



## Mr. Kenneth C. Cring

February 3, 1941 - December 17, 2022

Kenneth C. Cring, 81, of Malone, NY passed away unexpectedly on December 17th, 2022.

Ken was born in Harrisville, NY on February 3, 1941, the first child of Kenneth F. and Rita Mae Baker Cring. Ken started a long life of learning in a one-room schoolhouse in Waterloo, NY and graduated from Sackets Harbor High School in Sackets Harbor, NY with a Regents diploma.

He earned his BS in Math and Physics at Potsdam State in 1970. He taught at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Malone from 1971 to 1976, and then at Franklin Academy in Malone from 1976 until his retirement in 1997. During that time, he earned a Master's Degree in Computers from Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. For the last ten years of his teaching career, he taught computer programming and applications, as well as serving as yearbook advisor, a position he often referred to as the most rewarding part of any position he held.

In 1966 he formed the Franklin CYO Basketball League, with the help of Father Andrew Amyot and Monsignor Edmund Dumas. The league has had a long and successful run, providing thousands of young people in the community with the opportunity to learn and play the sport of basketball. Ken was also an official for many high-school and adult sporting events during his active years. He was a well-respected official for youth and adult sports and mentor to new officials. An active member of the Lions Club he ran their stand at the Franklin County Fair for over 40 years.

Ken loved to go camping. He visited National Parks in the west with his children and later in life enjoyed the Maine Coast. He spent most hunting seasons with his brothers, son, and nephews at their hunting camp. He picked up golf later in life and was lucky enough to bag a hole-in-one.

Ken is survived by his first wife, Carol Jean Delaney Cring of Watertown, NY, and their six children: Kenneth "Jerry" and his wife Suzanne Fleming of Wenham, MA, Joan and her husband Steve Defayette of Ticonderoga, Jim and his partner, Michelle Duquette of Plattsburgh, Lori and her husband Peter Bifarella of Attica, Andrew and his wife Nicole Parisian Cring of Pleasanton, CA, Jane and her husband Daniel Connors of Frankfort, NY; as well as 2 stepchildren, Brian Coryea of Constable, and Darlene Coryea Pagano and her partner Greg Silver of Saranac Lake. Also 11 grandchildren Cassidy, Charles, and Genevieve Cring; Joseph, Laura (Kiely), Brian, and Sarah (LaPointe) Defayette; Roscoe Duquette; Sunnie (Tobias) and Reagan Bifarella; Madison and Kathleen Cring; and seven great-grandchildren. Ken was admirably known as Chuck by his surviving siblings: Bonnie, Suellen, Kay, Harold, Lois, Howard, Terry, and Dawn; along with numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his partner, Betty Miller of Ellenburg Center. Ken was predeceased by his second wife, Susan Coryea Cring; and his brothers Gerard and Lawrence.

Calling hours will be held at St. Mary-Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home in Malone on Thursday, January 5 from 3:00 to 5:00PM and 7:00 to 9:00PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12PM on Friday, January 6 at Notre Dame Church in Malone.

Burial will take place at Notre Dame Cemetery in Malone.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Catholic Charities of Franklin County, Malone, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## Notre Dame Cemetery

Malone, NY

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary- Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home  
563 East Main St  
Malone, NY 12953  
(518) 483-1240  
hwilcox2@twcny.rr.com

## Calling Hours

JAN 5. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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JAN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Notre Dame Church  
11 Church Place  
Malone, NY 12953

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ My condolences to the Cring family for the loss of Ken. Prayers of comfort being lifted for all of you. I know that you will press into each other for love and support. It has been such a joy to get to know a handful of the Cring family through my dearest friend Dawn. I didn't know Ken, but knowing other Cring's and being blessed to have spent some time with Rita, I have no doubt that he was an amazing human being.

