



Kenneth W. Kasserman

September 11, 1949 - August 23, 2015

Kasserman, Kenneth W., age 65, of New Martinsville, WV, died Sunday, August 23, 2015 while on a bike ride.

He was born in New Martinsville on September 11, 1949, the son of the late Wesley Leroy and Mildred Moser Kasserman.

Ken was retired from teaching in Wetzel County Schools, where he taught social studies for 33 years at Magnolia High School. He was an avid cyclist and was currently employed by Wilderness Voyageurs as a bike tour guide. In addition, he enjoyed gardening, deer hunting, reading, camping, WVU sports, history (particularly the Civil War), and anything to do with the outdoors. He was a current WV and Ohio track official and a former football official.

His greatest love was his family and spending time with them, especially his granddaughter. He was never happier than when helping out one of his girls with an activity or a project. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will hold a loving place in our hearts always.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Tim Kasserman.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Janice Panger Kasserman; two daughters, Kristy Kasserman of Somerset, PA and Leslie Kasserman of Charlotte, NC; a granddaughter, Lucy Marks; one brother, Stan (Joyce) Kasserman of Painesville, OH; a sister-in-law, Ginny Kasserman of Jefferson Hills, PA; and several other in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Grisell Funeral

Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, where funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. John McDonough officiating. Burial to follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to WV Rivers Coalition, 3501 MacCorkle Ave SE #129, Charleston, WV 25304.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

North State Route 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

AUG 25. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KE

“ Kevin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman



Kevin - September 08, 2015 at 08:38 AM

GM

“ George N Myers lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman



George N Myers - September 03, 2015 at 06:51 PM

PG

“ Dear Janice, I'm so sorry for your loss. Priscilla Grimm

Priscilla Grimm - September 02, 2015 at 11:40 AM

 Pat Dawson

“ Mr.Kasserman was old school. He was a great teacher. The world could definitely use more teachers like Ken Kasserman. RIP

Pat Dawson - August 26, 2015 at 02:48 PM

BW

“*Jan, Kristy, Leslie and Lucy, There are no words. Reading that Ken had passed, was heartbreaking. My deepest sympathy and condolences. My prayers are with you. May you find peace and comfort, in God, family and friends. With love, Bobbie Brooks White*

Barbara White - August 26, 2015 at 10:22 AM

SK

“*Jan and Family,
Our hearts are so heavy. Doug and I were shocked to hear about Ken. Words are so inadequate at this time. May it help to know that friends are sharing the sorrow in your heart.
Doug and Susan Kreitzer*

susan kreitzer - August 26, 2015 at 09:03 AM



“*I grew up in the "neighborhood" and Ken was one of my friends. I have thought of him often over the years and they were always such good memories. Just know I'm thinking of all of you at this time and sending prayers.*

Mickey Walker Swackhamer - August 26, 2015 at 12:53 AM

 Ruth
Ann
Ronchetti


“*Ken & Janice were special friends of ours from the powerboat racing circuit. It is with much sadness & shock to hear of his passing. Ken was such a likable guy, always a smile on his face, & a wonderful upbeat attitude. Janice & family ... so very, very sorry to hear about this. Our sincere condolences. Ruth Ann & John Ronchetti*

Ruth Ann Ronchetti - August 26, 2015 at 12:45 AM

SS

“ To Kenny's family. I am truly sorry for the sudden loss of your husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather. He was a good man. He seemed to enjoy life to the fullest. Kenny and I were in the same class "1967" and he will be missed by many. Prayers from us Stanley and Sally Shreve.

Stanley and Sally Shreve - August 25, 2015 at 11:44 PM

 Rich Skrabak

“ Prayers and Condolences to Kenny's family. I worked track meets with him, He was a VERY GOOD Starter and an even better person. He will be missed.

Rich Skrabak - August 25, 2015 at 10:59 PM

MI

“ Im sure I am one of hundreds of kids that remember MR. Kasserman as one of the most down to earth teachers at Magnolia High. He had a unique way of relating to all of us students. Im sure he will be missed by many. Prayers and thoughts to the family.

Matt Ingram - August 25, 2015 at 05:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth W. Kasserman.



August 25, 2015 at 02:45 PM

TB

“ *Janice, Kristy and Leslie ,
Paul and I are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do
to help you please let us know.*

Trudy and Paul Burke

Trudy and Paul Burke - August 25, 2015 at 02:36 PM

LT

“ *Dear Janice: Our deepest sympathy, our prayers are with you. I will
never forget one of our moments when I first broke Ken into
Officialting. We took off one day for a scrimmage over in West Ohio
somewhere, not realizing it was either Christmas Eve or New Years
Eve, somebody needed us and away we went. We must have been
there for 4 hours and they paid us 5.00 for the day, it was not even
enough to buy beer on the way home, needless to say what the
wives had to say on our return.*

God Bless, Larry and Fran Torchia. Merritt Island FL.

