



Kenneth Calvin Schinkel

November 27, 1932 - November 20, 2020

Kenneth C. Schinkel, 87, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to many, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 20, 2020 at his home in Fort Myers, Florida. He was born November 27, 1932 in Jansen, Saskatchewan, Canada, a son of the late Charlie and Hilda (Torwalt) Schinkel.

Ken was preceded in death by his loving wife, Shirley and siblings, Dick and Judy. Family include his children, Kenneth (Carol) Schinkel of Vancouver Island, BC, Canada, Karen (Michael) Degler of Fort Myers, Florida, Steven (Helen) Schinkel of Raleigh, North Carolina; siblings, Ruben (Rita) Schinkel of Fergus, Ontario, Canada, Myra (Lawrence) Moyer of Vineland, Ontario, Canada, David (Richard) Schinkel of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Ricky (Margaret) Schinkel of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; grandchildren, Tyler, Kyle (Christine), Samantha (Ben), Lucas, Troy, Riley, Clement, Spencer (Riley); great grandchildren Baxden and Charles.

In 1951, Ken played junior hockey with the Ontario Hockey Association before being signed by the Springfield Indians of the American Hockey League (1953) where he would start his professional hockey career. Between 1953 and 1967 he played in the American Hockey League and with the NHL's New York Rangers. When the NHL expanded in 1967, Ken was drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins. He stayed with the Penguins franchise as a player (right winger - two time NHL All Star Selection) and Head Coach. After stepping

down from coaching, he held a variety of front office positions including Assistant General Manager and Scouting Director before joining the Hartford Whalers in 1989. Ken's passion for hockey continued following his retirement playing recreational hockey well into his 70's. Ken also served as color commentator for the Florida Everblades of the ECHL for several years and hosted many youth hockey camps.

One of his great joys came from coaching his grandsons. He was a lifelong avid golfer who also enjoyed fishing and gardening (and cookies).

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 12:00pm EST at Estero United Methodist Church, 8088 Lord's Way, Estero, FL 33928 and will be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/484465407> for those who cannot attend. The Schinkel family will be holding a Celebration of Life, when it is safe to travel for everyone.

Because of Ken's passion for introducing children to hockey, the family requests donations be made in his honor to the Junior Everblades Hockey Association. Donations may be mailed to: Junior Everblades Hockey Association, C/O Ken Schinkel Scholarship Foundation, 20301 Grande Oaks Blvd, Suite 118, PMB#74, Estero FL 33928 or via website: www.jreverblades.org where a link is provided for donations.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Estero United Methodist Church
8088 Lords Way Street
Estero, FL 33928

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Calvin Schinkel*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Schinkel family. I attended his summer hockey school with Lowell McDonald in Pittsburgh. It started a passion for the game that continues on to this day.*

Jed Cohen - March 06, 2021 at 04:25 AM



“ *I was s saddened to hear of the passing of Ken. He was a teammate, coach and good friend. I know he will be missed by all that knew him. My condolences go out to all the family members.*

Syl Apps

Syl APPS - December 08, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *My name is Jean Pronovost and had the pleasure to play with your Dad and for your Dad and I am bless that he made a commitment to JESUS because I too received the LORD in Atlanta with the flames so i look forward to have a good chat with him in the kingdom. GOD bless you all.*

Jean Pronovost - December 04, 2020 at 01:02 PM

JC

“ To my cousins, Ken, Karen, and Steven I send my thoughts and prayers to you and your families. No matter how old we are, we still need our dads and wonder how we'll get by without them. I pray his guiding hand will remain on your shoulders as you continue on, and live in honor and celebration of both your parent's lives and legacy.

Virtual hugs to you all! You are loved and thought of often.

- Judy Caggiula (Moyer)



Judy Caggiula - December 02, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mark Schinkel - December 01, 2020 at 07:22 PM

MS

“ As a young boy growing up in Ontario during the 60's and 70's, it meant a lot to have an uncle in the NHL. It became apparent to me later in life that, more importantly than his success in hockey and as much as we all enjoyed sharing in that part of his life, he was a kind and wonderful person. It is all the more evident with all of the stories that have been shared online. He will be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts are with the family as you celebrate a life well lived. Please know that Ken's brother Reuben also passes along his love and fond memories of his older brother.
- mark schinkel

Mark Schinkel - December 01, 2020 at 07:20 PM

GB

“ Condolences to the Schinkel family. Ken was a true professional and a pleasure to work with and of course he certainly was a good friend

--Greg Benedetti.

Greg Benedetti - December 01, 2020 at 01:23 AM

KH

“ I have very fond memories of Ken , especially taking me into the dressing room after a game where I sat beside Leo Boivin who gave me a Coke. I was around 10 and still cherish that experience 50 years later. I have many photos and autographs and a game used stick signed by Ken. He was such a gentleman and giving of his time. I attended one of his hockey schools in Pt. Colborne which was a thrill also.

That weekend in Pittsburgh that my Mom mentioned was another highlight, seeing the Pirates at field level and the Pens in a playoff game that night was awesome.

I send my condolences to the family and hope you can feel the love from those who had the honour and pleasure of meeting Ken.

Kevin Hollingshead - November 30, 2020 at 02:13 PM

JN

Worked with Ken at Don Simmons Hockey School when I was 15. The year he got drafted by Pittsburgh. Many interesting convetsations with him. A true gentleman. R.I.P. my friend.

Joe Nagy - November 30, 2020 at 06:39 PM



*To Ken's Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing Ken at church.
He was such a kind soul. Our thoughts are prayers are with you.*

John & Sharon Rowland (neighbors)

Sharon Rowland - December 04, 2020 at 10:19 AM

BT

“ *Kenny and family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will be greatly missed.*

Barbara Eybel Toohey- Niagara Falls

Barbara Toohey - November 30, 2020 at 09:58 AM

RH

“ There are certain people who touch the lives of those they know in a unique way. Knowing them brings us joy and inspiration, and when they are gone, memories of all they have done stay with us. Your loved one was one of those people to me. I am grateful to have known such a special person. remembering the good times we shared with Ken, seeing him play in Buffalo and several times in Pittsburgh and introducing Andy Bathgate to Ted (who passed in Feb. 2014) was such a thrill for him. Ken also gave us tickets to a ball game in Pittsburgh, the first and only time my Dad got to see a professional team play, it was an unbelievable day for him. Ken was such a kind gentleman and had the best smile!! Sincere sympathy to all the family on the loss of such a great man. Renie Hollingshead ,(Ted Hollingshead, deceased).

Renie Hollingshead - November 30, 2020 at 09:23 AM