



## Kenneth C. O'Brien

October 8, 1920 - March 30, 2009

Kenneth "Ken" O'Brien

Ken was born in October 8, 1920 in Rochester New York, His mother and father were Edward and Tessie O'Brien, with one brother Donald. He attended school in Rochester and graduated in 1938. His father owned a dairy and as a child and young man helped him on his milk route for many years.

Ken met his wife Joan when he was 17 and they were riding there bikes in the park. They dated for 10 years and were married in 1947.

Ken served in the Army Air Corp during World War II, and that is where he fell in love with aviation. He trained as a mechanic on several types of aircraft, and was stationed at many different bases throughout the United States. He was discharged after the war and asked the love of my life, (Joan) to marry in 1947. They were married in November and moved to Detroit right after the wedding where he could find work in the auto industry. In 1954 his son Timothy was born, and 2 years later daughter Bridget.

Ken worked at Desoto, Massey Ferguson,, but his career job with General Motors began in 1951 when he was hired as a mechanic at City Airport on the east side of Detroit. After several years, the operation moved to Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti where he retired in 1980.

Ken and Joan lived in Detroit for many years, and when the kids moved away they moved to Northville where they bought their beautiful townhome. They lived there for 17 years until they moved to Pine Ridge Retirement Community in Sterling Heights in 2004. Ken was an active resident at Pine Ridge and was loved by all the residents and staff.

Ken spent his time reading and watching sports on television and visiting his daughter Bridget.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
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31555 Hoover  
Warren, Mi