



## Charles "Chuck" Henry Kettenbeil

December 23, 1944 - January 20, 2018

Chuck was born on December 23, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan, to parents William and Zelma Kettenbeil. He had one brother, Bill, who is deceased. Chuck attended Redford High School and Lutheran High School West, both in Detroit.

He married Sandy Paslawski on May 12, 1967, meeting her through friends.

Sandy and Chuck had two children, Ken and Jeff. Ken is married to Kelley and they have one son, Ian. Jeff is married to Shannon and they have two sons, Brandon and Kyle. Chuck also leaves behind a brother-in-law, Bob Paslawski and sister-in-law, Sharon Grysko and their families and many friends.

Chuck spent 30 years working at Ford Motor Company. His jobs included hi-lo driving, repair, inspection and other responsibilities at both the Ford Rouge and Wixom Assembly plants. Chuck also installed carpet on the side and was also willing to lend a hand with small, home improvements projects for family and friends. Chuck also liked woodworking and built furniture, kitchen items, birdhouses and many other handcrafted pieces.

Chuck was an avid hunter and fisherman. If the animal flew, hid, ran or swam, it was fair game! The results of his efforts are proudly displayed in the basement of his home. His mountings include ducks, pheasants, geese,

grouse, deer, raccoons, squirrels, a wild boar and numerous fish. Chuck was “at home” in the woods in Lake City, Michigan, near the site of his boyhood family cottage, or on a boat in Lake Erie. It is not surprising he rarely missed an episode of his favorite television show - Michigan Outdoors.

When Chuck wasn't in the woods or on the water you could find him feeding the squirrels and birds in his backyard.

Chuck was also a car enthusiast. On weekends you could find him at car shows all across metro Detroit. He always looked forward to the Woodward Dream Cruise, the Telegraph Cruise and the Cruising Hines events each year. Chuck served as president, for a time, of his Plymouth Car Club. As a young adult he owned many muscle and classic cars including a 1966 midnight blue GTO and yellow 1957 Chevy. He currently owns a 1937 Ford, affectionately known as “Ladybug.”

Chuck loved his family. He was appreciative of the many efforts of his wife that kept a household of boys fed, clean and on-track in life. He was proud of the many accomplishments of his sons. Chuck enjoyed family get-togethers, whether it was passing out lottery scratch-off tickets to each person as they entered his home for Christmas Eve, carving and sampling the Thanksgiving turkey or just relaxing with a Honey Brown beer at one of his grandson's birthday parties, you could find a smile on his face. Chuck was often the life of the party and never met a person he did not feel comfortable talking with.

Chuck, Charlie, dad, pops, grandpa, and friend – you will forever be in our hearts.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to: Plymouth Goodfellows, P.O. Box 700912 Plymouth, MI 48170; Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Memorial Service

JAN 27. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles "Chuck" Henry Kettenbeil*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *He always had a smile on his face! That's what I remember most. He will be missed. My heart goes out to you and your family Sandy. Much Love, Shari Zeller Turney*

**Shari** - January 28, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *To Sandy and family. We are all so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. We remember his visits to Erieau, Canada with Bob & Jim Claus and their families. There was never a dull moment when Chuck was around. He loved to go smelting and boating with the guys. We will hold our memories of him in our hearts forever. Hugs from the Claus' Canadian cousins*

**Cheryl Lehman** - January 28, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ *Our prayers are especially with you Sandy, and also with all of Chuck's family. Our candle is lit in honor of Chuck. Knowing he is now one of those devil-ish angels who will always look after us. God's blessings, Walt, Sandy, Walter John, Mike, Max and Joe Grysko*



**Sandy Grysko** - January 26, 2018 at 04:30 PM

LG

“ Dear Sandy, I am so sad to hear that Chuck has passed away. He was a very nice man and I always enjoyed his sense of humor! God bless you and your family.  
Lee Gilligan

Lee Gilligan - January 25, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Henry Kettenbeil.



January 25, 2018 at 02:03 PM

JB

“ Sandy & family - Such sad news to hear of Chuck's passing. My prayers & thoughts are with all of you. Find comfort in the loving memories you have of him.  
Peace be with all of you,  
Janice Bearden

Janice Bearden - January 23, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Henry Kettenbeil.



January 23, 2018 at 09:10 PM

SU

“ Sandy, Ken, Jeff and the rest of the family; So much emotional upheaval during this time of sadness. Please know that you have support of old and new friends.  
You wrote a beautiful description of Chuck's life. You describe him as he lived and he will  
be in my thoughts when I sit in my garage with a beer, hear a oldie song or see a hot rod going down the street. God bless him for adding flavor to our friendship.  
Sue Acord

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**sue** - January 23, 2018 at 07:49 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Happy memories of "Chuck" aww the good old days



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**Sue** - January 23, 2018 at 06:24 PM

CE

“ Sandy - My deepest sympathies upon hearing of the passing of Chuck. If there is anything I can help you with please let me know.....Chris Eaton

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**Chris Eaton** - January 23, 2018 at 01:23 PM