamme and his girlfriend Shelby Benoit, Seth and Greg Moczulewski, and Josh Corbett, as well as his step brothers Johnny and Eva Merski and Chris Merski. He was predeceased by his grandparents Jennie and Tony Cybulski and Fred and Helen Corbett.

Goodnight, Kenny. Sleep well.

Calling hours will be Saturday, February 12th from 10AM-12PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton, followed by a Religious Service at 12PM. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kenny’s name can be made to CareOne at Northampton Resident Activities Fund, 548 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01060 or to

Shriners Children's Hospital, 516 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104. For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hour

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Drozdal Funeral Home Of Northampton

Religious Service

FEB 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kenny on the green river and one of his favorite places “goose pond”* ”



jeffrey boyer - February 10, 2022 at 07:02 PM

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“ I’m so saddened to hear about the loss of such a great lifelong friend. Kenny and I shared so many great times together playing pool, frisbee, stream fishing, ice fishing, ice fishing derbies, golf, trips to misquamicut beach, and so much more. We shared so many sunrises with the pink skies reflecting on the ice as we pulled our sleds across the ice at first light. So many blue skies, sunsets as we walked off the ice after spending the entire day enjoying the great outdoors. One of Kenny’s favorite places was goose pond in lee ma. I’ve never met a fisherman to this day that had that magical touch with a fishing rod in his hand and that secret twitch of 2 of Kenny’s favorite lures: phoebe and rooster tails that time after time would land the biggest trout of the day !! I will definitely miss his thoughtful and generous heart that was always there to help a friend. I will miss his one of a kind sense of humor that would have us on the floor every time with a painful belly laugh that brought us both to tears. My next and every fishing trip in the future I know you’ll be there by my side offering a rare tip of the day !! Thanks for the memories that I’ll always cherish and Rest In Peace my dear friend 🙏



jeffrey boyer - February 10, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth W. Corbett.



February 10, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth W. Corbett.* ”



February 10, 2022 at 08:33 AM