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Kenneth “Ken” Eugene Nemeth, 66, passed away June 14, 2018 in Houston, Texas. He was born June 15, 1951 in Hamtramck, Michigan to Eugene and Patricia Anne (Ryder) Nemeth.

He attended St. Rita’s in Detroit from first through ninth grade and Clintondale High School for tenth through twelve grade. High school activities and achievements included: basketball, track, captain of the football and wrestling teams, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Society, Latin Club, Varsity Club, Key Club, Student Council and Salutatorian. He was inducted into the Clintondale Hall of Fame in 1999 in recognition of outstanding athletic achievement.

At Albion College in Albion, Michigan, he majored in geology and completed a B.A. degree in 1973. He graduated with honors after surviving Division II NCAA football, where he co-captained the team his senior year. Activities and honors include Sigma Nu fraternity, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa Society, All MIAA Honorable Mention Football 1972 (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association), and Albion College Varsity Award.

While completing an M.A. degree in 1976 at the University of Texas, Ken was a teaching assistant in the Department of Geological Sciences and a research assistant at the Bureau of Economic Geology. He turned in his thesis on a Monday, showed up for work at Shell Oil in New Orleans on Tuesday, and attended his first Mardi Gras the following week. From 1976 to 1980, he worked for Shell and then worked for Louisiana Land & Exploration in New Orleans.

Ken met Sandra Olson in 1976 at the Parc Fontaine Apartments where they both lived. Sandra was a teacher at Archbishop Blenk High School. They married June 11, 1977 at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans.

By fall 1981, Ken went to work for BlueSky Oil & Gas Company in Houston and later worked



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for Adobe Resources. In 1991, he moved to Dallas, Texas to work for Browning Oil Company. Schlumberger hired him in Dallas and moved him back to Houston in 1999.

Ken joined the Houston Geological Society (HGS) in 1981, the Dallas Geological Society (DGS) in 1991, and reactivated the membership in HGS in 2001.

A few of the activities and honors:

American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG): AAPG Imperial Barrel Award Committee, 2009 – 2018; Candidate for Vice President of Sections, 2011-2012; Vice Chairman, Imperial Barrel Award Committee, 2009 – 2012; Houston Geological Society, Alternate Delegate, 2012; Employment Committee Chairman, 1997 National Convention, Dallas; Dallas Geological Society, Alternate Delegate 1996-1998, 1998-2000; Dallas Geological Society, Delegate Vice-Chairman 1998-2000.

Houston Geological Society (HGS): Nominations Committee, 2015-2018; Past President, 2015-2016; Chairman, Nominations Committee, 2015-2016; President, 2014-15; President-Elect, 2013-2014; Honorary Membership, 2010; Office Committee Chairman, 2007-2010; Outstanding Service Award, 2007; Guest Night Committee, 2005-2007; Treasurer, 2004-2006; Treasurer-Elect, 2004-2005; Finance Committee Chairman, 2001-2005; Website Committee, 2003-2004; President's Award 2005; Rising Star Award, 2003; Entertainment Committee, Annual Shrimp Peel 1981-1985, Chairman 1983-85; Employment Committee, 1986-1991; Publicity Committee 1982 GCAGS Convention.

Dallas Geological Society (DGS): Newsletter Editor, Awards Committee Chairman 1998-1999; Co-Founder and Steering Committee Chairman, 1998; former Board Member, and Instructor, Ellison Miles GeoTechnology Institute, Brookhaven College, Dallas , Texas 1998 – 1999; Outstanding Service Award, 1998; Past President, Nominating Committee Chairman, 1997-1998; President, Newsletter Staff/Editor, 1996-1997, Host Society for AAPG Convention; President-Elect/Secretary 1995-1996; Employment Committee 1991-1995, Chairman, 1992-1995.

