



Kenneth C. Schumaker

February 23, 1952 - January 20, 2025

Kenneth Carl Schumaker passed away unexpectedly at his home in Toledo on January 20, 2025. He was born February 23, 1952, in Port Clinton, OH to Herbert and Eileen (Conroy) Schumaker, who preceded him in death. Ken graduated from Port Clinton High School in 1970 and earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from The Ohio State University.

He retired from his career at SSOE Group in Toledo. In retirement, he volunteered for the Toledo Design Collective and The Old West End Association. He was a member of the Public Transit Committee, TMACOG, TARTA and was a Panel Member at CATR (Community Advocates for Transportation Rights). He loved arts and music, was very creative and made friends with people everywhere he went.

Ken is survived by his brother, Dennis of Ann Arbor, MI; sister, Karen (Eric) Hutchison of Hummelstown, PA; nephews, Eric (Susan) of Asheville, NC and Brian (Jessica) of Colorado Springs, CO; great nephews, River, Wilder, Silas, and Ewan; Aunt Elaine, Aunt Marilyn, Uncle Norman's Elaine, and many Schumaker cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Glenwood Lutheran Church, 2545 Monroe St., on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Glenwood Lutheran Church (<https://secure.myv>

anco.com/L-ZJWR/campaign/C-14GB8) or the Old West End Association (<http://www.womenoftheoldwestend.com/support>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Glenwood Lutheran Church
2545 Monroe St.
Toledo, OH 43620

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I had the pleasure to serve on the TARTA Customer Advisory Committee with Ken. He had such passion for transit and the community, wanting to make things better for everyone. His enthusiasm really came through whenever he had the opportunity to share his thoughts with others, especially with those who might have the ability to help implement those ideas. He will be missed.

Jennifer Seibel - January 28, 2025 at 04:36 PM

CB

“ My career at SSOE overlapped with Ken's and although we worked in different business markets I knew him well enough to recognize his talent and kindness. Ken was well liked and had a gentle spirit about him. His experience was a valuable resource to have on a project and everyone could depend on him being a committed team player. It was enjoyable to be around someone like him who enjoyed what he was doing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ken's family.

Craig Bowie - January 27, 2025 at 11:00 PM

HJ

“ Ken had a large impact at SSOE and our local community in Toledo. His passion about architecture came through in the first moments you talked to him, which made those conversations so inspirational. Thank you Ken, for making us all better, for making us think about design and the community. You will be missed.

Heather Judge - January 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ Ken, you will be deeply missed. You were not just a friend but also a mentor—someone who had an unwavering passion for architecture, history, and Toledo. I truly enjoyed working and traveling with you, and I appreciated how open you were to my ideas. You were always committed to making our spaces and designs the best they could be for our clients. Your enthusiasm for these passions was evident not only in your work but also in your 'Thursday posts' on Facebook—each one a reflection of your meticulous research and approach, much like tackling an architectural project.

Jennifer Hrosko - January 26, 2025 at 08:41 PM

SL

“ Ken was smart and sweet. His pleasant demeanor put people at ease. Ken and I worked together occasionally at SSOE and I always enjoyed those projects. A non-anxious presence who was quick with a smile and a laugh, he was one of those rare souls who made everyone feel good about themselves.

Steve Long - January 26, 2025 at 04:00 PM

NW

“ Ken had a gentle and caring nature and when he would come back to Port Clinton for class get togethers it was always great to have him share stories. He will be missed.

Nancy (Norgard) White - January 24, 2025 at 04:50 PM

JT

“ Ken's intelligence, radiant and gentle spirit, his quiet humor, and his generosity made an indelible mark on those who knew him. My sister and I visited the Toledo Museum of Art a couple summers ago and Ken graciously took us through the entire museum, sharing his knowledge about the exhibits and the history of the museum itself. We also visited the Lutheran church next door and received a warm welcome the pastor. What a kind and wonderful soul! I can only imagine his joy upon entering those precious realms above as he plunges into that sea of light! May his soul soar forever in those heavenly surroundings!

Jim Traub - January 24, 2025 at 02:19 PM

NF

“ I will always remember my cousin with a smile on his face. The last several years he shared much information about Toledo architecture while he walked around town and also about buildings he had worked on and designed. 💕 Nancy Ferne

Nancy Ferne - January 24, 2025 at 01:11 PM