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Kenneth Monroe, 81, of Sandusky, Michigan, originally from Caro, Michigan, passed away on May 31, 2026. He was born on April 26, 1945, and spent more than seven decades building a life and a legacy in the community he called home.

Ken served his country as a paratrooper in the United States Army, a chapter of his life that shaped the quiet discipline he carried with him always. After his service, he returned to Michigan and put that same determination to work, building and operating assisted living facilities in the region for over 35 years — caring for others in a way that defined much of his adult life.

Outside of his work, Ken was a man of distinct passions. He was a longtime member of The Country Four, a country western band that brought him joy and brought others together. He was a serious horseman who competed as an avid horse showman, earning the respect of those who knew the dedication that life requires. He had a deep love for sports cars and motorcycles, and those who knew him well knew that a fine machine could bring out a side of Ken that few other things could.

Ken was a reserved man by nature, but those closest to him knew that in his later years he opened up, and what they found was warmth, humor, and a depth of character that had always been there.

He is survived by his children: Tina (Mike) Calkins of South Carolina, Troy Monroe of Sandusky, William (Yuliia) Monroe of Dubai, Shawn (Jess) Monroe of Hillsdale, step son Chester Krosnicki of Florida, siblings: Raymond (Sally) Bragg of Caro, Sharon (Fred) Thiemke of Caro, Marilyn (Duane) Lockwood of Caro, Dennis (Vicki) Bragg of Chatham, Gerald (Gail) Bragg of Birch Run, and Gordon Bragg of Caro, fifteen grandchildren, sixteen nieces and nephews, many cousins and all those whose lives he quietly touched over more than eight decades.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charles and Ruth Ann (Monroe) Bragg of Caro and his eldest son Todd Monroe of Sandusky.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the American Legion Hall in Caro, Michigan. The service will begin at 3:10pm, will be officiated by Ken's dear friend Herb Deming. Family and friends are encouraged to bring photos to share. Those wishing to say a few words will have the opportunity to do so during the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

American Legion
110 W. Frank St
Caro, MI 48723

Memorial Service

JUN 7. 3:10 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ MDHHS Environmental Health Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kenneth E. Monroe.



MDHHS Environmental Health Family - June 03 at 03:04 PM



“ My mom and I worked for Ken when he had his home in Matlette. He was very stern but yet very kind in his own ways. He will be missed by many. RIP Ken. Prayers and hugs to his family and friends.

Jennifer Petretis - June 03 at 12:55 PM