Larry Torchia - August 25, 2015 at 01:18 PM

SD

“ Mrs. Kassmerman and Family,

I was deeply saddened today when I heard from Mr. White and Drew Beihl, Wheeling Park Track Coach that Mr. Kasserman passed away. When he worked the track meet in April named after my late father, Dick Dei, he was full of energy and passion. After spending one day with Mr. Kasserman, I felt like I knew him for many of years. He and I enjoyed laughs and mentioned that we would see each other in April when I return to Wheeling for the track meet.

You have a lot to be proud of what Mr. Kasserman achieved and accomplished. I remember him officiating my football games 20+ years ago. As I look back, he was great with kids and had a lasting impact on athletes that will last a lifetime. I am proud to say that I had the opportunity to know and work with Mr. Kasserman.

Please know that your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers. On behalf of our family, our deepest sympathy and condolences are with you and your family.

*Sean and Pamela Dei
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida*

Sean Dei - August 25, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth W. Kasserman.



August 25, 2015 at 09:57 AM

JW

“ Dear Family Of Ken,
We are so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Our prayers are with you all now and in the future as you remember his life. We are at the Monroe County Fair this week, showing our collection of antique farm equipment. We are so thankful to Ken and the Kasserman family for thinking of us when cleaning out the Kasserman barn. What a wonderful collection Ken was instrumental in salvaging for us at the Monroe County Historical Society. We know Ken's memory will live on in all of you. What a special man to have known.
Sincerely, The Board of Trustees at the Monroe County Historical Society

Joyce (Indermuhle) Wiggins - August 25, 2015 at 05:46 AM

LW

“ I was saddened and shocked to learn about your loss. Please know that my thought and prayers are with all of you.

Linda Lasure Williams - August 25, 2015 at 05:24 AM

RR

“ Janice and Family,
I have many memories of Ken over the years growing up in New Martinsville. What stands out to me was his passion and endless enthusiasm for what he set out to do in life. I'm sure this was reflected in the school system, his students and the Community he served. Jennifer and I send our condolences and prayers for comfort.

Ron Ruth - August 25, 2015 at 01:21 AM



“ One of the best social studies teachers I ever had. A truly wonderful human being. The world will be less of a place without him. Condolences and prayers toward his family and friends.R.I.P.

Brian Keener - August 24, 2015 at 09:57 PM



“ Undoubtedly, one of the best teachers I ever had. You could tell he loved what he was he doing, he was good and fair to all of his students. He also never put up with any crap from them! I'm truly sad to hear of this, and though he may not still be in their lives, he will always be in the hearts of his friends and family, and so many hundreds (thousands?) of students that he influenced over the years. God bless!

anne-marie johnson - August 24, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ Great man. Prayers to the family.

Jerry Rice - August 24, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ prayers to all his friends and family Mr.Kasserman was one of my favorite teachers very heartbreaking:(

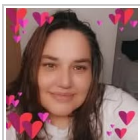
Erica Louise - August 24, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ Darren Yoho lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman



Darren Yoho - August 24, 2015 at 08:17 PM



“ *Heather Marie lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman*



Heather Marie - August 24, 2015 at 08:10 PM

DY

“ *The best teacher I had at Magnolia High School. Sincere condolences to the family. Darren Yoho*

Darren Yoho - August 24, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JP

“ *talking with ken about beagles and chasing rabbits great guy so sad miss you ken*

john pierce - August 24, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JS

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family. Your neighbor in back. John Stearnes*

John Stearnes - August 24, 2015 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ *Condolences from the Holliday family. I always enjoyed conversations with Ken. He and I taught for years at Magnolia; and he would always take a moment while officiating track for a quick talk. He was a great asset to the community.*

John Holliday - August 24, 2015 at 07:16 PM

DT

“ A great man, teacher, and official. I have a lot of fond memories of Mr. Kenny K... Prayers are with you and your family. You will be missed



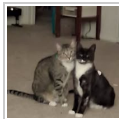
David Tallman - August 24, 2015 at 07:04 PM



“ Cliff Briner lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman



Cliff Briner - August 24, 2015 at 06:52 PM



I and my wife, Kathy, wish to express that our prayers and thoughts go out to the family...I remember him as a great teacher and spent time with him on the Regatta events...

Cliff Briner - August 24, 2015 at 06:55 PM

HR

“ This just breaks my heart :(Kenny was such an amazing teacher and a great supporter to me on the track. I will never forget him and always cherish all of the lessons he taught all of his students about history and how to be a good person.

