



# Dr. Kenneth John Lacho

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**D**r. Kenneth John Lacho, at the age of 88, entered eternal rest peacefully on Sunday afternoon, November 27, 2022, at Forest Manor Nursing Home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 22, 1934, to John Lacho and Elizabeth Miklas Lacho.

He is survived by his loving wife Judith Schoenwalder of 60 years; his children, Kenneth D. Lacho (wife Rose Angelocci) and Kelli Lacho Lundin (husband Michael Lundin); and his grandchildren, Elizabeth Lundin, Rebecca Lacho, Michael Lundin II, and Rachel Lacho.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his loving parents John and Elizabeth Lacho and his brother Dale Lacho.

A native of St. Louis, and resident of Covington for over 17 years, Kenneth graduated from Afton High School, in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Washington University and earned his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. After serving in the United States Air Force, he returned to Washington University to earn his Master's and Doctoral degrees in Business Administration.

Dr. Kenneth Lacho began his professional career in 1964 as a Professor of Management at the University of New Orleans. Professional achievements included the Seraphia D. Leydia University Teaching Fellow and the Walter J. Boasso Professorship in Entrepreneurship. Other academic honors included being elected as a fellow in the Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship, the Allied Academies' Academy of Educational Leadership, Creative and Innovation Education Award, U.S. Small Business Administration Raymond Hilgert Lifetime Achievement Award, the U.S. Small Business Administration Vision 2000 Models of Excellence award and being elected as a Louisiana delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business in 1980. Dr. Lacho founded the Entrepreneurship Program at UNO with a grant from the Coleman Foundation. He also taught in the UNO Training, Resource and Assistive Technology Center's Exceptional Entrepreneurs of Louisiana (ExcEl) Program which helped persons with disabilities to start their own business. He was extremely active in the local business



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community serving on several Chamber of Commerce committees and the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of New Orleans. He retired in 2021 and was well liked and respected by fellow faculty and students as an outstanding professor. Kenneth was an accomplished runner taking many first place trophies in his age group.

Kenneth and his wife Judith were devoted and active members to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for over 17 years.

The Lacho family expresses their deepest gratitude to the outstanding care provided by the staff of Forest Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Kenneth to PVA, (Paralyzed Veterans of America), 801 Eighteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20006-3517, 1-800-424-8200; <https://pva.org/>.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Avenue, Covington, Louisiana on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 11:00 AM with visitation beginning at 9:00 AM until service time. Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, locally owned and operated, (985) 892-9222 has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

The Lacho family kindly invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



## Events

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### Visitation

 **Friday**, December 2, 2022

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**

2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



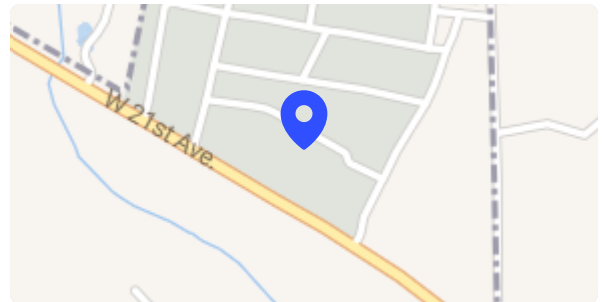
### Funeral Service

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 11:00 AM CT


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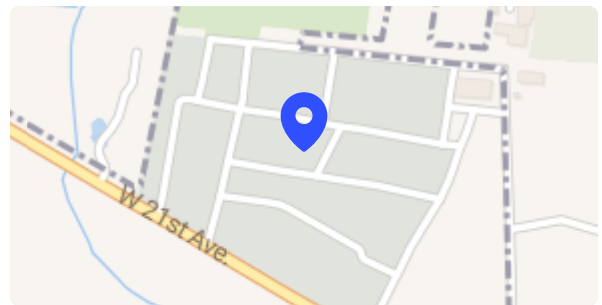
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### Cemetery Details

 **Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory**  
2280 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433

 **(985) 892-5007**





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**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 1 at 9:45 AM



**Kenny Spellman** posted:

On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. We will say a Mass in his memory. Father of all, we pray to you for Kenneth, and all those we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetually shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Kenny Spellman '84 Brother Martin High School