Gulf Coast Association Geological Society (GCAGS): Continuity Committee Chairman, 2010-2012; Continuity Committee, 2006-2012; Awards Committee, 2008-2011; Past President, 2008-2009; Author of President's Handbook for GCAGS Presidents, Best Practice passed on to AAPG



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Sections; President, 2007-2008; President-Elect/Vice-President, 2006-2007; Section Point Coordinator and Committee for AAPG Imperial Barrel Award, student exploration contest, 2008. Southwest Section American Association of Petroleum Geologists (SWAAPG): Candidate for President, 1999; Southwest Section Secretary, 1998-1999; Dallas Geological Society Delegate, 1997-1998; Dallas Geological Society Alternate Delegate, 1996-1997. Ken loved playing tennis. He attended multiple tennis tournaments across the gulf coast and participated in the World Oilman's Tennis Tournament (WOTT) for over 30 years, held at the Houston Raquet Club. Surviving him are his wife, Sandra; daughter, Samantha; brother-in-law, Foster Olson; sister, Debbie and her husband, Dan Doyle; nephews, Josh and Kyle Doyle; brother, John and wife, Denise

Nemeth; niece Stephanie and her husband, Michael Lee, and niece, Jennifer and her husband, Curtis Ferguson.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, St. Clair, Michigan. Visitation prior to mass 10 to 11 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in St. Clair, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to AAPG's Imperial Barrel Award (IBA), American Heart Association, or the charity of your choice in memory of Ken Nemeth. Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, China Twp. To offer on line condolences visit www.youngcolonial.com



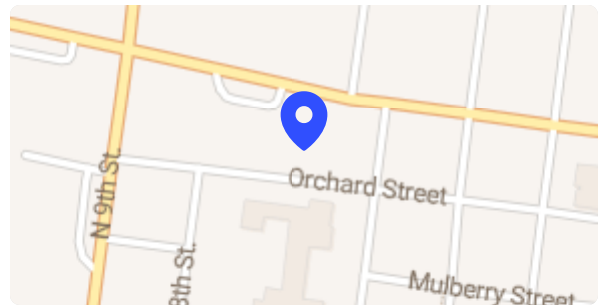
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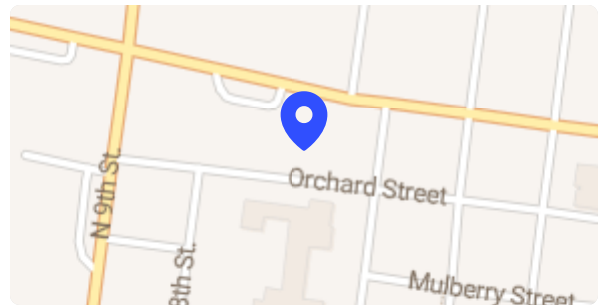
Visitation

- Friday**, June 22, 2018
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Mary's Catholic Church**
415 N Sixth, St.Clair MI



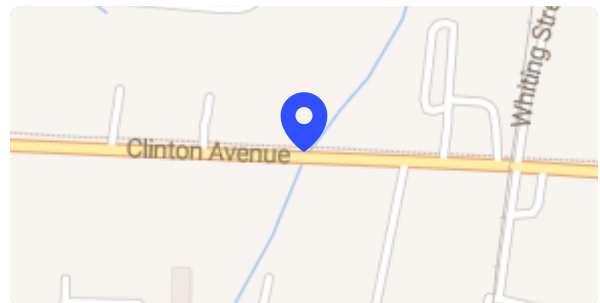
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Cemetery Details

- St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**
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Martin Habalewsky posted:

Ken Nemeth was one of my dearest and closest childhood friends. I treasure my memories of our playing together in our close-knit northend Detroit neighborhood and at St. Rita Elementary School. He was a mentor, role model and inspiration to me and the other kids on Cardoni Street -- where we hung out at each other's homes, in the street and in nearby playgrounds. In 2012, when I was very ill, I reached out to Ken, via LinkedIn. We had a very long and interesting exchange there and by email. I am so grateful I had that opportunity to tell him how much our friendship meant to me. He modestly denied being a mentor to me, but it was true. As a child, Ken was a natural athlete. He encouraged me to strive for excellence. Also, he was very intellectual, reading constantly. It is so surprise to me that he had an outstanding career as a geologist in the oil industry. When Ken was working for Shell Oil, in his early career years, he wrote a long and interesting letter to my parents. In it he provided great detail on his graduate studies and career. Also, he thanked them for everything they had done for him. Personally, I really enjoyed reading the full-text version of the obituary, listing all of Ken's career and professional association highlights. I learned about Ken's passing by reading an old edition of my home city's daily newspaper, where his obituary was published on June 21. I missed seeing it on that day because my wife Ruth and I were enroute to a vacation in Boston. I live a few miles away from St. Clair, Michigan -- in Port Huron -- and would have attended the funeral there had I been home. To Ken's wife Sandra and daughter Samantha, please accept my sincere condolences. Cheers to you, Ken, for a life well-lived.

June 29 at 6:52 AM



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