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Kenneth Dirr of Middletown, NY, a lifelong resident of the area, passed away peacefully with his daughter by his side on August 6, 2021, at Devon House in Allentown PA. He was 85 years old.

The son of the late Joseph B. and Bronia Kosmider Dirr, he was born on August 28, 1935, at Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown.

Kenneth was a retired Automotive Machinist, working in his early years for Karl's Machine Shop in Middletown, and later for Star Crankshaft in Port Jervis.

He was a U.S Navy veteran and a member of St. Joseph's Church in Middletown.

Kenneth was very talented with his hands and was a master at his trade as well as with any other projects that he undertook. He could make or fix nearly anything that he attempted. He was a perfectionist and always took great pride in his work. Kenneth was also a very fine musician and could be found playing his accordion in the Eddie Dirr Quartet in his younger years. He will be sadly missed by his family.

Kenneth is survived by his wife Florence of nearly 58 years; two daughters: Nancy Zemba of Allentown PA and Susan Dirr of Middletown, NY; a sister Rosemarie Burns of Georgia; his grandchildren: Daniel, Megan, and Erin

Zemba of Allentown, PA and Angela Fiedler of Middletown, NY; a great-granddaughter Eden Zemba of Allentown PA; a beloved parrot Sparky; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Joseph and Eddie Dirr.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 31st at Martinez-Morse Funeral Home, 33 Railroad Ave., Middletown NY with a Burial of Ashes to immediately follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Middletown NY.

Donations in his name can be made to Family Pillars Hospice of Bethlehem, PA or St. Joseph's Church of Middletown NY.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

149 Cottage Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 31. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home
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Middletown, NY 10940
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Burial

AUG 31 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Kenneth F. Dirr*



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“ Dear Flo, Nancy, Susan & Family, I'm so sorry to hear about the recent passing of Kenneth. He & Flo were truly thoughtful, kind & generous people. I have many memories from over the years of the Dirr & Ganski clan but there is 1 memory that stands out far above the rest. When my Father, Stanley, died I was sadly not able (for a number of reasons) to hold any family gathering after his funeral mass. Flo called to tell me that Ken wanted to put on a get together at their house in honor of my Father (not only Ken's cousin but friend as well) & they would take care of everything! And take care of everything they did - they went all out, especially with Flo's delicious food & they would not accept any help or even take a penny for anything. Their sincere kindness & generosity at one of the lowest points of my life was one of the greatest gifts I (& my Father) ever received, truly. I will always remember him with Love & Gratitude.

Nancy & Susan, In case you don't know it (although I can't imagine that you don't know), your parents were real Gold Star people with so much heart. You can ask your Mom if she remembers the following story: Many years ago, My Mother, Millie, had foot surgery that turned out very badly & her foot became deformed. She couldn't find any shoes that would fit until your Mom came to the rescue. She stopped by our house one day & my Mom told her about her predicament & your Mom actually took off her white nurse's shoes, told my Mom to try them on & miraculously they fit. Your Mom gave the shoes off her feet to my Mom! I don't really remember if your Mom walked home barefoot that day or if she went home to change shoes & brought the white shoes back, either way, talk about Loving Kindness! (And because of your Mom, my Mom was able to get around & go back to work. She wore those white shoes for years, always faithfully polishing them with white shoe polish & always thinking of the sweet lady who gave them away)

Lastly, I found a picture recently of Kenneth as a young man- I think it might be a high school graduation photo & I would like to give it to

one of you. Please call me at 845-342-3672 if you would like me to send it to you.

With Sincere Sympathy, your cousin, Pat Ganski

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