Deanna McCarthy - January 06, 2023 at 09:37 AM

EA

“ Emma Ambler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth C. Cring



Emma Ambler - December 24, 2022 at 04:28 PM

EA

Rest In Peace Mr Cring. My prayers to the family. 💜

Emma Ambler - December 24, 2022 at 04:30 PM

DL

“ Success is the difference you make in a person's life. Ken made that difference in any activity he pursued. AFA-David Legacy

David Legacy - December 22, 2022 at 08:48 PM

JE

“ Sorry to hear of Kenny's death. Met him in Sept. of 1958 in the Bronx when we were both freshmen at Manhattan College. Reunited in late 1990's when I was working in Malone. One of the finest people I've every met. RIP Kenny.

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**Joe Ewart** - December 22, 2022 at 07:40 PM

RW

“ My sincere condolences for the loss of very special person. Kenny was a special friend that I was able to ref many soccer games with. Always a pleasure especially when the games were over and we took the opportunity to get together for a bit. RIP my friend Yvonne and will miss you.

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**Rolf Waters** - December 22, 2022 at 06:03 PM

DB

“ Wow! Talk about reliving a time in my life when each day was full of laughter and friends at St. Joes. Mr. Cring was a part of that joy. Thank you for your intelligence and warmth.

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**Deborah Bigness** - December 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM

JH

“ My sincerest condolences to All, Kenny was a special person, a heart of Gold, always the first to lend a helping hand. So many fond memories of him refereeing & umpiring our games. YOU set the bar very high .  
May You Rest in Piece 🙏  
Jerry Hourihan

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**Jerry Hourihan** - December 22, 2022 at 01:32 PM

FG

“ Ken was a great man. I knew him as a young Priest in Tupper Lake and Malone. I coached the Tupperlake CYO basketball team in 1974 and 1975, and a CYO Team in Malone 1978 and 1979. Ken was so dedicated to this CYO LEAGUE. A guy like him comes along very rarely into our lives. I will never forget him . Well done good and faithful servant. See you in heaven Ken. Fr. Mike Gaffney

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**Father Mike Gaffney** - December 22, 2022 at 01:03 PM

CS

“ I was saddened to hear about Ken. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Carla Melville Scheff** - December 22, 2022 at 11:36 AM

 Dennis Defayette

“ For Mr. Cring (I always had a hard time calling him "Ken"), I remember our family camping trip to Washington, D.C., making and flying Estes rockets and attending Montreal Expos games as part of his math class (We calculated the batting averages for the players that game to apparently justify to the School admin that the trip was "educational". So awesome!!), and being asked to be the scorebook keeper for the CYO bball league for a few years. (and working with AL !!!) Part of my compensation was I could get snacks free during the game from the concession stand, until Mr. Cring informed me very early on that I was eating into my profits!!! LOL!!! Good times and memories!!!! Mr. Cring, may your soul forever rejoice in God's Kingdom. In Jesus Name, I pray. Amen.

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**Dennis Defayette** - December 22, 2022 at 11:21 AM

BM

“ 1 file added to the album Ken Cring Tribute



Bill Merna - December 22, 2022 at 10:29 AM

BM

*Ken was a big part of the annual Petty Open !*

Bill Merna - December 22, 2022 at 03:30 PM

WW

*Yes, he was, Bill. Ken did so many good things that people will never know about. He was a lot like Glenn Bissell in this regard. Ken became my best friend since I first met him when he came to Malone in 1964. I was only 14 years old at the time.*

Wayne Walbridge - December 24, 2022 at 12:49 PM

BM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Merna - December 22, 2022 at 10:23 AM

BM

*Ken was proud to escort Helen Jukoski to Maxcy Hall.*

Bill Merna - December 22, 2022 at 10:27 AM

KF

“ *May you Rest In Peace, Kenny! You will be greatly missed! Thanks for the memories! - Kyle Fennell, fellow Section 10 basketball official*

Kyle Fennell - December 22, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth C. Cring.*



December 22, 2022 at 05:52 AM

D,

“ *RIP Ken, you inspired all your students. Peace and strength to your family.*



D,Fleury - December 21, 2022 at 10:22 PM

TD

“ *May the fond memories you shared bring you all strength and peace. Thoughts and prayers to you and the entire Cring family. Terry and Allen Drake and family*

Terry Drake - December 21, 2022 at 08:31 PM