December 13 at 9:10 AM



**Christine Rogers** posted:

Tom and I wish to send our deepest condolences to you and your family. Tom remembers how Ken worked hard on the survey to get Prince of Peace Lutheran School going! Our family will never forget all the hours of baby-sitting you did for us while we lived in New Orleans!. We pray God's peace during this difficult time! Love, Tom and Chris Rogers

December 3 at 1:52 PM



**Larisa Levin** posted:

My sincerest condolences to Judith, Kelli, and Kenneth. Mr Lacho went with us on every Girl Scout camping trip (staying by himself in the tiny cabin by the gate) to make sure we were all safe . He endured 1000s of cookies in his house each January and little girls invading his home as we prepared for special projects. Please know that you are all in my prayers. -Larisa Otilio Levin

December 3 at 11:57 AM



**Mark Barcia** posted:

Dr Lacho was an inspiration to me during my time as an MBA student at UNO in the early 1990's. He had such a passion for his craft, and it made him such an effective and influential teacher and role model. He will truly be missed and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this challenging time. Sincerely, Mark Barcia

December 3 at 4:25 AM



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FA

**Frank Andara** posted:

I am a graduate of ExcEL in 2008. Not only did I go thru the program I would go back to speak to other graduating participants to talk to them about owning a business. Dr. Lacho even asked me to come to his UNO MBA programs to grade some of his students final presentations. It was always a pleasure helping Dr. Lacho. He was such a nice person. RIP Dr. Lacho. Thank you for everything you taught me.

December 2 at 10:33 AM

ML

**Muriel H Lipps** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Judith. I fondly remember my interactions with Ken and working alongside you at UNO. "Them were the days," my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kit Lipps

December 2 at 10:00 AM

LF

**Lt. Herbert Fisher** posted:

First and foremost, I would like to send my deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Lacho Family. Dr. Lacho will be missed by me and the rest of the U.N.O. Family. I have known Dr. Lacho for my entire 14 years here at U.N.O. When I met him, he was very nice to me and so genuine. Over the years he became a person that always lit up the room with his humor when he would come to the police department to get his parking decal. Rest In Peace My Friend! Lt. Herbert Fisher, U.N.O. Police

December 1 at 12:19 PM

OL

**Olie Lundberg** posted:

I enjoyed knowing Ken as a friend and as a colleague on the UNO faculty for 50 years. We spent a lot of time talking about things that were happening at UNO in the context of the experiences we shared over the years. Olie Lundberg

December 1 at 12:08 PM



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**Myra Corrello** posted:

Ken was the greatest mentor I had in my 22 years in New Orleans. I can't begin to express my gratitude for all he did for me. Ken opened countless doors – introducing me to leaders of every business organization in the area. Ken introduced me to a circle of women leaders in marketing that ultimately produced some of the closest friends I have. Close-knit NOLA can be a challenging community in which to acclimate as an outsider. I don't know what I would have done without him taking a special interest in helping me find my place in the small business ecosystem. Ken's nomination of me, for a major state-level award, resulted in a public recognition that I cherish to this day. I loved our long lunches where he updated me on all things UNO. His analysis was passionate, pointed, and often very amusing. I loved speaking to his classes each semester. And I loved receiving all those packets in the mail containing his latest publication and a note sharing its personal significance and behind the scenes experiences in producing it. Every single day, Ken exemplified the kind of dedicated community service representatives of a public university should strive to do. I can't imagine anyone who was more well known and well respected in the small business community than Ken. In a few weeks, I hit a major milestone birthday. For the last few months, I took the time to identify the 60 most influential people in my entire life with, hopefully, the goal of finding a way to communicate that to them. Ken was high on that list. Just 2 weeks ago, I was attending a business organization meeting of which Ken initially brought me into. I asked the past president if he had heard from Ken recently. He sent me the news of his passing yesterday. Please know how many people he touched in this community. So many of our area's successful entrepreneurs owe a part of that success to Ken. With greatest condolences and gratitude, Myra L. Corrello, PhD

November 30 at 1:37 AM



**Ron Cheek** posted:

Ken was a mentor, friend, and trusted colleague for me during the time I taught in the Management Department at UNO. He made a lasting impression on anyone that came into contact with him. Ken's love and commitment to budding entrepreneurs was the driving force behind many successful companies. He will be truly missed for his wit, his friendship, and his commitment to higher education. It was through Ken's encouragement and support that I pursued and obtained my PhD. You'll truly be missed my friend and I thank you for role you played and continue to play in my career as an a college Entrepreneurship professor.

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# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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