



## Kenneth Jay Talsma

April 10, 1941 - May 4, 2020

Kenneth Talsma, age 79, of Plainwell, passed away on May 4th. Kenneth was born on April 10th, 1941 to John and Clara (Leep) Talsma. To his peers and family Kenneth was known as a “gear head”. He loved working, rebuilding, restoring cars and owned Talsma Auto Upholstery business. He loved attending car shows, stock car races and was an award-winning recipient for his attention to detail and talent in upholstery. Kenneth also loved camping and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife Emily; three children, Patricia (Harvey) Becker, Jim (Roxanne) Talsma and Jennifer (Cornelius “Corky”) Zuydwegt; seven grandchildren, Nicole Bush, Crystal Beach, Jamie Talsma, Charlie Flanagan III, MaKenzy Flanagan, Brea Zuydwegt and CJ Zuydwegt; three sisters Joyce Ryland, Marilyn (Dale) Lemmer, Aneda (James) Matteson; two great grandchildren; two sibling in laws, Norma (William “Bill”) Broadhurst and Norman “Tom” (Mary) Hudson. Kenneth is preceded in death by one brother, Robert (Dorris) Talsma and son in law, Richard Sund, and parents.

While visiting Kenneth's webpage at [www.mccowensecord.com](http://www.mccowensecord.com) please sign the guestbook by lighting a candle, and/or sharing a memory with the family. The family is being assisted by the McCowen & Secord Funeral Home; Marshall & Gren Chapel, 120 S. Woodhams St. Plainwell, MI 49080 (269-685-5881). To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Kenneth Talsma please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Cemetery

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## Hillside Cemetery

Gun Plain Township, MI,

# Comments

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“ We were saddened to hear of Ken's passing. We will always be thankful for how he and Emily sold us our first home on Colfax. We had alot of good family living there. Still liked to meet up with Ken and Emily around town.

**Laurel Marsh** - May 27 at 09:47 AM

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“ Carolyn Jordan lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Jay Talsma



**Carolyn Jordan** - May 27 at 02:35 AM

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“ I will always remember my first (and most likely last) rumble seat ride. I will miss you Uncle Ken!  
-Robin

**Robin Souza** - May 08 at 06:39 PM

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“ I can just imagine my Dad's big smile when he welcomed his big brother home. Uncle Ken was a wonderful man, gentle and kind and so patient. I can hear his voice as he would show things off like the animals or the cars he would work on. Emily, Patty, Jim, and to my aunts I'm so sorry for your loss. Virtual hugs for all of you and of course our prayers and love. Amy (Talsma) Riemersma

**Amy (Talsma) Riemersma** - May 07 at 10:11 PM

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“ Always enjoyed my times chatting with him in the Upholstery shop and considered the family good aquantances of mine he will be missed by many

**Todd Allen** - May 06 at 08:18 PM

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“ Praying for you always, and sending hugs. Uncle Ken always had a quiet demeanor and a big smile. He was a very talented man. I loved to see his cars. We were blessed to have been able to have spent so much family time together, and i will cherish my memories of that. Much love to all.

**Sandy Adams** - May 06 at 06:42 PM

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“ I remember him as being quiet. He was a hard worker and always seemed to enjoy what he did. I could tell that he worked for the Lord. A great memory I have of him was playing dirty bingo at a family Christmas. Him and I fought over the same pair of socks (he eventually won). Uncle Ken, you are whole now.

**Kerry Penley** - May 06 at 03:17 PM

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“ Praying for you as you experience loss in an unprecedented time. A great memory I have of Uncle Ken is that when he spoke of his wife & children, he would smile from ear to ear. He enjoyed Emily's animals & always got a kick out of them. He loved to tell stories. He was extremely gifted, yet humble at his craft. His hospitality was very engaging.



**Deb (Talsma) DeJong** - May 06 at 06:47 AM