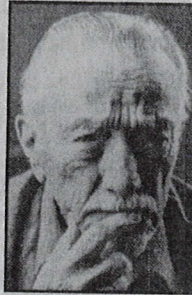


## Kenneth 'Ken' Lyle Stenstrom

Kenneth "Ken" Lyle Stenstrom, of Grace Village Retirement Community in Winona Lake, passed away at 12:40 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at Grace Village at the age of 91.



He was born on April 29, 1930, in Bemidji, Minn., to Alvira Wold Stenstrom and Andrew Manuel Stenstrom.



On Oct. 27, 1956, he married Romaine Estelle Amos and they spent the next 65

years of their marriage raising their children, becoming grandparents, traveling the world as missionaries and sharing their lives in everything they did before he passed away.

Ken graduated from Bemidji High School in Bemidji, Minn. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1948 and proudly served as an aviation photographer's mate second class until his honorable discharge in 1952. He was never afraid to try new things and served as a police officer for a number of years in San Leandro, Calif. He later worked in missions in Taiwan for four years, then for a short term in Romania, Malawi and Mexico. Ken was also mission house parent at Riverwood Ranch for eight years.

Ken lived in North Dakota for 11 years, then Palestine for a number of years and then later in Winona Lake. He liked to keep active and enjoyed being a former member of the Warsaw Morning Optimist Club and was a member of Winona Lake Free Methodist Church (now Winona Lake Community Church). Ken enjoyed woodworking, gardening, leatherwork and he never lost his passion for photography. He was never shy about sharing his opinion and would always speak his mind. Ken lived a nice long life of 91 years and he leaves behind many memories for those to remember him by.

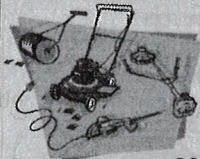
He leaves behind his wife, Romaine E. Stenstrom, Winona Lake; two daughters: Karen Engstrom, Vancouver, Wash.; Ruth (Larry) Wilson, Bedford, Va.; two sons: Raymond Stenstrom, Folly Beach, S.C.; William (Judith) Stenstrom; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters: Elizabeth Christensen, Eugene, Ore.; Harriet Tesch, Bemidji, Minn.; three brothers: Arvid Stenstrom, Boiling Springs, S.C.; Stenstrom, Paso Robles, Calif.; and LeRoy Stenstrom, Bemidji, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Ken's life will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Pastor Jordan Ickes.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at [www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com](http://www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com).

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## Sharon Joy Gallagher

Sharon Joy Neeley Gallagher of Claypool, 70, was called to her heavenly home during her stay in Scottsdale, Ariz., and began her eternal life with her Lord and Savior on the evening of Jan. 25, 2022.



Sharon was born to Dayton and Joyce Seppala Neeley in Chicago on June 16, 1951. She attended Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973.

Sharon was at Cedarville College where she met the man who would become her future loving husband, Jeff. Sharon and Jeff were married on June 16, 1973, at Sharon Baptist Church in Sharon, Pa. She then went on to obtain a master's degree from Walden University and certifications in literacy education from Purdue University.

Sharon began her teaching career at Valley Christian School in Santa Maria, Calif., in 1973. She took time off to raise her sons and then returned to teaching at Silver Lake Elementary and Claypool Elementary School before eventually teaching at and retiring from Lincoln Elementary School in Warsaw.

Sharon's mission in life was to educate those she came in contact with, especially her students at Lincoln Elementary School where she was employed as a literacy coordinator. She also enjoyed singing her favorite hymn "The Love of God Greater Far" by Fredrick M. Lehman - a hymn taught to her by her mother. She would often break out in song when she and Jeff would have their morning devotions together. Sharon and Jeff were members of Pleasant View Bible Church in Warsaw, where she enjoyed teaching Sunday School for many years.

Sharon possessed the kind of warm personality and selflessness that was immediately felt by those fortunate enough to meet or know her. Her kindness and smile could light up the room and she adored all of her family, friends, students and fellow church members. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and sister, as well as a talented homemaker who enjoyed knitting, cooking and studying the written word of the Lord.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jeff; her sons: Joel (wife Jennifer and two children), of Fort Wayne; and James, of Warsaw; her father, Dayton Neeley, of Wadsworth, Ohio; her daughters: Deanna (husband Michael Dungan and two sons), of Dayton, Ohio; Cynthia (husband Gordon Belles and daughter), of Claypool; Elizabeth (husband James Schlagel), of Fairlawn, Ohio; Martin (wife Kathy and two children), of Charleston, S.C.; Wendell, of Valparaiso; and numerous cousins throughout the U.S. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce (Seppala) Neeley; stepmother, Eloise (Butcher) Neeley; brother, Leland; and sons, Daniel and an infant son. She will be deeply missed by all.

Sharon's life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Pastor Mike Hontz of Pleasant View Bible Church. A graveside service will follow at Oakview Cemetery, Silver Lake. Friends and family may visit prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Right to Life of North Central Indiana, P.O. Box 1162, Warsaw, IN 46581-1162 or donate online at <https://nci4life.org/donate/>; or to Heartline Pregnancy Center, 1515 Provident Drive #180, Warsaw, IN 46580 or donate online at [heartlinepregnancycenter.org/donate/](http://heartlinepregnancycenter.org/donate/). Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at [www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com](http://www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com).

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