



## Kenneth Rush Lampton

January 26, 1924 - April 8, 2008

Kenneth Rush Lampton died at home on April 8, 2008. He was born January 26, 1924 in Hannibal, MO, the son of Ida May (Rush) and Kenneth R. Lampton.

He grew up in Ft. Wayne, IN, attended South Side High School and graduated with distinction from the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD in 1945. He served in World War II and the Korean War as a Navy Line Officer.

He was married to Elizabeth Ann (Beth) Green on August 14, 1948 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ft. Wayne. He is survived by his wife and four children: Kenneth Rush Lampton, Jr. of Denver, CO; Marybeth Long (husband, Patrick) of Holt, MI; Laurel Ann Sutton (husband, Alfred) of Long Island, NY and Michael S. Lampton (wife, Deborah) of Ossian, IN along with 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. His sister, Mary K. Milner of Cincinnati, OH, preceded him in death.

Resigning his Navy Commission in 1956, he entered corporate business life. He served as Submersible Motor Product Manager for Franklin Electric Co. in Bluffton, IN for seven years prior to co-founding and serving as President of ETC, Inc. of Ft. Wayne, IN, a Manufacturers Representative Group for Specialty Machine Designers and Builders. He retired in 1989.

Mr. Lampton was a past president of the Fort Wayne Children's Day Care Center and a co-founder of the Wells Community Swim Team serving as its first President. In 1997, he helped form the "Man-to-Man" Prostate Cancer Support Group for the American Cancer Society in Wells County.

His memberships included Bluffton Chapters of the American Legion, original Kiwanis Club, Elks Club, and Parlor City Country Club. He was Patron Member of the Wells County Creative Arts Council, a Sustaining Member of the Caylor Nickel Foundation, Life Member of the Naval Academy Alumni Association, Life member of the South Side High School Alumni Association, Life Member of the Friends of the Library, a Member of the Fort Wayne Friars, and Lifetime member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ft. Wayne at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 12, 2008, with visitation prior to the service in the church lounge beginning at 9:30.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to: Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment Fund ([www.trinity.org](http://www.trinity.org)), the Creative Arts School of Ballet Endowment Fund through the Wells County Foundation ([www.wellscounty.org](http://www.wellscounty.org)), or Hospice of Northeast Indiana ([www.familyhospiceindiana.com](http://www.familyhospiceindiana.com)).

Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home are in charge of the arrangements. [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Cemetery  
Keystone, IN

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Rush Lampton*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kenneth Rush Lampton*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *It was a great joy to get to know Ken. You just had to love him. The best part about him was that he was a South Side Alumnus also. My thoughts and prayers are with you Beth and your kids and grandkids.*

*Sarah Soares##imported-begin##Sarah Soares##imported-end##*

April 16, 2008 at 08:56 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Dad and Ken can start playing golf together again. Love, Joe & Dori##imported-begin##Joe & Doreen Ayers##imported-end##*

April 12, 2008 at 02:15 PM



“ Beth and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time in your lives. I am currently in Florida, and just happened to learn about Ken, while going through paper on the internet. Brought back alot of memories. I think Ken and I both came to appreciate each other, through circumstances so overwhelming. He was a true gentlemen and "boss". I will always remember him.  
Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Janice Circle##imported-end##

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April 12, 2008 at 12:19 PM



“ Beth, We are remembering so many good times Mom & Dad had with you and Ken. You both were such good friends to them. We are thinking of you all at this time. God bless you - cherish all the great memories. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Doug & Sandra Lux & Judy Welbaum##imported-end##

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April 10, 2008 at 11:38 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you remember Ken's life and move into the next phase of your lives.##imported-begin##Susan, Ted, Sasha, Misha & Natasha Chemey##imported-end##

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April 10, 2008 at 06:35 AM



“ Mike and Deb and other family members, I am really sorry for your loss. You will all be in my thoughts and my prayers. God bless all of you during this time. Love , Cami##imported-begin##Cami (Schorey) Hanlon##imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 09:46 PM