



## Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr.

March 17, 1949 - September 29, 2018

Dr. Kenneth Joseph Mawritz Sr., age 69, husband of Natalie A. (Shadwick) Mawritz, of Collegeville, PA, formerly Palmyra, PA, passed away on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at home. Born on March 17, 1949 in McKeesport, PA, he was a son of the late Joseph and Helen (Campayno) Mawritz.

Dr. Mawritz (Dr. Ken) was a graduate of Serra Catholic High School in McKeesport. He obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Duquesne University, and achieved his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh. He was a school counselor and football coach for the Norristown Area School District before he accepted a position as Assistant Principal and later became Principal for the Conneaut School District. He would then move on to Lebanon High School as a Principal, followed by the Director of Secondary Education for the State College Area School District. He taught as a Professor at Immaculate University, and currently was a Professor in the School of Education at Drexel University, where he mentored a number of doctoral students and was highly regarded as one of the best professors in the doctoral program.

Dr. Ken cherished the time he spent with his family. He was proud that his grandchildren called him "Happy", a moniker they derived from his joyful and enthusiastic demeanor. It was also a nickname that would be used by friends and associates alike. He was an avid reader, and enjoyed biking and playing a

round of golf. He was an avid Steelers fan and enjoyed watching football. Dr. Ken also belonged to the Sheiks Social Club at Duquesne, where he made several life-long friendships.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Ken is survived by two children, Kenneth J. Jr., husband of Mary Mawritz of Havertown, PA and Holly L., wife of Jonathan Goodroad of Glenside, PA; four grandchildren, Logan, Liam, Lucas, and Madeleine; two siblings, Nancy, wife of Joseph George of Germantown, MD and Thomas Mawritz of McKeesport, PA; and two nephews, Jason and Brendan George.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial service at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc, 610 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 11:00 am. Burial will be held privately. Friends will be received from 9:00 am - 11:00 am Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004. Condolences may be made by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc  
610 South Main Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

### Memorial Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Phoenixville, PA 19460

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ My name is Troy Whitman, a 1997 graduate of Lebanon Senior High School in Lebanon, PA. My memory was on my graduation night, just after the graduation activities ended, I began to walk home. Doc Mawritz recognized me as one of the graduates, and refused to let me walk home on my graduating night. He offered to give me a ride home. That was the last day I saw him because not long after that he went to teach at Penn State. He gave me the utmost respect as my Principal, he wasn't just my Principal he was a good friend. He will be truly missed!

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**Troy Whitman** - September 14, 2025 at 03:31 PM

MB

“ I miss you everyday. I can't thank you enough for all you've done for me. -Dr. Marone Brown



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**Marone Brown** - August 09, 2022 at 08:46 AM

KW

“ He was my principal at Valley. He was a great guy. He knew all the students and was always in the halls to say hello. Sorry for your families loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to you all.

*Kim Wright  
Class of 88*

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**Kim Wright** - March 19, 2019 at 09:33 AM

WM

“ We called him *Captain Ken* when he worked as principal at *Conneaut Valley HS*. He was always smiling... when I was a senior I had nose surgery and he made sure to call and check on me, he sang happy birthday to me over the loud speaker.... he was an inspiring person. He is missed.

wendy guiney montello - March 19, 2019 at 08:57 AM

JS

“ So very sorry to learn of Ken's passing. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends at this time of loss. Good memories of Ken during his days as Principal of Lebanon High School. A fine professional dedicated to educating students and giving them the tools needed to advance to the next chapter in life after graduation. Rest in peace.



John Shott - October 21, 2018 at 06:28 PM

SF

“ Dr. Ken,  
Thank you!  
Steve Flemming

Stephen Flemming - October 05, 2018 at 04:54 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



MaryJo Bastacky - October 05, 2018 at 10:33 AM

SK

“ With a sad heart I send condolences and prayers to the family of Dr. Ken Mawritz. I am honored to have taken several classes with him over the past year and found his ability to connect and champion students his greatest gift. I am extremely grateful for his sincere acknowledgements, meaningful feedback, and untiring dedication. I will miss his humor, infectious smile, music before class, and special pics of the family. Dr. Ken will be a lasting memory I will cherish for years to come. May you find comfort in knowing he has touched so many.



Saundra L King

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Saundra King - October 05, 2018 at 08:52 AM

RG

“ I first met Ken at Mary's and Ken's wedding. I was surprised that he seemed to know who I was even though I had never met him. It showed that he was attentive to his children's stories involving their friends and truly cared about people. What stood out the most about Ken was his radiating enthusiasm and love. He immediately made me feel comfortable and at ease. As I've gotten to know the Mawritz family, I've admired Ken as a parent, spouse, and grandparent. As someone who didn't always have a positive male figure around, I would listen to Ken's and Mary's stories and think: "I want to be like Ken and Natalie someday!" Ken will live on in my memory as an exemplar of love and how to live a truly full life. Mawritz family and friends, I'm truly sorry for your loss. I pray that you reflect on Ken's love and know that his brightness will live on through memories and all who knew him. Love, Rebecca and Ryan Greenbaum

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Rebecca Greenbaum - October 04, 2018 at 06:11 PM

