



## Kenneth Loveland

August 20, 1951 - November 11, 2023

Mr. Kenneth William Loveland, 72, of Old Town, Florida, passed away November 11, 2023. He was born August 20, 1951 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the oldest of five children, to the late, William and Eileen Cullen Loveland. He graduated in 1969 from East Stroudsburg High School, PA and from East Stroudsburg University in 1973.

Kenneth taught 4th grade for 33 years at Smithfield Elementary School in East Stroudsburg, PA; worked as a security guard at Pocono Medical Hospital and filled his summers by working in the maintenance department at Pocono Farms in Tobyhanna, PA. He and his wife retired to Old Town, Florida in 2012.

Through the years, he enjoyed playing baseball and football. He was an avid fisherman. His most joyous time was spending time with his grandson, Carson. He will be most remembered for how caring and compassionate he was to everyone. He would help people whether it be for his family, friends, the children in his classes or even strangers. He could tell the greatest stories about all the adventures he had in his life.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Dawn Loveland, Old Town, FL; son, Jeremy Loveland (Jessica), Wind Gap, PA; grandson, Carson Loveland; sisters, Eileen Cordero, Allentown, PA, Joan Whittaker, Stuarts Draft, VA, Annette Lucas, Pittsburgh, PA; and brother, William Loveland, Scranton, PA.

Private inurnment will be held at a later date, at the Old Town United Methodist Church Cemetery. As per his request, there will no viewing or funeral services prior to cremation.

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

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ I was sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. Upon reading of his life, I can tell that he was a tremendous man! He is remembered with great love and compassion.

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**Theresa** - December 24, 2023 at 08:57 PM

MA

“ I was one of his students in 1988 4th grade at Smithfield. He was an awesome person and teacher. I remember playing football with him at recess. Every day at recess we played football and he was the quarterback for both teams. It was so much fun. He made sure everybody got a shot. If you missed the catch he would say "No hands on that man". He was great. He liked to leave the door open in the classroom when it was cold out. It would get cold in the room but he was always in a suit so he was warm. :- ) I wish his family all the best, he was great.

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**Mike A** - November 29, 2023 at 10:22 AM

EK

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Kenny. My deepest sympathies go out to his family, his friends, and all those who loved him and will miss him.

*Kenny was such a pleasure to work with at Smithfield Elementary! I have fond memories of all the times he called for help with his computer (he was by all definitions an "old school" teacher), the ways we would jest back and forth (Kenny: "Hey music teacher, did you get a real job yet?" Me: "You mean like drinking coffee from behind your desk all day?") and how he embodied joviality when he was teaching his classes.*

*"The Music Teacher"*

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**Elhannan Lloyd Keller** - November 21, 2023 at 09:36 AM

ZM

“ I will always cherish the years he and I taught together. He was a kind, compassionate, and dedicated teacher. He welcomed me to the team, and always shared his ideas and materials. Thank you for the memories. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

*Zach Martin*

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**Zachary Martin** - November 21, 2023 at 07:48 AM

BL

“ I worked with Ken at Smithfield Elementary for 20 years. He was a great teacher and had many funny stories to tell. One of his Vietnamese students said after his mom had a baby, “I told my mom to give the baby an American name like Mr.Loveland.” That’s how much students liked him. A few days ago a former student said he loved to play football with them at recess and all of them had fun playing. He also quietly made sure needy students and families got holiday meals and other things. Ken had a generous heart. My prayers are for comfort for the family.  
Betty Ladlee

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**Betty Ladlee** - November 21, 2023 at 12:25 AM

CE

“ Mr. Loveland was such a wonderful teacher, even though it was many years ago I will never forget him. He always played football with everyone at recess, let us play Oregon Trail on the old computer as a treat if we did well. I hope memories people share bring comfort to his family during this time.

Christy Edmondson

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**Christy Edmondson** - November 20, 2023 at 11:43 AM

BL

*I enjoyed working with Ken for 20 years at Smithfield Elementary. He was a fun guy & a teacher loved by his students. A few days ago I talked to a former student of his who mentioned loving how he always played football with them at recess. He always had nicknames for them when he would tell them to go out for a pass. At one time, we had a Vietnamese family in our school & Ken had a boy from that family. The day after the boy's mother had a baby, the boy said to him, "I told my mother to give the baby an American name like Mr. Loveland. But no, she named him Guak (sp?)!" Ken always had fun stories to keep us laughing. He was a generous man and was always making sure (behind the scenes) that students and people had holiday meals and things they needed. You will be missed Mr. Loveland. Praying for God's comfort to the family.*  
*Betty Ladlee*

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**Betty Ladlee** - November 20, 2023 at 08:02 PM

MA

*Hi Ms. Ladlee!*

*Mike Ames - I remember playing football with him. If you dropped a pass he would say "No hands on that man". Like you let him down, but it felt good when you caught it. That was in 1988.*

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**Mike A** - November 29, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Dawn... It's been many years since I taught music with you at PV but wanted to send my deepest sympathy. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Michelle Ebbert Stoudt*

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**Michelle Stoudt** - November 17, 2023 at 04:47 PM

Jl

“ *I met Ken a couple years ago. I loved his stories. I know he was a special brother to Annette Loveland Lucas and her siblings RIP Ken*

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**Jim** - November 17, 2023 at 03:10 PM

ES

“ To my brother, my best friend. You were always a kind and loving brother. Anytime I needed anything you were there for me and I have wonderful memories of joyful times together from our childhood. Words cannot express how much I thank you, love you and will miss you. It is overwhelming how many lives you have touched and you were a gift to everyone whoever met you. Brother you are always loved and never forgotten. May your soul rest in peace. Eileen Cordero

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**Eileen Cordero. his sister** - November 16, 2023 at 04:05 PM

WL

“ ken made a difference in the world as a teacher enjoyed teaching kids his caring giving nature willing to help anyone in need will not be forgotten worked hard for his family at many jobs ken was an adult as a kid always had a sense of responsibility but knew how to have fun too he will be missed by family and friends

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**William Loveland** - November 16, 2023 at 01:32 PM

CN

Dawn, Bill and family,  
I just read about Ken's passing in the Pocono record. I am so sorry for your loss. I really didn't know Kevin but I know what a wonderful friend he was to my brother, Paul. I am forever grateful for the true friendship and kindness he shared with my brother. I pray that the Lord helps you and your family through this difficult time.  
God Bless

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**Claire Mack Nidoh** - November 17, 2023 at 10:09 PM

JS

“ Thanks for being a loving and caring brother.  
We celebrate your life, because you continue to live within our hearts...❤️ Love Joan

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**Joan Whittaker- Kens sister** - November 16, 2023 at 12:23 PM