



## Kenneth Louis Rosette

September 15, 1932 - December 6, 2024

Kenneth Louis Rosette, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully on December 6, 2024, at the age of 92.

Ken was born September 15, 1932, in Warren, PA to Edward and Mabel (née Greenawalt) Rosette. The family moved a few years later to Washington, DC where they settled on Texas Avenue in the Anacostia neighborhood.

Ken attended Anacostia High School. He was drafted into the US Army in 1953 and served two years in Austria.

After returning to D.C. from his service, Ken enthusiastically went to college. While in college, he met Joanna Smiroldo (deceased 2013) and they married in 1957. They were married for 57 years and had three children Kenneth Jr. (deceased 1978), Julia Green, and Keith.

A proud Hokie, Ken attended Virginia Tech, graduating in 1960 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He continued his education while working as an engineer and earned a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Catholic University in 1965.

Ken spent most of his professional life working with the US Government, starting at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC and moving in 1960 to the then-

newly formed NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. After retiring from NASA in 1988, Ken went on to work in private industry supporting NASA's space exploration missions until retiring for good in 1996. Highlighting a long and impactful career is his work on many firsts for NASA, including the first on-orbit repair of a spacecraft with the Solar Maximum Mission and the historic repair of the Hubble Space Telescope.

In retirement, Ken and Joanna moved to Cordova on Maryland's eastern shore and embraced the rural life. Ken, an avid woodworker, appreciated having the time to spend in his workshop either on a big project or just tinkering. He enjoyed making wooden trains for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. They very much enjoyed receiving these gifts and played with them so much that "Poppa" often had to make repairs.

Ken was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus in the Regina Coeli Council. Early in retirement, he worked for several years as a part-time bailiff for Talbot County at the courthouse in Easton.

Ken was blessed to be married to two wonderful women. A few years after his beloved Joanna passed, Ken married Eleanor (née Emmart) Mallory, with whom he spent nine loving years.

Ken was preceded into the arms of Christ by his first-born son, Kenneth Jr. and his first wife and mother of their children, Joanna. He is survived by his second wife Eleanor, his daughter Julia (Rosette) Green and son-in-law Brian, and his son Keith and daughter-in-law Theresa. He was blessed with five grandchildren, Lindsey (née Green) Ewing and Mitchell Green, and Luke, Paul, and Daniel Rosette, and two great grandchildren, Rhett and Wyatt Ewing.

The family will receive guests and friends at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam, 200 S. Harrison St. Easton, MD on Thursday, December 12th, 2024, from 6pm until 8pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, December 13th, 2024, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Cordova at 11am. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to either: Ronald McDonald House of Maryland, 1 Aisquith Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 or St. Joseph's Catholic Church 13209 Church Lane, Cordova, MD 21625

# Cemetery Details

## Old St. Joseph's Cemetery

Cordova, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Rosary

DEC 12. 7:45 PM (est)

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200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (est)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Cordova  
Cordova, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Louis Rosette*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 12, 2024 at 04:36 PM

JA

“ *I had the privilege of working with Ken at the Talbot County Circuit Court. He was a wonderful person who always had a smile and kind words for the people coming in and out of the Court. He was a scholar and a gentleman, witty, compassionate and just a joy to know and work with.*

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**Jo Ann Asparagus** - December 11, 2024 at 11:59 PM

AB

“ *Alex And Nancy Borga lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Louis Rosette*



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**Alex and Nancy Borga** - December 10, 2024 at 07:35 PM

YJ

“ Your friends at JPL purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kenneth Louis Rosette.



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Your friends at JPL - December 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM

YJ

“ Your friends at JPL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Louis Rosette.

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Your friends at JPL - December 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM

MT

“ Melina, Paul, Gia, and Tim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Louis Rosette.

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Melina, Paul, Gia, and Tim - December 10, 2024 at 10:51 AM

MT

“ Melina, Paul, Gia, and Tim purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth Louis Rosette.



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Melina, Paul, Gia, and Tim - December 10, 2024 at 10:51 AM

SL

“ Sending my love to you all, Linda purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Louis Rosette.



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**Sending my love to you all, Linda** - December 10, 2024 at 09:54 AM

BP

“ It was my privilege to work with Ken for several years in the courthouse where he was always super smart, super dependable, and super nice. He was a down the road neighbor who could make quick furniture repairs, and, made great fruit cakes. We loved it when in the spring he would come pick us up in his old convertible and take us for a tour around the neighborhood. Ken was "lucky in love" twice, and had a wonderful family. He was respected as an old school good guy and the world was a better place when he was in it. Our most sincere sympathy and condolences to all his family and friends.

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**Bud and Beth Pine** - December 09, 2024 at 07:31 PM