



## Kenneth W. Bingham

July 19, 1952 - March 20, 2022

Kenneth W. Bingham, age 69, of Sextonville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 20, 2022, at the Richland Hospital surrounded by his family. Ken was born to Leland and Lillian (Wilson) Bingham on July 19th, 1952. On November 15, 1969, he married his sweetheart, Nancy K. Kiely, and the two have celebrated 52 wonderful years with each other. Together, they had four children and also opened their home to foster many children over the years. Ken had a large and giving heart and opened it to many. Ken's favorite pastimes were reading, fishing, watching westerns and learning anything he could. Ken enjoyed helping others and teaching his children everything he knew. He loved spending time with his grand- and great grandchildren, instigating shenanigans.

Ken is preceded in death by his parents; his four siblings, Charles, Lois, Jacob and Judith; and his son, Kenneth L. Bingham.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Bingham; four siblings, Leland, Susan, Margaret and Richard; three children, Michael (Lana) Bingham, Becky (Andrew) Durst and Jason Bingham; eight grandchildren, Kendra, Kayla (Jesse), Keegan, Shane (Amanda), Brandon, Abigail, Annabelle and Allison; eight great grandchildren, Nayeli, Kira, Kai, Kaleb, Cameron, Cayden, Kohen, and Kinsley. Ken loved so many and is loved by so many.

Upon Ken's wishes there will be no formal funeral services. Memorials can be sent to the funeral home. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center is assisting the family with arrangements. [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

“ 1st I would like to send out our Condolences to throughout the whole family.

*From me as a son of Ken and Nancy going all the way back to childhood. They are not my real parents by name or blood but they treated me the same as their own children as loving parents. I also treated them as my parents the same as my own. They always were there for me. I love the entire Bingham family and I am proud to have this connection to the family. I am very proud to be part of the Bingham.*

*2nd I would like to share a sample of the goodness we all shared early on when we were all teenagers together in Madison Wisconsin when we all lived in the same warm house together sharing laughs, struggles, challenges, strengths through learning together as a family. I especially want to remember the fun times we had with big father Ken Sr. and for this memory I will name Ken Sr. as (dad) and Ken Jr. as (Kenny). Kenny, Mike and Becky are my brothers and sister of course if you are following...ok.*

*So here we go....*

*Now dad was an opportunist and a good one for sure because he knew how to have fun with a good opportunity. He did in fact find the opportunity to provide a service to a man named Ralph and Ralph owned a store in Middletown called Golden Glow Energy Systems. He sold corn burning stoves and dad installed them. They made a good pair because they were selling like hotcakes and so dad asked Kenny, Mike and I if we were interested in making some very good money doing installations for him because by this time he was managing the store for Ralph. However Ralph was not great at taking service calls from customers and not very good at keeping the stoves lit, not even the one displayed and burning in his own store so he always counted on dad to run things because somehow dad knew! Now believe it or not.....Nobody could keep those damn things burning for very long except dad. Customers would call disappointed about the stove that us boys installed and a few days of burning nicely and throwing good clean heat they would simply.. not stay lit. So dad knew that these stoves were sort of prototypes in the making and that customers ultimately would need to help them*

*along and keep relighting them. But dad was not going to share that fact and instead he would take the calls from the customers and turn them into the heros*

*by empowering them with laughs and jokes and before you knew it they were happy doing the "keeping the stove lit themselves. Ba ha ha ha....yeah....but Ralph didn't know how to do this and in contrast he would pace the store floor with a red pissed off look and hope like he'll the phone didn't ring because he knew it was another very mad customer. So he would instead look at dad and smile because dad was his savior and sure enough the customers would stop calling back. Ralph was just flushed and amazed with content having dad there by his side. The point here is that dad was just having fun with everyone and especially us and he made damn good money for having the time of his life working with his friends and family while poor old Ralph didn't even know how to run his own store and don't get me wrong because we all loved Ralph but I believe Ralph would admit just as well that he was missing what dad possessed and that was that dad was a great people person not to mention he was very smart also but it was sharing fun with people and having fun quality time with his family that he was after and not so much the money because if it were money he wanted he would have more money than the world. He was a heart big enough for the whole world. We love him. Forever in our hearts. God bless*

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**Robert Powers** - March 24, 2022 at 04:35 AM

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“ *Sincerely, All of us at Cardinal IG purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Kenneth W. Bingham.*



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