



## Kenneth J. Resheske

April 11, 1922 - September 16, 2016

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OKAUCHEE-Kenneth John Resheske 94, formerly of Racine died peacefully on Friday, September 16, 2016.

Ken was born in 1922 in Ripon, Wisconsin, the son of Frank and Josephine Resheske.

After graduating from the Ripon schools, Ken earned an undergraduate degree in music from Milwaukee State Teachers College (UWM) and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Vandercook College of Music, Chicago.

Ken had a very successful career of 39 years teaching instrumental music in the Jefferson, WI public schools, and the Racine Unified School District.

During World War II, Ken piloted a B17 Bomber in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was stationed with the 15th Air Force in Europe, completing many missions over Italy, Austria and Germany.

Among Ken's many interests were attending concerts, model railroading, woodworking and traveling.

Ken is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lois, a son Rod (Sue) Resheske; daughter, Kathleen (Hugh) Walrath, a granddaughter Natasha (Chris) Kostrewa; grandsons Nick (Mari) Resheske, Jonathan (Jess) Resheske, Christian Walrath, Matthew Walrath; and, great grandchildren Aaron Resheske, Sophia Resheske, Oliver Resheske, Tyson Kostrewa, and many nieces and nephews other relatives and friends both in Racine and Jefferson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Neil.

Mass of Christian burial for Ken will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 6400 Spring Street, Racine, with visitation beginning at 10:00. Ken will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park in Racine with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Ken in a special way may direct memorials to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul The Apostle Parish  
6400 Spring Street  
Racine, WI 53406

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth J. Resheske*



**Sturino Funeral Home** - September 19, 2016 at 12:31 PM

CR

*Was my band director in highschool..he was an awesome person.. greatest band director ever ! RIP Mr.R*

**Carolyn (Lenz) Riddell** - September 21, 2016 at 09:03 AM

MW

*Very meaningful and beautiful tribute memorial of one fantastic man. I had Ken for band at Jefferson High School. 1960-64.. He taught me to blow my first note on my dad's alto horn back in grade school then moved me to french horn. My senior year I was playing french horn with Jefferson American Legion Band along side my father. Directly behind us was Mr. Resheske on Baritone. I'm 76 today an have NEVER heard a finer baritone player than Ken with the finest tone I have ever heard on a baritone. Colonel Bogey march and Alte Kamaraden were two of my favorites and WOW did his baritone sound beautiful!! Mr. Resheske truly was a gift sent from heaven and to this day I think of his kindness so often. So thankful I found his obituary. I recall another friend, my Agriculture teacher Will Larson telling me Ken had past away---that was 6 years ago .Mr. Wilbur Larson is still with us at age 98. Both of these men were excellent mentors to me and I will love them and be thankful of both of these great men to my dying day .I was truly blessed to have known and been taught by both of them.*

**Merlin Westphal** - March 27, 2022 at 10:42 PM

FS

“ Ken and I both moved to Racine from Jefferson County in 1966 as members of Racine Unified Instrumental Music Department; he was my elder by several years, and became my mentor and partner in our work with youngsters in the out-of-city schools. He was a great teacher, wonderful to be around and fun to work with. He loved working with the kids, and when he was asked to move into the high school program at Horlick, he produced great results . . . I know this on several levels, as several of my own children worked with him in the Horlick music program. We would plan concerts together, using our massed musicians to better effect because of the connection, and kept contact all thru the years. We shared many similar loves; dogs, woodworking, railroading, camping, and music. I will miss him greatly. Frank Suetholz

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**Frank Suetholz** - September 21, 2016 at 12:56 PM

WH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I succeeded Ken as band director at Jefferson High School, but knew him for many years before that. He was not only a fine music educator, but a very pleasant person to be around. Over the years, we had many memorable conversations. We have sent a memorial in Ken's name to Rainbow Hospice.

Wayne and Jean Hartwig

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**W. Hartwig** - September 20, 2016 at 07:11 PM

SJ

“ Ken and Lois Resheske took me on my first camping experience when we were neighbors in Jefferson. My sincere sympathy on the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. Sue (Griffin) Johann one of your old neighbors on Braun Ave in Jefferson WI.

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**Sue (Griffin) Johann** - September 19, 2016 at 07:44 PM

JO

“ *Jon, Jess & Oliver purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Kenneth J. Resheske.*



Jon, Jess & Oliver - September 19, 2016 at 05:07 PM

MP

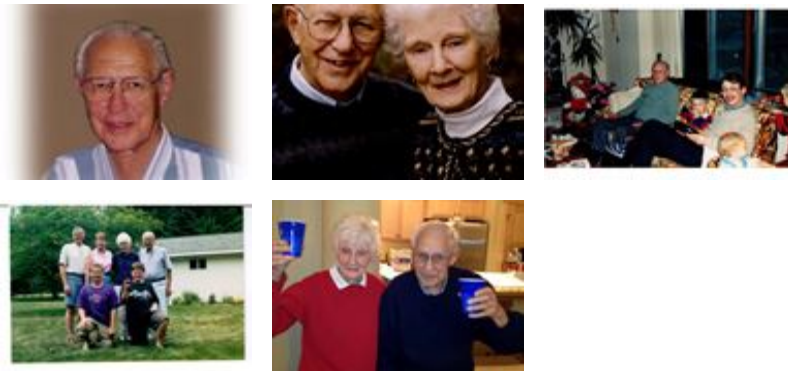
“ *I had Mr. Resheske as my teacher at Jefferson Jr. High School. My older sister and brother had him as well and he was well respected by my parents and siblings. He was a wonderful teacher that I admired deeply. Teachers, like him, helped me to chose education as my career. Though I am no longer in a classroom and in administration I still consider myself an educator first. My sincerest condolences to Mr. Resheske's family on his passing.*

*Mark Probst, Church Administrator  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church North Mankato, MN*

Mark Probst - September 19, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - September 19, 2016 at 12:12 PM