



# Ken Ichikawa

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**K**en M. Ichikawa passed away Friday, April 13, 2012 after a two year battle with cancer. He was born on May 27, 1958 in Pittsburg, PA to the late Yosio and Dorothy Komeya Ichikawa.

The beloved husband of Kathryn DeKemel, he is survived by two sisters, Karen Ichikawa and Diane Ichikawa Lewis; two nieces, Emily and Ann Lewis and many loving and devoted friends.

Ken was a brilliant man of many talents and hobbies. He held a degree in geology from the University of Pittsburg and worked in this field before transitioning to his true vocation. He received a second degree from the University of New Orleans in Management Information Systems which allowed him to work at various businesses around the metro area as a computer programmer and DBA. Fulfilled in these roles, he also loved working with his hands and expressed himself through his pottery, gardening, carpentry and woodworking. His greatest love however was the time spent with his wife and pets at their Mandeville home.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend memorial services at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave. Covington, LA 70433.

Visiting hours will begin Wednesday at 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or by calling (800) 227-2345.



## Tribute Wall

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KM

**Karen Misconish** posted:

Kathy- Such a shock. The world has lost an extremely warm, generous, talented soul. I'm so glad I got to know you both over the years. Strength and love to you during this difficult time.

April 23 at 3:36 AM

JD

**John Devun** posted:

Kathy, please accept our most sincere and deepest sympathy. We will never forget Ken and his kindness. May you find comfort in knowing that many thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God Bless you Kathy! John and Kathy DeVun

April 20 at 6:26 PM

KB

**Karen Babbitt** posted:

Ken was a dear friend and such a talented person! I fondly remember many happy times.....the Endymion Parade in Mid City, delicious home-cooked meals, City Park, our visit to Dallas, Ken's many "projects". Our casual visits and dinners with Ken and Kathy were the best! Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and his dear family whom he loved very much. With sympathy, Karen Babbitt

April 18 at 1:17 PM

RD

**Ruth And Eric Dixon** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Hold on your wonderful memories of your life together and always smile, for those are the gifts you gave to each other and inside your heart forever. Ruth and Eric

April 18 at 6:08 AM

SB

**Sonji Brown** posted:

My sympathy goes out to Mrs.Ichikawa and family. Ken was a great coworker but an even better friend.

April 18 at 4:42 AM



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SG

**Stephanie Gomez** posted:

Kathy, You are constantly in my thoughts and prayers. May you find peace & comfort in this time of sorrow.

April 18 at 3:08 AM

WB

**Wayne & Teresa Belles** posted:

Kathy, Please accept our condolences, on the passing of Ken. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

April 17 at 6:35 PM

AS

**Anne Sumner** posted:

Ken. you will be in our memories forever. Kathy, stay strong and know you are surrounded by the love of so many people.

April 17 at 10:58 AM

CH

**Carol And Hal Hopson** posted:

<http://www.ejfieldingfh.com/images/icons/angel.gif> Our hearts go out to Kathy and to all of Ken's family in this time of sorry. Our prayers are with you. Carol and Hal Hopson4

April 17 at 10:39 AM

CS

**Cathy Sumner** posted:

Kathy, I am sorry and sad to hear the news about Ken. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Cathy

April 17 at 10:17 AM

BB

**Becky Bryant** posted:

I want to express my condolences to you and your family in the death of Ken. I will place you and family members on my Sunday School prayer list. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Becky Bryant SLP

April 17 at 10:03 AM



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SO

**Stuart & Kelly Obkirchner** posted:

Words cannot express how sorry and saddened we are to hear about Ken passing away. The two of you have been, individually & as a couple, wonderful and exceptional people that both Stu and I have been blessed to know. Our deepest condolences and prayers are with you now. Ken will never be forgotten in our memories... and was such a special person in both our lives. Stuart & Kelly Obkirchner

April 17 at 9:14 AM

MC

**Marisol César** posted:

Dear Kathy, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Con cariño, Marisol César

April 17 at 7:42 AM

LJ

**Lisa Jamieson** posted:

No one can truly know what you are experiencing in this time of loss. Please accept my condolences and know that you are in my thoughts.

April 17 at 6:30 AM

NM

**Nancy Martino** posted:

Kathy, I am so very sorry to hear about Ken. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy

April 17 at 6:23 AM

VM

**Vincent Minatoya** posted:

I remember playing with Ken when we were kids. Then when we were of University age, I remember him coming to Hawaii for a visit. I told him he looked a lot like his cousin Craig in Los Angeles. Being the same age I always felt close to Ken even though we were so far apart. I even share the same name with him, Vincent Ken Minatoya. I am sincerely sorry we could not meet in our older years. Ken rest in peace, from your 1st Cousin in Guam.

April 16 at 7:18 PM



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SB

**Susan Bankston** posted:

Kathy - Deepest sympathy at the loss of your dear husband Ken. May the love and memories you shared bring solace in your time of grief.

April 16 at 6:03 PM

GW

**Geneal Walters** posted:

My prayers are with you Kathy. I cannot express how sorry I am for your loss.

April 16 at 2:16 PM

SY

**Shirley Yates** posted:

May the memories that you and Ken made help to bring you some peace.

April 16 at 1:08 PM

GV

**Gerry Veth** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gerry

April 16 at 7:53 AM

MR

**Merry Rubins** posted:

It was an honor and a joy to have known Ken. He had a wonderful smile, a keen sense of humor, and a kind heart. He will be greatly missed. Phillip, Merry, Robyn, and Cara Rubins

April 14 at 3:04 PM

JS

**Jeanne A Smith** posted:

Kathy, I was saddened to learn that your beloved husband, Ken, passed away last night. May the knowledge of Ken's love for you sustain you. May God be with you and may you find comfort and peace in your memories of Ken. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Jeanne

April 14 at 7:42 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ken by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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