



## Kenneth Fergusson Bryson

March 1, 1950 - October 2, 2023

Kenneth “Ken” Fergusson Bryson (73 years) passed away peacefully in his home on October 2, 2023. Ken was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1950. When he was fifteen years old, he immigrated with his adoptive parents to Flushing, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan Flint with a degree in business administration. In the summer of 1972, he took a job at the Boy Scout Camp Tapico in Kalkaska where he fell in love with the natural beauty of northern Michigan and resided his remaining years.

He worked at various places throughout his life. In the late 1970s he began a career in real estate which was his life passion. He earned and maintained his brokerage license by attending annual courses until recently. In his later years, he worked at the local grocery store, Northland, where he was known for his diligence, dependability, and helpful nature.

Ken took great pleasure in helping people who were less fortunate. Often doing the odd job or house project during his free time. He took great pride in living his life fully and actively. Fishing with his grandkids on Log Lake was a treasured pastime, who referred to him as “Grandpa Truck”. His nickname came from his love for collecting and working on automobiles.

Considered to be a dedicated “Kalkaskian” and history enthusiast who spent time volunteering at the Kalkaska County Museum and researching for the Kalkaska Historical Society. He was also an active MENSA member.

Ken is survived by his former wife, Barbara Bryson of Mesa, Arizona; daughters Lorna (Tomas) of Prague, Czech Republic, and Betty (Khoá) of

Gilbert, Arizona; along with grandchildren Sebastian and Stella.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 13, 2023, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home

106 S. Cherry

Kalkaska, MI 49646

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# Tribute Wall

MP

“Wow. I was president of Adoption Identity Movement. Ken helped me out so much with that. He helped many families to reunite. We had many great talks. He came to group in Traverse City every month. Unfortunately, we lost touch when I moved back to Indiana when my husband passed away. What a wonderful man

Maryjo Purkal - March 01, 2025 at 11:25 AM

PB

“I was not aware that Kenny had passed and wondered why I had not seen him as of late. I am sorry that I did not hear about this at the time of his passing. I enjoyed many conversations with him about Scotland, history, etc. and I have the deepest respect for his work ethic. He will truly be missed.

Paul Birgy - February 17, 2024 at 08:33 AM

KD

“KGS - Melanie Pauch, Richard Otto, DennisHorton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Fergusson Bryson.



KGS - Melanie Pauch, Richard Otto, DennisHorton - October 11, 2023 at 03:09 PM

KD

“KGS - Melanie Pauch, Richard Otto, DennisHorton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Fergusson Bryson.

KGS - Melanie Pauch, Richard Otto, DennisHorton - October 11, 2023 at 03:09 PM

FT

“ I will always have fond memories of our time spent together at our grandparents' home in Tighnabruich, Argyle, Scotland and with the family in Glasgow and Kalkaska.  
Fiona Turner (cousin) Melbourne, Australia

Fiona Turner - October 11, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Fergusson Bryson.



October 11, 2023 at 08:06 AM

BH

“ Brian Happel lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Fergusson Bryson



Brian Happel - October 10, 2023 at 04:14 PM

DM

“ I met Ken as he brought in parts to be repaired at our shop for years. Always took the time to say hello and tell a story. What a kind man. Prayers..

Debra Marsh - October 10, 2023 at 12:00 PM

KL

“ We will really miss Ken here at the library. Ken was a daily visitor. We enjoyed his stories and he loved to share pics of his grandkids with us. If we had a patron come in asking questions about local history, Ken was always happy to step in and have a conversation with them. Rest in Peace Ken. We will miss you. Your Friends at the Kaskaska County Library.

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**Kaskaska County Library** - October 09, 2023 at 01:28 PM