

Kenneth Vernon Nygren

July 11, 1943 - September 23, 2020

Kenneth Vernon Nygren, aged 77, of Eagle, Wisconsin, died on September 23, 2020, at East Troy Manor Nursing Home in East Troy, Wisconsin.

Ken Nygren was born on July 11, 1943, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to John Karl Nygren Sr. and Vivian Irene Mobley Nygren. From 1987 until his death, his partner was Carolyn Baker Siemers. He was married from 1964 to 1983 to Jean Eldredge Paszkiet, and together they had four children.

Ken Nygren was a licensed professional engineer and was owner of the American Foundry and Furnace Company, Big Bend, Wisconsin, at the time of his retirement in 2005. He was an active member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and held several patents on heating and cooling technologies.

A native of Eagle, Wisconsin, he graduated Mukwonago Union High School in 1962, earned an associate degree in applied science in structural technology from the Milwaukee Institute of Technology in 1964 and an associate degree in applied science in air conditioning and refrigeration technology in 1969 from the Milwaukee Technical College (both now part of Milwaukee Area Technical College), and completed a certificate program at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and a four-year engineering apprenticeship. An avid bow hunter, he sought large game in Wisconsin, Colorado, and Canada and enjoyed travel, boating, dancing, and playing pool.

After his retirement, he and Carolyn Siemers lived in Elcho, Wisconsin, and Riverview, Florida, before returning to Eagle in 2010.

He is survived by his loving partner Carolyn Siemers; his children Margaret Nygren (John Cassels), Gene Nygren (Margaret Summers Nygren), Michael Nygren, and Rita Nygren (Scott Frey); his grandchildren Milo Nygren-Cassels, Colin Nygren-Cassels, Erik Nygren, and Debra Nygren; his siblings Carolyn Boyden, John Nygren Jr. (Ann Fohr Nygren), and Jerry Nygren (Shirley Gollnow Nygren); his nephews and nieces Andrea Kahn, Michael Boyden, Patrick Boyden, Christopher Boyden, Karl Nygren, Lisa Marie Kaufman, Nathan Nygren, Mathew Nygren, Andrew Nygren, and Rebecca Chappa; and his former wife, Jean Paszkiet.

Ken Nygren was preceded in death by his parents John and Vivian Nygren, nephew Bryan Nygren, and brother-in-law Dennis Boyden.

A private memorial is scheduled for family, and a celebration of his life is to be held on or about the first anniversary of his passing.

The Cremation Society of Wisconsin is assisting the family at this time.