



Kenneth F. Emerick

July 19, 1925 - November 24, 2011

Kenneth F. Emerick of 413 Ridgewood Road, Shippenville, died Thursday, November 24, 2011, at his home.

Born July 19, 1925, in Brookville; he was the son of Fred M. and Minnie Smith Emerick.

Mr. Emerick was a graduate of Brookville High School and DuBois Business College prior to his employment as personnel manager at Brookville Glove Company.

He graduated from Clarion State College with majors in library science and the social sciences. He earned a Master of Library Science degree from Rutgers University in 1960.

He was married in July 1982, in Morgantown, WV, to the former Mary Maxwell Kennedy, and she survives.

Ken retired from Clarion University as assistant/librarian after 27 years service. He came to the University after serving as director of the public library in Wedsworth, OH.

Previously he had served in various capacities in public libraries in East Liverpool, Mansfield and Massillon, OH. He had also served as a high school librarian in Bayville, NJ and as reference librarian at Denison University in Granville, OH.

Mr. Emerick wrote for the Encyclopedia Americana in 1963. In the mid-1960's he authored a weekly column largely devoted to public affairs for the Clarion News entitled "From Over Here" under the pseudonym of Ross Emerson.

After extensive research in the United States and Canada during a University sabbatical he wrote War Resisters Canada; the World of the American Military Political Refugees which was published in 1972.

He has held long time memberships in the American Civil Liberties Union, the War Resisters League, the Central Committee for Conscientious Objection and the Venango County Human Society.

In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by his son Schuyler of Clermont, FL and step-daughters, LaVerne Hamilton of Canton, OH and Karen Gowins of Gnadenhutten, OH.

Also surviving are sisters, Shirley Shrefler and her husband, David, of Brunswick, OH; Joycelyn Silvis and her husband, Neil, of Brookville; and Nancy Monnoyer and her husband, Perry, of Cheraw, SC.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Robert, Jack, Roger, and William, and a sister, Barbara McGaughey.

Private burial services were held at the Clarion Cemetery.

A remembrance and memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to any humane society or to your public library.

Tribute Wall

DW

“*Mary, we just learned this morning of Ken's passing. We were away and were not aware otherwise we would have been present for you. We are sorry about his death. He has always been a great friend to us ande we will miss him. Please know that we are thinking of you during these difficult days.*

David and Carolyn Wright` - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“*Dear Mary,*

We are saddened to hear about your loss of Ken. You have our deepest sympathy.

May the LORD receive Ken with mercy and may His hand be on your heart so that grace abounds as you celebrate his life and memory.

May you smile, because you were such a blessing to Ken; it was evident for all to see.

LORD, may you wrap your loving arms around Mary and do not let her go. May You make Your face to shine upon her and give her comfort.

You will continue to be in our prayers.

*Love, with a heavy heart,
Kevin & Jennifer*

Kevin & Jennifer McGaughey - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We are so sorry to hear the news of Kenneth passing. Deepest sympathy to Mary and family.

Joan Heidel and Susan Heidel Johnson - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Our family offers our prayers and blessings to you Mary and your family. It was an honor to know Ken.

Andrew & Cheryl Tack - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Sorry to hear of Ken's death, Mary. My thoughts are with you and the rest of the family.

Babs Emerick - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Mary, I am sorry for you loss. Ken was a great warrior for peace. I admired him greatly.

Vincent Spina - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our deepest sympathies

Barbara & Bob Snedegar - November 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I did not know Kenneth personally but always read his letters in the Derrick. He will missed so much because of his intelligent and articulate writing and sadly there is no one to replace him. Indeed, he was one of a kind.

Don Cooper - November 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *What a great man Ken was. So many ideas. We should all write political letters to newspapers in his memory. That is how we can keep his spirit alive.*
I will miss his insights and wish I could ask him about current events. Ken cared so deeply about our country and tried to better it.
Bye, Joyce Gendler

Joyce Gendler - November 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Mary, I was so sorry to read Ken's obituary in today's Derrick. I worked with Ken from Venango Campus for 20 yrs. I always enjoyed his letters in the Derrick too.*

Rich Snow - November 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM