



Keith J. Bunting

December 9, 1931 - March 30, 2015

Keith J. Bunting, 83, of Traverse City, Michigan went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 30, 2015.

Keith was born on December 9, 1931 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to the late Harold J. and Elizabeth (Allen) Bunting. He met the love of his life, Mary Ann Henshaw, while working at JC Penney. Keith and Mary were married on June 21, 1957 in Kalamazoo. Together they lovingly raised three wonderful daughters in Midland, MI and later became in-laws to three incredible sons.

Beginning in 1951, Keith honorably served his country in the US Coast Guard during the Korean War. After 3 years of service he continued his education at Western Michigan University earning his BBA degree with graduate studies at Emory University.

Keith worked for Dow Chemical Company and retired after 25 years. His last position with Dow was as Manager of Government and Public Affairs.

In 1993, Keith and Mary moved to Traverse City, where he was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. He embraced his faith and the power of positive thinking - the philosophy he lived by.

Hunting, fishing, and boating were among his favorite hobbies. Keith and Mary loved to jump in the car and explore the area, marveling at the change of seasons. A daily pontoon boat ride around the lake with Mary by his side was a favorite way to spend a summer day.

Keith was an avid football fan. There was nothing better than watching a Sunday afternoon Lions game with him; his love and enthusiasm for the game were contagious.

Most importantly, Keith loved and cherished his family. He will forever remain in their hearts.

Surviving Keith is his loving wife Mary of 57 years; daughters Susan (Jeffrey) Newland of Traverse City, Lisa (Edgar) Anders of Mount Dora, FL, Lori (Patrick) Leddy of Nashville, TN; grandchildren Alexandra and Allison Anders, Michael Leddy, John and James Newland; his loving sister, Caroline "Kay" Decker, sister-in-law Heloise Bunting, and many cherished nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Betty French, Harold "Allen" Bunting, and Mary Lou Mann.

Friends and family may gather for a time of visitation on Saturday, April 11th from 10 to 11am at the Presbyterian Church, 701 Westminster Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49686. A memorial service will begin at 11am. There will be a luncheon at the church immediately following the memorial service.

Keith's family sincerely thanks Hospice of Michigan and the caring staff at Cherry Hill Haven Lodge, especially Nancy Chester and asks that memorial contributions be directed to the Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Association (Research), Michigan Great Lakes Chapter, 564 S. Main St., Suite 200, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Please share your memories, stories and thoughts of Keith with his family by way of his online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Dear Mary,

We are sorry to read about Keith's passing in the Midland Daily Paper. Keith was always a great mentor to everyone around him. Keith was a model of how to work hard and decisive and play just as hard. He was extremely proud of his family and always spoke very well of his son-in-laws.

We are sure that Keith's positive up-beat nature will always be a memory for all of us that knew him.

You and the family have our sympathy during this challenging time.

Always best wishes---Pat and Richard Humburg .

richard humburg - April 13, 2015 at 07:44 AM

SH

“ For some reason, I was thinking of you all today and then noticed Keith's notice. Please know that the Hoehne family is thinking of you, especially today. Much love & friendship to all. Susan, Lisa, & Lori, I still remember all the fun times we all had together when we were younger & got together to give our parents a "Carpenter's Concert" or keep track of Alan's Tidy Bowl visits. Mary, the friendship you both shared with my Mom & Dad was truly treasured. May happy memories and love surround you today. Sincere condolences, Stephanie Hoehne-Mattly & family

Stephanie Hoehne-Mattly - April 11, 2015 at 12:09 PM

NF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Keith's recent passing. We send our loving and sincere thoughts and prayers to Mary, Susan, Lisa and Lorie and their beautiful families. There are so many wonderful memories that we will hold close to us. Love, Jack and Nancy

Nancy French - April 10, 2015 at 10:26 PM

HT

“ We're sorry to hear of Keith's recent passing. Our condolences to Mary Ann and the rest of the family. We will always have fond memories of Keith. Louise & Hugh Taylor

Hugh Taylor - April 07, 2015 at 05:36 PM

LD

“ Lisa, We are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you, Edgar, Allie, Lexie, your Mom and sisters and families.

Lori and Ron Desing

Lori Desing - April 07, 2015 at 08:27 AM

NC

“ First I would like to say to Mary Bunting and family, that I am very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. Keith (Dad) is now with the lord and is in such a blessed place. Words can not express the love, joy and many smiles keith brought to our home. Keith was always so loving and tender and so positive. I admire the love and kindness he had for everyone, especially his love he so often spoke of for his "Mary and Daughters"! Keith has a smile and a chuckle that was contagious and graceful like no other! I am so thankful I was able to be a part of keith's life, aswell as being a part of his family lives. We all love you dear friend....Say hello to your dad for me my friend:)

Love,
Nancy Chester
(Friend)

nancy chester - April 05, 2015 at 11:44 PM



“ I always enjoyed visiting when I would go to the cabin. One of my favorite memories is Uncle Keith always saying I looked just like Lori, one of his beautiful daughters. My thoughts and prayers to Aunt Mary and the rest of the family.

Kristie LaDuke - April 01, 2015 at 08:39 PM

PM

“ One of my favorite memories of Keith was when we saw each other by chance in New York City. I was just finishing a buying trip there.

Patt Messenger

Patricia Messenger - April 01, 2015 at 06:58 AM