



Ken Higgins

July 25, 1939 - October 10, 2020

Wells, ME - Ken Higgins, 81, of Wells, Maine, died unexpectedly on October 10, 2020. A former longtime resident of Wakefield, Massachusetts, Ken was the proud father of sons Mark, also of Maine, and Gregg, of Beverly, Massachusetts. In addition to his sons, he leaves behind a loving daughter-in-law, Lisa. He was preceded in death by his wife Janet Higgins, of Wakefield, brother Keith Higgins, of Amesbury, and parents Vivienne (Coste) and Albert Higgins, of Melrose.

Ken was a graduate of Melrose High and a U.S. Air Force veteran. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing. No amount of time spent on the water was too great, and no vessel was too small or uncomfortable in which to spend it. Countless hours were spent teaching his sons to fish at Breakheart Reservation in Saugus and, in subsequent years, at Kingswood Lake in New Hampshire and Great Moose Lake in Maine. He eventually stopped baiting hooks, but he never stopped imparting wisdom on when to set the hook.

He also enjoyed hunting and bird watching. He was a skilled gardener, handy with tools, enjoyed cars and watching the local teams. Every year each team was destined to go nowhere, especially the Red Sox, and it was always a great and pleasant surprise when one achieved the ultimate success. The accompaniment of family and friends in any of these activities provided him much happiness. The accompaniment of squirrels at his bird feeders,

however, was rarely tolerated.

For many years he relished the opportunity to host family gatherings on holidays and special occasions. And though he enjoyed them all, he derived special enjoyment from the Fourth of July and the accompanying fireworks displays he helped orchestrate.

He wasn't always verbose, despite a successful career in sales, was often reserved—would not, his brother Keith would say, tell you what was going on with him physically if his hair was on fire—and was both stubborn as a mule and a bull in a china shop, per his late wife. But despite these apparent shortcomings, he was a hard worker, a man of many interests, a finder of bargains, someone who made connections easily and formed lasting friendships, a loving father and above all a good person who tried hard to make the most of his life and provide for his family. He was widely respected and will be missed greatly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, as yet to be determined.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ken Higgins*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Mark and Greg, I was so saddened to hear the unexpected passing of your dad. I look out my window daily and remember all the fond memories of your family and all the years our families spent together. I remember the day you moved in because I was bummed you were boys and you both became my very best friends from 3 on . I always looked forward to walking to school together and having lunch at your house I had never seen bread with no crusts lol. I know your mom would take the time to make special meals for each of you the way you liked it and was I so jealous . At 141 elm you ate whatever was put in front of you . I have such fond childhood memories of your family, your mom and mine spent countless days drinking coffee and smoking while we played , Fourth of July, Christmas, building forts to attack each other with snowballs especially 1978 sledding to the supermarket . I'm sure somewhere in heaven a big game of cards is going on with your mom and dad , both of my parents and the Helms . If your ever in Wakefield please stop by and say hi . Heather Rosenberger*

Heather Rosenberger - November 10, 2020 at 04:58 AM



“ *I would like to convey our most sincere condolences from The Stoneham Coin Club. Jim Keefe, President, S.C.C.*

James Keefe - October 21, 2020 at 12:41 PM

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“ Will miss him



George Maroskos - October 21, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ Words can't express how saddened I was to hear of your loss. I met Ken in 2015; as he was a neighbor of my employer. I thoroughly enjoyed his spontaneous visits when he would stop into the office to share a fishing story or bring his harvested gift of fresh vegetables. Although no words can take away your sorrow, I hope you find it comforting to know that others care. “Grief unfortunately is the price of love.”

Sue Penney - October 20, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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“ I fondly remember Christmases at the Higgins's home. Ken, Janet, Mark and Gregg were the most gratuitous hosts for 25+ years. Ken and Janet made sure that we all had a welcoming warm home to gather for a memorable and wonderful holiday. Always a perfect turkey and fixings plus Ken's selection of a great wine to enjoy with dinner. Sports on tv, cocktails and playing with Mark and Gregg's toys filled a fun day.
Good memories.

Paul Cody - October 17, 2020 at 10:54 AM