



## Kenneth Norman Gabriel

March 12, 1944 - December 30, 2022

Kenneth Norman Gabriel, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away on December 30, 2022, in St. Augustine, FL at the age of 78. Ken was born in Jersey City, NJ on March 12, 1944, to his parents Mary (nee Pastre) and Norman Gabriel. He is survived by his brother, Jeffrey (Linda), of Mahwah, NJ; sister, Linda, of Sayreville, NJ; son, Steven (Marla), of Carmel, IN, and daughter, Karen Gordon (Lee), of Deerfield, IL, and three grandchildren: Aubrey, Cole, and Sebastian.

Ken was raised in Tenafly, NJ, and lived there until he attended college in Pennsylvania. Soon after graduating with a bachelor's degree from Grove City College in 1966, Ken was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. After assignment to the Security Service of the Air Force, he trained at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, TX, and went on to postings including service in Japan and at Fort Meade, MD.

After separation from the Air Force in 1970 with the rank of Captain, Ken resided in Columbia, MD, one of the country's first "planned communities", and worked as a Loan Officer in the banking business. He continued to work in the banking field in Maryland, Florida, and Colorado. In the early 90's, Ken accepted a position with the State of Colorado as an Economic Development Officer, where he worked until his retirement in 2012.

In 2013, Ken retired to St. Augustine, FL where he continued to pursue his many interests, including music, dancing, travel, and a love for antique cars. His family would like to express deep gratitude for the outpouring of love and

support they have received from Ken's friends. Memorial services will be private and In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association in Ken's name - <https://www.apdaparkinson.org/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My memories of Ken are filled with love and admiration for his strength and values. I will always have him in my heart.*  
*Peggie Cobb*

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**Margaret A Cobb** - March 13, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ *Ken was a generous and proud man who always enjoyed sharing tales about his time in the service (Air Force), discussing cars or even the St. Augustine social scene.*

*The mental strength and resolve he displayed during his final months, even as his body failed him, were a testament to the man he was. RIP, sir. You can rest now.*

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**Thomas Petrucci** - January 04, 2023 at 02:53 PM

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“ Ken was one of the best neighbors and friends anyone could ever have. He would always take the time out to check on me and see how I was doing. Ken struggled towards the end but he never lost his dignity or respect for others. I will never forget our last conversation. During my last conversation with Ken he did not complain about what he was going thru no that was not Ken in fact he took the time to tell me how much he appreciated me and all his friends for everything we did for him. I remember looking at Ken and smiling with him and saying Ken I would not have done anything different and that we all need to love, respect, and take care of each other any way we can. Ken was so kind hearted and sharp as a knife. During his last couple of months he would still throw a Ken joke out and smile every time I would talk to him. My heart will always be with you Ken and I will never forget you. You are family forever my friend love you forever. Amber

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**Amber Wolford** - January 04, 2023 at 02:27 PM