



Kenneth H. Shaner

May 19, 1942 - July 10, 2025

Kenneth H. Shaner, 83, of Towanda, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, innovation, and service. Born on May 19, 1942, in Natrona Heights, PA, Ken was the son of Edwin Shaner and Evelyn (Holtshour) Shaner.

In 1966, Ken married the love of his life, Marguerite (Thrasher) Shaner. They recently celebrated 59 years of marriage, building a life rooted in love, family, and community. Together they raised their sons Brian and Eric in Luthers Mills, PA.

Ken graduated from Har-Brack High School in Natrona Heights in 1960 and earned his degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1964. He went on to spend more than 45 years at Sylvania in Towanda, where he worked as a Chemical Engineer—a role in which he excelled through ingenuity, technical skill, and persistent problem-solving. Throughout his career, he was awarded numerous U.S. patents and proprietary awards, and was honored twice with the prestigious Leslie Warner Award of Excellence from GTE.

Ken was committed to mentoring and spent over 14 years as an advisor to the FIRST Robotics program, traveling with students and guiding them as they designed, built, and competed in regional and national robotics competitions. In 1999, the “Chuck 84” team he worked with achieved a notable 2nd place

finish at the FIRST Robotics National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia.

An active member of his community, Ken was deeply involved with the Troy Rotary Club, where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. He served as club president for four terms, vice president for two, and held several other leadership roles. He was also a devoted member of Christ Episcopal Church in Towanda and volunteered with the Hezekiah Hands outreach group for several years.

Some of Ken's personal interests included classic cars—especially Jaguars—cheering on the Penn State football team and rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He also had a knack for applying his creative engineering talents to a wide variety of home projects and vehicle modifications, often coming up with ingenious solutions that left those around him shaking their heads and saying, “Only Ken”—or just as often, “Only Dad” or “Only Grandpa”—“could think of that.”

He is survived by his beloved wife, Marguerite Shaner; his son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Gina Shaner; and his cherished granddaughters: Kayley Shaner, Kiah Farrell, Victoria Shaner, Haley Farrell, Alicia Shaner, Cassandra Shaner, Emily Shaner, and Skye Shaner. Ken especially enjoyed time with his grandchildren—playing games, building things together, and sharing his curiosity about how things work.

Ken is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Randall and Sara Shaner of Mentor, OH; his sister, Barbara Shaner of Palmetto, FL; and his sister-in-law, Geraldine Thrasher of Fairless Hills, PA. He is also survived by his nephews, Daniel Shaner, Donald Shaner, David Shaner, and Geoffrey Thrasher; and his niece, Amanda Thrasher.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edwin and Evelyn Shaner; his in-

laws Richard and Ida Thrasher; his brother-in-law Geoffrey Thrasher; and his beloved son Brian R. Shaner, who passed away in 1987.

In honor of Ken's spirit of giving, memorial donations may be made to Grace Connection, P.O. Box 122, Towanda Pa 18848, or the Troy Food Pantry, 532 Elmira St. Troy, PA 16947.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Luther Mills Cemetery

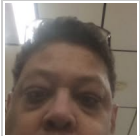
Covered Bridge Road
Luther Mills, PA

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *My loving thoughts and prayers remain with you as you mourn the loss of Ken.*

Sylvia Abrams - August 06, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ *Dear Marge and Eric*

*My thoughts go out to you both at this time I have practical grown up with ken always in my life through church going to your house and playing with Eric and Brian my heart aches for you guys and Gordy and I both send are love to you he was the sweetest man I've ever known and I will miss him terribly much love hugs and kisses
Michelle Bull*

Michelle Bull - July 17, 2025 at 05:49 PM

SC

“ *Such great times we all had working and playing together at Sylvania/GTE/GTP.
Condolences to Ken's family!*

Sandra Chamberlain - July 16, 2025 at 03:43 PM

WP

“ *Marguerite, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family on the passing of Ken. He always made me smile and will sadly be missed .*

Wayne Persun - July 16, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Ken was one of those exceptional people that we by chance meet in life.

It was an honor to have known and worked with Ken.

He raised the intellectual average in any room he entered.

My condolences and prayers to the family on your loss.

Richard Taubar - July 16, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth H. Shaner.



July 16, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth H. Shaner.



July 15, 2025 at 11:47 AM

EW

“ Dear Marguerite, we are so saddened to hear of Ken's passing. We know he was immersed in love, faith, and fellowship all his life, and so very blessed to have shared his passion with you and your family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Sending love and prayers for your peace as you grieve. Always remember to laugh along with the tears and be thankful for the legacy he leaves behind.

*In love and faith,
Claire and Edye Waldmeyer*

Edye Waldmeyer - July 15, 2025 at 11:22 AM

ES

“ I am so sorry for your loss.
He was a wonderful father in law to me, a loving Grandfather to my girls and just a blessing to know as a person in my life and to others. He will be missed dearly and will be remembered forever.

*With my deepest heartfelt sympathies,
Edith (Eddy) Shaner.*



Edith Shaner - July 15, 2025 at 09:34 AM