



## Kenneth W. Dudine

March 28, 1929 - September 23, 2020

Kenneth William Dudine, age 91 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, IN.

Kenneth was born in Jasper, Indiana on March 28, 1929 to Theodore and Hildagarde Matilda (Lehnen) Dudine. He married Bettye (Leinenbach) on November 28th, 1953 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana. She preceded him in death on June 19th, 2011.

Kenneth worked as an educator for his entire career. After graduating from Indiana State Teachers College in 1951, he began his teaching career in Mattoon, Illinois teaching math and science. He came back to Ireland in 1958 to take a teaching role there, and along with Bettye, helped care for her father. Ken received his Master of Science Degree from Indiana State University in 1966 and took a role as guidance counselor in Fremont, Indiana in 1967. In 1969 Ken became the guidance director at Martinsville, Indiana High School and did that role for five years. Ken always loved teaching in the classroom, so in the fall of 1974 he went back to the classroom to teach math at Paul Hadley Junior High School in Mooresville, Indiana. He taught there for twenty years, retiring in 1994. He never stopped teaching even after he retired, often helping family members with math problems and in his later years often working through math problems with his three grandchildren on the phone.

Ken had a huge passion for many things. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was “Uncle Kenny” to so many people on both the Dudine and Leinenbach sides. In his later years he was a member of St Joseph’s Catholic Church in Jasper, where he often sang in the choir. He always loved music and while living in Ireland was the choir director at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. He often sang for family members weddings and even sang the Nation Anthem at Ireland H.S. basketball games. He and Bettye loved to take drives and explore. Especially after they moved to Scottsdale, Arizona in 2007. They often would just jump in the car and a take off exploring that part of the country and the desert beauty. He loved to birdwatch and always had a variety of birdhouses and feeders wherever he lived.

When Bettye passed away in 2011, Ken wanted to come back home to Jasper. He wanted to be where he was familiar and where so many family members still lived. In his later years, back in Jasper, he was able to reconnect with so many friends and family members, enjoying life and being surrounded by the hometown and family he loved so much.

Surviving are his two sons, Ted Dudine and his wife Corinne of Scottsdale, Arizona and Kenneth (Chip) Dudine II and his wife Gwen of McKinney, Texas. Also three grandchildren: Kelci Cabana (Thomas), Collin and Carson Dudine and two great grandchildren, Grayson Race Cabana and Hunter Belle Cabana.

Preceding him in death besides his wife are both his mother and Father. Also, Sisters Dorothy Meyer and Mary Ann Titzer and brothers Charles and Robert Dudine.

A Mass of Christian burial for Kenneth Dudine be held on Tuesday,

September 29, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, IN with entombment to follow at Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m Mass time at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Masks and social distancing will be required for the visitation and Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 29. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

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1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth W. Dudine

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ I absolutely loved him as my math teacher in Mooresville. He made learning fun. This world definitely needed more teachers like him. I know he will be missed by many.

Jennifer (Rihm) Wilson - October 01, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ He was so much fun to share a conversation with when we lived in the Shadows in Scottsdale. So many good times when we were at our home and at Ted's house. He was someone I looked up to and he always had kind words to share with me and my wife Evelyn. Sorry we cannot attend his last get together but I know he will have many renewed conversations now that he is back with Bettye and other old friends in heaven. His last years in Arizona were an example to me of how to live a good life, do good things and be a great friend. Hopefully, if I get to heaven someday, Ken will remember me and show me how wonderful he and heaven are. Sympathies to all. Bill Gittinger

Bill Gittinger - September 28, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ Ted and Chip; Sorry for your loss. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. Glad we could share in his 90th birthday celebration. We ate lunch with him at Villa Club House almost every day. He always had interesting things to talk about .Sorry we cannot be at funeral. Villa Friends---Charlie and Lenora Miller

Lenora Miller - September 28, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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“ We enjoyed so much singing with Kenny when he joined the St. Joseph Choir. He always had a kind word to share. Even when no longer able to make the stairs, he came to 9:00 mass as often as he could and always had a kind word after mass outside. We enjoyed sharing in his 90th birthday celebration last year. Thanks again for sharing that time with us. Sympathy and best wishes to all of Kenny's relatives and friends. Paula Alles and the St. Joseph Choir.

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**Paula J Alles** - September 25, 2020 at 05:01 PM