



## Kenneth G. Schwefler

April 1, 1939 - September 6, 2020

Kenneth Gordon Schwefler of Ayer, MA, and The Villages, FL, (age 81) passed away on September 6, 2020. Survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol, his brother, Doug Schwefler of Simi Valley, CA, sons Jeff Schwefler and his wife, Christine, of Dunstable, MA, Mike Schwefler and his wife, Liz, of Pocasset, MA, and daughters Dana Bresnahan and her husband, Kevin, of Ayer, and Jennifer New of Ayer and her friend, Scott Haefner of Lunenburg, MA. Grandfather of Nolan, Douglas, Betsy, Brendan, Nicholas, Conor, Quinn, Zachary, Cole, Taylor, Isabel and Ryan. Preceded in death by his sister Judy.

Born in New York City to Charlotte and Gordon Schwefler, Ken grew up in Yonkers, NY, and spent summers at Lake Oscaleta, NY. He met Carol at Peach Lake in North Salem, NY, graduated from Syracuse University (on a swimming scholarship), and served four years as an officer in the Navy stationed in Charleston, SC, and Newport, RI. Upon discharge from the service he worked as a Technical Sales Representative for Eastman Kodak Company for 31 years residing in Rochester, NY, Pittsburgh, PA, West Redding, CT, and Boxford, MA.

While the kids were very young Ken built a ski chalet in Vermont to pursue his love of skiing. The family spent many years on Long Lake in Harrison, ME, where he enjoyed boating, especially sailing his Hobie Cat catamaran. He was so proud of his four children and loved being a Dad. In recent years

spending time with the grandkids was always special. After retirement Ken and Carol traveled the country for five years in a motorhome visiting the National Parks. Then, it was on to The Villages in Florida as "snowbirds" where Ken played golf several times a week. In fact, he got his only Hole-in-One the last time he played in April.

A private graveside service will take place at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne and a celebration of life will be hosted by the family next year. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Ken's memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston at [www.dana-farber.org/gift](http://www.dana-farber.org/gift).

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.andersonfuneral.com/obituaries/](http://www.andersonfuneral.com/obituaries/)

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ I knew Kenny from the 7th to 12th grades. Never saw him again after he went off to Syracuse U. He was a terrific swimmer for YHS and Syracuse. Occasionally, he drove me home to the Sherwood Park area from YHS. I took him up on it a few times, but I was too frightened to do it often..speeding down hill on the curves of Yonkers Ave. with its slippery trolley tracks. I'm sorry to learn of his passing. He was a pleasant, happy friend.

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**steven siegel** - July 06, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ Dear Carol,  
Lee and I were so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. We both enjoyed his company and Lee especially enjoyed it when Ken would stop in and they would spend an hour or more discussing golf, of course, but also books and other shared interests. Lee was so pleased when he was able to help Ken with his golf swing and especially when Ken gained confidence in his game.  
We were happy to hear that you will be returning to Rio Ranchero and look forward to seeing you then.  
Please know that we are thinking of you and remembering Ken with sincere affection. Warmly, Kris and Lee

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**Kristen Loffler** - September 19, 2020 at 06:44 AM

MG

“ To Carol and family,  
Our sincerest condolences to you all. We all enjoyed being neighbors in Boxford. We know Ken will be so missed, our thoughts are with you all at this time.  
Marge, Dom, Michael, Randi, Lyn Gualtieri

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**Marge Gualtieri** - September 18, 2020 at 03:48 PM

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jschwefl - September 16, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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jschwefl - September 13, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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dana.bresnahan - September 13, 2020 at 02:31 PM

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**jschwefl** - September 13, 2020 at 12:25 PM

LJ

“ We've been friends a long time. I'm not sure where you are playing golf now, but get me a tee time so we can play together again. You Know I always need help with my swing. I will pick you up on the way to the course. Don't forget to bring a raincoat. Not having you here does not seem possible. We still have too much to do.  
Don

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**Leonard D. Jessup** - September 13, 2020 at 08:49 AM

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**jschwefl** - September 12, 2020 at 11:41 PM

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jschwefl - September 12, 2020 at 01:22 PM

TD

“ *Dear Aunt Carol and family,  
Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. What a beautiful life he lived. I can see how much love he had in his life by how happy he always looked. Our hearts are heavy, and I know yours is too. We wish you peace and comfort as you grieve. It meant so much that you both were at our wedding. Those are memories we will always treasure. He was always there to help me with family questions too, which I will be forever grateful. Rest in peace Uncle Ken  
Love,  
Steve and Tracey*

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Tracey (Schwefler) Delaney - September 12, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DS

“ Dear Carol and Family

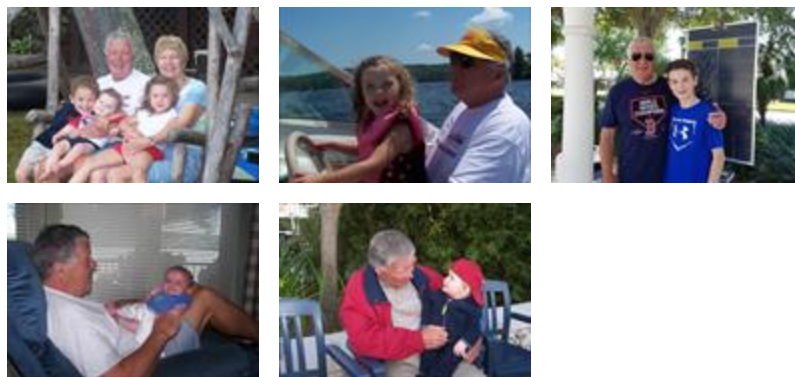
*Doug and I were so sorry to hear about Kens passing, but we both know that he is ok. Doug was reminiscing about the summers they spent at Lake Oscaleta swimming and fishing as young brothers. Many other memories were mentioned. We were both so pleased that he achieved his hole in one. As the years went on they both had their own lives but Doug always had kind words to say about his big brother. We will miss his informative emails about the kids and grandchildren. We send our love to you and all the family and we will keep in touch. Love Doug and Diane*

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**Diane Schwefler** - September 12, 2020 at 12:16 AM

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**dana.bresnahan** - September 11, 2020 at 10:12 PM

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**mike** - September 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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jschwefl - September 11, 2020 at 08:41 PM

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jschwefl - September 11, 2020 at 06:12 PM

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mike - September 11, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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