



## JOHN KENNETH DONALDSON

May 8, 1917 - November 9, 2018

DONALDSON, John Kenneth, age 101, of Monroe, passed away Friday, November 9, 2018 at Ohio Living Mount Pleasant of Monroe where he had resided for 19 years. He was born May 8, 1917 in Gore, Ohio. Ken served in W.W. II in the Army Air Corps. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University. He retired from the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Ohio. He was a member of the Monroe Presbyterian Church. Ken volunteered as an arborist at Mount Pleasant Retirement Village and enjoyed assisting others and hunting, fishing and trapping. Preceding him in death were his parents, Orland Vernon and Rose Christine (Bachman) Donaldson; his wife, Ann Elizabeth Donaldson in 2012; and one sister Bonnie Evans. He is survived by three children, Carol Marr, Nancy (Gordon) Nicely and Stephen Donaldson; two grandchildren, John Nicely and Andrew (Melanie) Nicely, and extended family and friends. There will be a visitation on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Mary H. Kittredge Chapel, Ohio Mount Pleasant, 225 Britton Lane, Monroe, Ohio 45050, followed by a service at 4:00 p.m. with Rev. Jeri Baker and Chaplain Karen Fleming officiating. Private interment will be at the Franklin Hills Memory Gardens, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110. Memorial contributions may be made to Ohio Living Mount Pleasant, 225 Britton Lane, Monroe, Ohio 45050 or to the Monroe Presbyterian Church, 57 W. Elm St., Monroe, Ohio 45050. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ JOHN KENNETH DONALDSON

September 13, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *I send my condolences from our Donaldson family in Ontario, Canada. The older members of the family had many wonderful memories of when Orland and Rose and family would visit. I corresponded a bit with Ken in his last years.*

Elizabeth Donaldson - January 21, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *One last, love filled hug for you, Ken, my dear friend . You will forever be in my heart and 'tho I know you are in a far better place, I Will Miss YOU!! say "hi" to my dad and perhaps a hug for me. Love, talking Judy  
a.k.a. Judy the Hugger ;)*

JUDY BEYERLEIN - November 20, 2018 at 04:18 PM

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“ The Ruschman family - Rosella (mother) and Judy, Cindy, Joni, Cheryl (sisters) - offers sincere condolences to your family.

*My sisters and I (Cheryl) have grown to know and care about your dad like our own. They are so similar in both appearance and personality it's uncanny!! After our dad passed in 2011, mom moved to Mt. Pleasant's apartments. It was there that our mom and oldest sister, Judy, befriended your dad. He was sitting alone in the dining room when Judy's heart swelled and she insisted on joining him at his table...whether he liked it or not!!! You see, our dad would most likely be eating alone if our mom passed before him and likely wouldn't be looking for (but really need) a friend. So Judy continued to visit with him whenever their paths crossed at the apartments and then in Assisted Living after our mom and your dad moved there. Judy loves to talk, so she dubbed herself "Talking Judy". But she cared for him in other ways - giving him a small bouquet of flowers and zipping his jacket when he was sat outside on a sunny but breezy day. A week before your dad passed, Judy visited him in his room. He had not been in the dining room for lunch and she heard his health was declining. He was laying in bed on his side with his eyes closed. She whispered. "Hi, Ken. It's Talking Judy". He slowly opened his eyes and grinned. He had his glasses on; she asked if he'd like to take his glasses off. He said "yes" and told her to put them on his bedside table. She did just that and he said "That feels much better. Thank you." Judy visited him the afternoon before he passed. He was sleeping but Judy still whispered "Hi Ken. It's Talking Judy." She was sure he heard her and was smiling on the inside. Knowing his time was close, she met me in the hallway with tears in her eyes. It was like losing our dad all over again.*

*Sweet Ken will certainly be missed by the Ruschman girls, but none more than Talking Judy who gently nudged her way into his life to keep him company...like it or not. (We think he liked it...eventually!!). Regretfully, Judy will miss your dad's service on Thursday. She is on a cruise celebrating her birthday but I know she's holding him close to her heart. Mom and I will be at his service*

*to say good-bye to our dear friend.*

*Warm regards, Cheryl (youngest Ruschman daughter/sister)*

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**Cheryl Ruschman Luckhaupt** - November 13, 2018 at 09:05 PM