



Ken Dietrich

August 26, 1934 - September 25, 2025

Kenneth G. Dietrich, age 91, passed away peacefully with his family on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Chiefland Hospice Center in Chiefland, Florida. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 26, 1934, Ken was a 1953 graduate of West Tech High School.

He is survived by his loving wife, Beverly, whom he married on June 19, 1954. They raised four children together: Gail, Laura, Steven, and William. Ken adored his grandchildren: Alla, Mathew, Paul, Michael, and Dani, and will be dearly missed by his great-grandchildren: Lincoln, Sawyer, Derek, and Brock.

A life of adventure and service, Ken began his career as a semi-pro football player for the Cleveland Bull Dogs before the Cleveland Browns were formed. He then enlisted in the Army, played pro football for a short time, and later joined the 82nd Airborne. After his military service, Ken retired as a Cleveland postal carrier and worked briefly in the maintenance department for A.I. Root Company in Medina, Ohio. He also owned a 100-acre farm in Litchfield, Ohio, where his family raised pigs and crops. Ken had many passions, including flying his airplane and instructing skydiving. He was part of the EAA in Wadsworth, Ohio, where they built experimental aircraft. An animal lover, he enjoyed raising huskies for sled racing and taking care of his tropical fish tank. He also enjoyed golfing and cheering for the Cleveland Indians baseball team and the Florida Gators football team.

Ken moved to Chiefland, Florida, in the 1990s and purchased a home in a retirement development near Manatee Springs State Park.

A service to celebrate Ken's life will be held Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 11:00 am, at Chiefland Methodist Church, 707 N. Main Street, Chiefland, FL 32626. The service will be officiated by Pastor Mark Williams and Associate Pastor Marco Kincaid.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies to the Dietrich family. May Ken be received into the loving arms of his heavenly father.*

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“ *May you find comfort in memories of happy times. 🙏
My sincere condolences,
Shauna Fulco*

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“ *May his memory be a blessing and through those shared memories his family and friends find peace and comfort in the days to come.*

*With heartfelt condolences,
Suzanne Ruolo*



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