



Kenneth Lee Ortman

February 23, 1951 - July 31, 2025

Kenneth (Ken) Lee Ortman, 74, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, July 31, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, after losing his battle with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born on February 23, 1951, to Henry W. and Mildred Irene (nèe Carman) Ortman in Moline, Illinois. He married the love of his life, Sandra “Sandy” Frick, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Petersburg on April 5, 1975. They just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ken was a devoted member of St. Peter Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, always finding ways to serve his faith and his community. He gave generously of his time as Alderman and City Clerk for the city of Petersburg, roles he carried out with dedication and pride. A true sports enthusiast, Ken cheered passionately for St. Louis Cardinals baseball and University of Illinois basketball, as well as our local Bluejays,

rarely missing a game. He also had a soft spot for his beloved cats, who brought him great comfort and joy. On family vacations, one of his favorite traditions was carefully planning the travel route — he loved the journey as much as the destination, especially when shared with those he loved most.

Ken is survived by his wife, Sandy; his daughter, René (husband Chris) Hardee; his son Kyle Ortman; his grandchildren, Maxwell and Samuel Hardee; his siblings, Larry (wife Paulette) Ortman and Jeanne (husband Mike) Fricke, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial gathering will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Petersburg, Illinois, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am immediately followed by a memorial mass with Fr. Varghese officiating. A luncheon at the church parish center will follow mass. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church, 711 S. 6th St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675 or to Ken's memorial page for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Ken's family with

arrangements. Please
visit Ken's online obituary at hurleyfh.com where you may share condolences
and
memories with his family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church
711 S. 6th
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-7118

Memorial Mass

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ Kyle, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I am sure you have lots of good memories to cherish. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
denta

denta - August 04, 2025 at 05:45 PM

MT

“ Margaret Thompson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kenneth Lee Ortman.



Margaret Thompson - August 04, 2025 at 05:49 AM

MT

“ Margaret Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Lee Ortman.

Margaret Thompson - August 04, 2025 at 05:49 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Ortman



Larry and Mary Hundt - August 02, 2025 at 09:22 AM

DM

“ I thought a lot of Ken Ortman. I worked with him at City Hall when he was an Alderman and I was the City Secretary and City Clerk. Ken and I were the same age and graduated together. He will be missed, rest in peace.

Dorothy Morgan - August 01, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Lee Ortman.

August 01, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lee Ortman.



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NH

“ Nick and Megan Huet purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Lee Ortman.



Nick and Megan Huet - August 01, 2025 at 05:14 PM

TF

“ *The Ply Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Lee Ortman.*



The Ply Family - August 01, 2025 at 04:10 PM