



Kenneth R. Widelo

November 3, 1948 - September 27, 2023

Kenneth R. Widelo, 74, of N. Hatfield, great husband, father, and Papa, sadly passed away on Wednesday, September 27th at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on November 3, 1948, in Northampton to the late John S. and Virginia (Kuzontkoski) Widelo. Ken graduated from Smith Vocational in 1967. After high school, he went to GCC and received his associate in arts. In 1972 he received his Bachelor of Education from the University of Miami and completed his education with a Master of Education from Westfield State University in 1990.

Throughout his life with his hard work ethic, he had several jobs but most recently worked as the Career and Technical Education Director for Chicopee Comprehensive High School for 36 years before retiring in 2021.

Ken loved attending antique engine shows with his son Jonathan, and meeting with all his buddies there.

Anyone who encountered Ken would be greeted with one of his genuine smiles, which will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 52 years, Laura (Antosz) Widelo, his son Jonathan both of N. Hatfield, his daughter, Stacy Lynn Puza and her husband Josh of Chesterfield, his two grandsons whom he adored and were the lights of his life, Odin and Waylon of Chesterfield, as well as many other loved family members and friends.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Francis and Ronald.

According to Ken's wishes, all services will be private. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton has been entrusted with his services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ken's memory to: Dakin Humane Society, 171 Union St., P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101 or to Odin & Waylon Puza's Education Fund c/o Polish National Credit Union, P.O. Box 384 Southampton Ma 01073, as education was extremely important to Ken.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I, along with the Peret family would like to express our condolences for the passing of your husband Kenneth. It is never easy to accept the passing of a loved one, but with the passing of time and support from your family and friends, we can soften the pain and start remembering all the good times that you'll have forever in your heart. I would love to get together with you sometime and reminisce. All our love!

Nielsen and Peret family

Helga Nielsen - October 31, 2023 at 01:40 PM

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“ Konstantine and Sunita Sierros Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth R. Widelo.

Konstantine and Sunita Sierros Family - October 02, 2023 at 03:59 PM

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“ Konstantine and Sunita Sierros Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kenneth R. Widelo.



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“ He was bigger than life. The best boss anyone could have. But most of all his passion for vocational education was contagious. He was my boss but also family. He loved my family too. How lucky was Chicopee to have him as an educator for so many years. He loved his family more than anything. He will be so missed but never forgotten.

Nicole Wojcik - September 29, 2023 at 08:33 PM

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“ I worked with Mr. Widelo for a number of years and have the utmost respect for him. His compassion for students and respect for staff was always remarkable. So extremely sorry for your loss. He was truly a kind soul and will be missed

Stacy Fitzpatrick - September 29, 2023 at 07:42 PM