



## Warren Kenneth Porch

May 12, 2020

Warren Kenneth Porch, 80, of Pedricktown, New Jersey passed away on May 12, 2020. Ken was born in 1940 in Swedesboro, New Jersey to Elsa Porch (nee Spilleth) and the late Warren S Porch. He was a 1958 graduate of Penns Grove High School and went on to Rutgers University – South Jersey Camden Campus where he graduated with a BA in Business Administration in 1967. Ken worked side by side with his father on the farm that the family purchased in Pedricktown, NJ in 1954, which is still in operation today.

He married Suzanne Ridsdale in 1968 and together they made a life with their children on the farm, including building their family home with the help of his father.

Ken was not only a devoted father, but he also enjoyed the company of his family and friends and was the warm and humble host to many gatherings at his home. Ken also indulged in many other interests as he was not a person to remain idle and liked to serve his community. He was a history enthusiast, accomplished skier, substitute teacher at Penns Grove High School when he was not working the farm as well as being a member of the historical societies for Penns Grove, Pedricktown and Salem County. He also served as the Mayor of Pedricktown, NJ for 8 years, Director of First Home Savings Bank and Chair of the Farm Service Agency County Committee for 9 years. He received agricultural awards from Rutgers IPM as Vegetable Farmer of the

Year in 1991 and Salem County Farmer of the year in 2011. In his free time, he enjoyed traveling both domestically and internationally with his last trip occurring last year to Europe.

Ken Porch will be remembered as a gentleman farmer and a deep hearted family man whose true passion was his family. Although one would still find him on the farm with his son Brian in his later years, most people would have found him picking up grandchildren from sports practices or treating his grandchildren to special dinners and ice cream in South Jersey. For a man who held many titles in his life, grandfather was his favorite.

Ken is survived by his mother Elsa Porch; children Brian Porch (Angela) and Kristen Murphy (Mark); grandchildren Jason and Kiera Porch, and Caitlin, Lexi, and Aubrey Murphy; sister, Doris Salmon (Harry); and many nieces and nephews. His wife, Suzanne (Ridsdale) and father, Warren S. Porch predeceased him.

Arrangements are being made with Adams Funeral Home, Woodstown, New Jersey, however there will be no viewing. The date and time of a memorial service will be announced at a later time

In lieu of flowers please send donations in his name to the Pedricktown Ambulance and Fire Company.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your Loss Brian and your family always a pleasure to deal with you father on service calls to your farm a nice man to deal with  
*Barry Gruccio*

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**Barry Gruccio** - May 18, 2020 at 04:04 PM

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“ *Elsa, Doris, and family, you are in my thoughts as you grieve the loss of Ken. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

*Jane Seabrook  
Friends Village volunteer*

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**Jane Seabrook** - May 17, 2020 at 12:16 PM

BK

“ *My sympathy to Ken's extended family. May God bless you during this time of grieving. Ken was a high school classmate, and friend, who will be missed by many.*

*Bob Kille*

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**Bob Kille** - May 16, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Ken was a kind, protective older brother and friend to Doris and her family. All will mourn his passing but know that he finally rests in peace. He will always be in our prayers. Jim and Mary Jane Metzger (Virginia)*

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**VADM(Ret) and Mrs Jim Metzger** - May 16, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation, we send our most sincerest condolences. Ken was a board member for 6 years. He was a dedicated trustee. Ken brought expertise and insight to the work the Foundation sought to do. He is greatly missed.*

*Brenda Goins*

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**Brenda Goins** - May 15, 2020 at 10:28 PM

JF

*What a great farmer and always willing to share farm stories with NJ Dept of Ag employees who visited him at the farm! Jane Fogg LAC*

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**jane fogg** - May 18, 2020 at 08:29 PM