



## Kenneth E. Bodle

March 14, 1942 - October 9, 2018

Kenneth E. Bodle, age 76, of Shrewsbury, died Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester after a brief but valiant battle with liver cancer.

He was the husband of 54 years to Patricia G. (Hall) Bodle of Shrewsbury.

Born in Detroit, MI, Ken grew up in Cleveland, OH and moved to MA in 1988. He was the son of the late Kenneth Riley and Mary Josephine (Rademacher) Bodle.

Ken was retired from Sun Life of Canada in Wellesley, MA after 20 years in Sales Training and Management, and also worked for New York Life Insurance in Cleveland, OH for 8 years prior. Ken proudly started his career teaching German, Latin and English as well as guidance counseling at the high school level, and earned his M.A. in Education (Guidance and Counseling) in 1976. He was very involved in community service organizations and volunteer work in the Shrewsbury and Worcester area for the past 10+ years and received multiple recognitions for his work and dedication. He was a volunteer with the Shrewsbury Council on Aging, which included delivering weekly meals with the Meals on Wheels program, as well as volunteer work with the Senior Center in Shrewsbury.

Ken was also very involved in St. Anne's Church in Shrewsbury as a lector and one of the founding members of the St. Anne's Book Club. He was also a board member for the Boroughs Branch YMCA as well as on the Board for many years at South Meadow Condominiums in Shrewsbury where he lived. Ken proudly served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserves.

He would like to be remembered as a man of faith, friendship and most of all a proud grandfather (Poppop), father and husband. He was a sports enthusiast, lifelong fan of the Cleveland Browns and Indians and a converted Patriots and Red Sox fan since moving to Massachusetts. He was also a huge fan of any sports teams his grandchildren have been on over the years. His commitment to volunteer work and helping those less fortunate or able in his retirement years not only brought him joy but was also frequently recognized by multiple organizations with awards and accolades. Ken's humility and warmth transcended his 6'4" stature and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Along with his wife Patricia, he is survived by his daughter Karen Guderian and her husband, Bill, of Sudbury; two grandchildren, Emily (18) and Nicholas Guderian (15). He is also survived by his brothers Tom Bodle and Larry Bodle and their wives and families,

many extended family and friends who always appreciated his sense of humor, kindness and smile.

He was the father of the late Kathie Bodle and oldest brother of the late Jim Bodle.

Family and friends will celebrate Ken's life on Thursday, October 25, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Chiampa Funeral Home ~ The Sumner House, 5 Church Road, on the Common, Shrewsbury Center. The funeral for Ken will be held on Friday, October 26, at 10am with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne's Church, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. Burial will be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Kenneth Bodle may be made to University of Massachusetts Memorial Foundation (UMMF) in support of Cancer/Liver/Hepatic Cancer Research and Education. Gifts can be made online at [www.umassmed.edu/give](http://www.umassmed.edu/give) or mailed to: Office of Advancement, UMass Memorial Medical Center, 333 South St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Checks should be made out to UMMF-Liver/Hepatic Cancer and should note that the gift is in memory of Kenneth Bodle.

# Events

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OCT

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Visitation

04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Chiampa Funeral Home

5 Church Road, Shrewsbury, MA, US, 01545

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Funeral Mass

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Saint Anne's Church

130 Boston Turnpike Road, Shrewsbury, MA, US, 01545

# Comments

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“ Pat and family, I was so sad to hear about Ken. I remember when he retired he was so happy to be able to spend more time with the grandkids, and just enjoy his coffee in the morning. You guys were one of our favorite patients at the dental office. My thought and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Robbie Richardson  
Shrewsbury, Ma

Robbie Richardson - November 02 at 07:44 PM

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“ To Ken's family, please accept our heartfelt condolences. We met Ken every year when he walked with our group (Ann's Fans) at the Breast Cancer Walk every October in Boston.

We enjoyed our conversations together and looked forward to seeing him each year. He was always easy to spot with his height and hat!

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Ken will be missed.

Eric and Lisa Sandstrom

Eric Sandstrom - October 26 at 04:31 PM

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“ Cheryl's Classic Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Kenneth E. Bodle.



October 24 at 11:53 PM

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“ To The Family and Friends of Ken,  
I came to know Ken, at the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. He was a very kind and friendly member of the Y. We had many wonderful conversations about life, the Y, his family and faith. As the Marketing Director for the Y, I was always attending events to promote and market the YMCA, and my closest most loyal volunteer who was always there to help, support and recruit potential members was Ken. He will be missed greatly by his Y family, but I will personally miss his most! I am so sorry for your lost

and may God comfort and strengthen us in the days ahead as we continue to think about and miss our beloved friend.

God bless!

Sharon

**Sharon Henderson** - October 24 at 10:14 AM

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“ The Bodles: Larry, Joan, Geoffrey, Gerald, Gregory purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Kenneth E. Bodle.



**The Bodles: Larry, Joan, Geoffrey, Gerald, Gregory** - October 24 at 06:09 AM

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“ YMCA of Central Massachusetts, Ken had always been a dedicated, caring and compassionate member of our YMCA community. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family. We will certainly miss him

**Jeff** - October 15 at 11:07 AM

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“ Muzhar & Masuma Khokhar, neighbors at 15 Brookdale Cir, very sorry to lose such a wonderful person. He gave a lot for his community and always with a smile on his face. Condolences to his family. He will be missed.



**Muzhar Khokhar** - October 14 at 12:08 PM

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“ Christine and Gus Kovago, neighbors at 33 Old Laxfield Rd. are very sorry to lose such a wonderful neighbor of 18 years. We will miss his cheerful smile and pleasant demeanor. Our deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

**Gus Kovago** - October 10 at 04:11 PM