



Kenneth "Pop" Mangle

April 22, 2025

Kenneth "Pop" Mangle, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on April 22, 2025, at the age of 86, surrounded by his loving family. Born on July 13, 1938, Ken lived a life full of love, laughter, and devotion to those he held dear.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Jean (Bunsek) Mangle, his dear children Michelle Kossey (Jim), Mary McNamara (Steve), and Ken Mangle (Dina), and his treasured grandchildren: Katelyn, Sean, Jackie, Brendan, and Matt. He was predeceased by his parents, Ira and Ethel (Huffmaster) Mangle, and his sisters Mary Agnes and Louise.

A graduate of Pittston High School and the Franklin School of Science and Arts with a degree in X-ray Technology, Ken proudly served his country in the United States Army. After his service, he built a successful career in the insulation business with Acoustical Spray Insulators.

Ken was an active member of the South Allentown Optimist Club and one of the founding members of the Herm-Nel Hunt Club. He had a lifelong passion for the outdoors - hunting, fishing, and family trips to the beach and the lake were among his favorite pursuits.

Ken's proudest accomplishment was his family. A legacy that began in high

school when he asked his Jeanne to dance. From their early days together, to cherished time with his grandchildren, his family meant everything to him. He focused on providing for his family, teaching strong values, and setting an example through hard work and loyalty. As time went on, he and Jeanne built some of their fondest memories cruising and with their growing family. Whether it was a big family gathering or just a quiet evening on the porch with Jeanne, watching birds and counting lightning bugs, Ken could be found wearing his "coming and going" hat and enjoying his time with the people he loved most.

Ken had a natural charm and an adventurous spirit. With a quick smile, a sparkle in his eye, and an uncanny ability to make people feel seen and valued, he made fast friends wherever he went. He was a hard worker, a source of wisdom, and a man who loved life.

In his final moments, Ken continued to teach and protect, leaving behind not just memories, but lessons in love, strength, and humility. His legacy will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, April 30th at J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 1601 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102. Viewing hours will be from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, followed by a prayer service and burial at Resurrection Cemetery, 547 Krocks Rd, Allentown, PA 18106.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Miller Memorial Blood Bank <https://www.giveapint.org/how-to-make-gift/>, a cause that helped Ken to have comfort in his final days.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

547 N. Krocks Rd.
Allentown, PA 18106

Previous Events

Viewing

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

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc
1601 W Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 433-5161
info@jsburkholder.com
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Prayer Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Scot and Casey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth "Pop" Mangle.*



Scot and Casey - April 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

TF

“ *The Cosgrove Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Kenneth "Pop" Mangle.*



The Cosgrove Family - April 28, 2025 at 09:35 AM

JW

“ *I met Ken in 1956 as a student in the X-ray Department of the Pottsville Hospital. Ken had a kind and happy spirit. One memory to share was his stepping in to do a morgue X-ray at midnight for a new and hesitant student—Me.*

My sympathy to his family, Janet Joan wanesky

janet joan wanesky - April 27, 2025 at 09:56 AM

LJ

“ Call him Mr. Mangle, Ken or Pop, he was “DaMan”.
Since I was a child, Pop was a major part and influence in my life.
He was a teacher and a mentor to me. Once my boys came around
he could not do enough to prove that we were as much part of his
family as his own children.
From fishing at Crystal Clear to hunting in Dushore, Pop was the
one solid you could always count on to brighten up every adventure
we shared.
Most of all, Pop was not just my fathers’ friend, he was my friend
and he will be missed and cherished until I meet him again.
Leno Jr.

Leno Scarcia Jr. - April 26, 2025 at 08:19 PM

RE

“ Had a lot of good times with MR mangle at cabin . He use to pick
me up at college on a Friday n take me to cabin to fish or hunt with
Kenny what ever we were doing that weekend n drop me back off at
school. Never hesitated to do ! Mr mangle as I always called him
was the best

Reggie - April 25, 2025 at 06:29 PM

WD

1 went to school with Ken from first grade to 1956 when we graduated,
when we were younger we played together.

William duffy - June 02, 2025 at 07:30 PM