



## Kenneth Scott Carmichael

June 24, 1939 - April 27, 2022

### Kenneth Carmichael

Ken Carmichael, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and systems analyst, died Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at his home in Lucas, Texas, surrounded by his loving family. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Carmichael was born Kenneth Scott Carmichael on June 24, 1939, in Baraboo, Wisconsin to parents Jean Graves and Kenneth Robert Carmichael. After high school, Ken took some time to travel in his infamous classic cars across America with his cousin Fritz Kauffman, he worked at the Chateau at Devil's Lake as well as fueling his passion for classic cars by working as a mechanic for friends of his in the Wisconsin racing circuit. He went into the Army in 1960 and was stationed in Japan where he worked as a topologist mapping the Pacific Ocean from a "secret" basement in Tokyo. From 1963 to 1967 he attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where he met the love of his life, Margie, in 1964. They married in 1965 and in 1967 Ken graduated with a double major in Mathematics and Geography intending to be a cartographer. Just before graduation, Ken was recruited for a new kind of career, computer systems analysis, from JCPenney Company. Penney's was venturing into a revolutionary payment system called credit cards and needed mathematicians to build their computing systems. The role of Systems Analysis struck Ken's love of mathematics, particularly the area of topology

and logic. But his hands-on work on cars never faulted, rebuilding Mustangs, Lincoln's, anything Ford he could get his hands on. Ken worked for JCPenney for 47 years as a systems analyst, a pioneer in computing, from 1967 until he retired from there for the third and final time, in 2014.

Ken is survived by his daughter Cara Speicher and her husband, Jeff, and Ken's grandchildren, Harrison Speicher and Olivia Speicher; his daughter Elizabeth Henke and her husband, Scott, and Ken's grandchildren, Haley Henke, Emily Henke and Matthew Henke; his son Benjamin Carmichael and his wife, Jennifer; and his daughter Katherine Luckey, her husband Sherman, Ken's grandchild, Demarcus Carmichael, his wife, Cara, and Ken's great-grandchildren, Shayla Carmichael, and Cashton Kenneth Carmichael. Ken's wife, Margaret Kilkenny Carmichael, passed away in 2015 to "save him a seat" in Heaven. They would have been married 50 years in September 2015. He will now rest next to her at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Richardson, Texas. A memorial mass will be hosted on May 20, 2022, at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 600 S Jupiter Rd in Richardson where Ken and Margie were founding members of the church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAY 20. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
600 S. Jupiter Road  
Richardson, TX 75081  
<https://josephcatholic.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Mickey was my cousin and we had good times with my Corvette and his sports car. He was 4 years older than I was. I was in his first wedding. My mom was his aunt.

Jim Potter - April 14, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Scott Carmichael.



May 19, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kenneth Scott Carmichael.



May 19, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ Sheryl, Steve, Sydnie and Shane Adler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Scott Carmichael.



Sheryl, Steve, Sydnie and Shane Adler - May 17, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Scott Carmichael.*



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May 16, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *I work with Beth and even though I never met him, I have grown to love her Daddy so much! Sending prayers to Beth and the whole family. Michelle*

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**Michelle** - May 16, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Scott Carmichael.*



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May 16, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Scott Carmichael.*



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May 13, 2022 at 06:52 PM