Hilary Heinzman Rockhold - August 24, 2015 at 06:10 PM

TA

“ *The Mountain Watershed Association lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman*



The Mountain Watershed Association - August 24, 2015 at 05:46 PM

BC

“ *I had the pleasure of teaching at Magnolia High School with Ken. Our classrooms were side-by-side the entire time we were in the "new" building. He was a very dedicated teacher and his students were always well-prepared in history and for the history classes that followed his. In addition to teaching he assisted with many other duties at Magnolia and in his community. He was an outstanding football official as well as a track official. He was always willing to answer questions related to football or track situations. He was a great asset to Magnolia and his community!*

Brian Castilow - August 24, 2015 at 05:17 PM

LH

“ *Condolences to all from the West Virginia Hills, Scott, Linda and Patrick. Ken was one of Patrick's favorite teachers at Magnolia. We were constantly amazed at his never-ending energy and ability to get things done. He was a man of MANY talents, for sure. The last time I saw him was in the kitchen making and canning homemade salsa, about two weeks ago. How very much he will be missed, but we will carry on in his memory, always remembering "Life is Good."*



Linda Parish Hill - August 24, 2015 at 05:12 PM

BC

“ *Brian Castilow lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth W. Kasserman*



Brian Castilow - August 24, 2015 at 05:11 PM

PB

“ *Dear Janice and Family,
Steve, Sarah, and I are so very sorry to learn
about Ken's passing. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you. He was doing what he
loved to do! May his soul rest in peace.*



Patty Bohrer

Patty Bohrer - August 24, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ *I guess it won't let me put my last name which
is now Mitchell-Thomas*



Betty Ann Thomas - August 24, 2015 at 03:45 PM



This is the smile that I remember.

Betty Ann Thomas - August 24, 2015 at 03:46 PM

WF

“ Thanks for all you did for our little town. You shared so much of your life without pay. Thanks for the fact that you always spoke the truth. You stood by your word and we all knew it. You will be missed by so many. In Christ, Wayne Fetty.

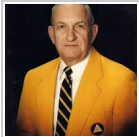
Wayne L. Fetty - August 24, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ Betty Ann Thomas lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman



Betty Ann Thomas - August 24, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ I loved teaching with him @ MHS, May there be plenty of prayers for his family @ this time. He always said hi to me. He will be missed.

Was Miss Mitchell @ MHS




Betty Ann Thomas - August 24, 2015 at 03:42 PM

PA

“ Patricia Ankrom lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman



Patricia Ankrom - August 24, 2015 at 03:23 PM


Beverly
Titus

“ Mrs. Kasserman and family,

I am so very, very sorry for your loss! Mr. Kasserman was a special kind of person. He was a wonderful teacher who made you want to learn. He was a friend, a mentor, a living example of a wonderful human being. He was so many things to so many people. I have always remembered the four years that he put up with me and Mark Welch as our homeroom teacher. He'd always laugh at us....we were his "stragglers!" It became a memory that I have carried and laughed about all of these many years and always remembered him shaking his head at us, making jokes about so many things (our tardiness, in particular!) and allowing his passion for teaching and people to always show through. He made me a better person for having known him.

Prayers for your comfort in the coming days. Know that he was very much loved and always has, and will be, remembered! "Miss you, Mr. K!"

Beverly Titus - August 24, 2015 at 03:15 PM

KC

“ Mrs. Kasserman, Kristy, Leslie, Lucy, and the rest of the family. I was very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Kasserman. I always enjoyed his history classes. He was good a encouraging us to have lively discussions and debates on current events. Your family were always great neighbors to my grandmother too. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate his life.



*Prayers,
Kathy Caldwell Cecil*

kathy caldwell cecil - August 24, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth W. Kasserman.*



August 24, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ *Janice and Family, I was so sorry to hear about Kenny's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor growing up, and a great teacher. He will be missed by many. Wishing you comfort during this difficult time. Anita (Phillips) Puglia*

Anita Puglia - August 24, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ *John And Linda Tomaszewski lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman*



John and Linda Tomaszewski - August 24, 2015 at 01:28 PM



Janice and Girls, "our sincere sympathy" We can't imagine the loss you are feeling at this time..Just know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John and Linda Tomaszewski - August 24, 2015 at 01:30 PM



Janice you and your daughters are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and give you strength to get threw the days ahead.

Doug and Barb McAdams - August 24, 2015 at 07:37 PM


JP

“ *RIP Mr. Kasserman. You were a great teacher and you always made sure we learned but had fun at the same time and also taught your students about life also. There will never be another teacher like you. It was an honor to have you as a teacher.*

Jeff Potts - August 24, 2015 at 01:15 PM

AM

“ *To the family of Coach Kasserman, I just would like to send my sincerest sympathies to the family and friends. I remember him as the person who allowed a shy, awkward but persistent girl to have an opportunity to play as a member of the 1978 Magnolia boys' tennis team when there was no girl's team available. He helped me to love the sport and built a family team climate. I learned much from Mr. K. He was just that kind of person...he cared. Wishing you all well and smile with the good memories for that is where he dwells always.*



Amy (Mullett) McMillan

Amy (Mullett) McMillan - August 24, 2015 at 01:10 PM

CR

“ *I will always remember him as "Mr. Kasserman" - one of my favorite teachers of all time. He had that rare ability to entertain and teach at the same time, and was an asset to Magnolia High School. Mr Kasserman had a tremendous impact on so many students over the years. He will be missed by many. My prayers are with all of you as you remember this wonderful man.*

Carl Rush, Class of '90

Carl Rush - August 24, 2015 at 01:08 PM

BR

“ *Janice and girls, I was so sorry to hear this news...prayers of strength and support coming your way.*

Barb and Charlie Racer - August 24, 2015 at 12:56 PM

 Nancy
Mason
Gregg

“ *I grew up just 2 houses up the street. Had him as a teacher. Knew him as a Moose member. So so sorry for your loss.*

Nancy Mason Gregg - August 24, 2015 at 12:47 PM

J(

“ *Janice and family, So very sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers*



Joan Swatzyna (Slawinski) - August 24, 2015 at 12:42 PM

LP

“ *John and I send our condolences to you, Janice, and your girls.. Ken will be greatly missed. May God's peace and comfort surround you during this difficult time. Love, John and Lil*

lillian pierce - August 24, 2015 at 11:58 AM

KH

“*Janice and family, My memories of Ken are numerous and go back many, many years. Our summers working together at Bruce Pool, our hunting trips to Petersburg, working the pits at the regatta, and as colleagues at MHS just to name a few. I will cherish these memories and offer our sincere condolences from Nettie and I. He will be greatly missed!*”

Keith Herrick - August 24, 2015 at 11:48 AM

LS

“*Larry & Eva Starkey lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman*”



Larry & Eva Starkey - August 24, 2015 at 11:48 AM

KS

“*I am so sorry to hear of Mr Kassermans passing. I pray your family finds comfort in the days to come. He was a great teacher. God Bless you all.*”



Karen Stout - August 24, 2015 at 11:41 AM

JL

“*Mr. Kasserman was my favorite history teacher. He brought the history class alive. I enjoyed the history as much as my teenage mind did at the time, but now I love history. I will miss him much. Thank you Mr. Kasserman for the history that you taught.*”

Joanne Luppe - August 24, 2015 at 11:30 AM

KA

“ *Janice, Kristy, Leslie and Lucy,
Dave and I are so sorry for your sudden loss. We pray that God wraps his loving arms around your family and comforts you at this time.*

Dave and Karen Emch

Karen - August 24, 2015 at 11:21 AM

BT

“ *Mr Kasserman was a wonderful teacher and then became a friend and hunting buddy of our family. He will be missed greatly. My sympathies to his family.*



Belinda Talkington - August 24, 2015 at 11:19 AM

KS

“ *Janice and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Ken's sudden death. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this tragic loss. I know he impacted many lives during his teaching career. May your memories bring you comfort.*

Karen Kacor Stewart

Karen Stewart - August 24, 2015 at 11:09 AM

DL

“ *Janice and Family, So sorry to hear the news of your loss. Kenneth always was willing to take time out and teach a kid anything, even outside of school. He hired me and taught me how to do some roofing in the summertime. A great man who was unselfish with his time and energy. I pray that God puts His loving arms around you all and pulls you close and comforts you.*

David Lasure - August 24, 2015 at 10:55 AM

SG

“ *Janice and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God Bless you and Comfort you all during this most difficult time.*
Sandra Greathouse



Sandra Greathouse - August 24, 2015 at 10:32 AM

SG

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Sandra Greathouse - August 24, 2015 at 10:29 AM

MI

“ *While I was a student at Magnolias High School, Ken once instigated the toilet papering of a fellow teacher's house by paying for the paper, and getting the "target" out of his house for the evening. He used me and some of my cohorts to do the deed.*

Michelle Estep
Class of '77

Michelle - August 24, 2015 at 10:23 AM

JH

“ *Jeff & Debbie Hohn lit a candle in memory of Kenneth W. Kasserman*



Jeff & Debbie Hohn - August 24, 2015 at 10:22 AM