MS

“ *Dr. Ken will be greatly missed. He was a kindhearted voice of reason and logic in the tempest that is the Drexel Doctoral program. My deepest sympathies and condolences go out to his family and friends during this difficult time. I only knew him professionally, and miss the mentorship and guidance he provided, so I can only imagine what those closest to him are going through. May we all strive to bring the kind, lighthearted, and sincere attention to our lives that Dr. Ken brought to his everyday. He is a better place now. God bless you, sir.*

Michael Shipman - October 04, 2018 at 11:11 AM

MX

“ *Mary & Marc, Eileen & Glenn, & Tom & families XOXO purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..*



Mary & Marc, Eileen & Glenn, & Tom & families XOXO -  
October 03, 2018 at 09:43 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - October 03, 2018 at 05:31 PM



Jonathan Crawford

*Our family shares it's deepest condolences. Mr. Mawritz was one of a kind and will be sorely missed. His smile, guidance, love of sports, and family arenjustna few memorable attributes of an unforgettable man. With our best Regards, The Crawford Family*

Jonathan Crawford - October 04, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..



October 03, 2018 at 03:59 PM



AI

“ Aaron Barr & Barr Associates, Inc purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..



Aaron Barr & Barr Associates, Inc - October 03, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..



October 03, 2018 at 02:03 PM

JR

“ Dr. Ken meant so much to me that my wife who never met or spoke to him was crying before she told me of the news. Dr. Ken was a friend, a colleague, an advisor, a mentor, and often times a father figure. He lived his life the right way. We often spoke for long periods of time over phone and in person about life, work, and school. These conversations would go for decent amounts of time even though he was extremely busy. He took the time for everyone! I know that our interactions together over the past 8 years have made me a better person. I'll miss his company. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family during this difficult time.

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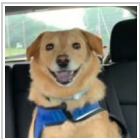
**Joel Rodriguez** - October 03, 2018 at 07:15 AM

DT

“ I am so shocked to learn that dear Kenny my childhood friend has passed. So many beautiful memories. From a very young age he was always wearing a smile, kind, gentle and just full of good thoughts in all that he did. I can only imagine how deep this loss will be felt by the family. He really was an exceptional man. My heart aches and sending much love and comfort to the family. Donna Shuster

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**DONNA TITUS** - October 02, 2018 at 11:25 PM



“ I wanted to send my condolences to the family - Dr. Ken was an amazing professor. He guided me through my dissertation - holding my hand, kicking my butt but always with such care never letting me doubt that I would succeed. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Dianna O'Connor  
Drexel 2017

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**Dianna OC** - October 02, 2018 at 08:20 PM

AW

“ *Asya Johnson, Sandy Mason, Van Truong, Tasia White purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..*



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**Asya Johnson, Sandy Mason, Van Truong, Tasia White -**  
October 02, 2018 at 07:07 PM



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**Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home -** October 02, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..*



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October 02, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..*



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October 02, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Mawritz Sr..*



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October 02, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *We were so very sad to hear of the passing of Ken. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the memories of your beloved be everlasting.*

*Linda and Dick Astor*

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**Linda Astor** - October 02, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ *I would like to send my sincere condolences to Dr. Ken's family. I recently had the great fortune to meet and study under Dr. Ken. In that short period of time, he left an indelible impression on me and exposed me to a lesson that will guide me throughout the rest of my life, my Blind Spot. His teachings and class assignments/exercises exposed and enlighten me in ways that have proven to be valuable. His love for family and music was present in some way in every class session. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Carmen Poston** - October 01, 2018 at 09:43 PM

JC

“ *Alycia and I are so sorry.*

*I personally remember how, at your wedding, how during his toast, Ken gave you a big surprise which he had saved for just that moment.*

*I could tell how much he loved you and, I know you loved him equally.*

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**Joe and Alycia Coyle** - October 01, 2018 at 05:40 PM

KM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Ken when he was Principal of the Lebanon High School. He was always concerned with helping students to be the best they could be and he really cared about their success.*

*Karen Mills*

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**Karen Mills** - October 01, 2018 at 01:09 PM

JG

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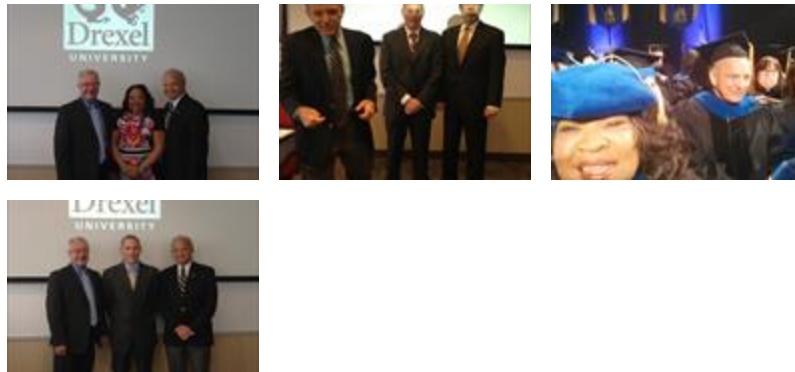
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**John Gould** - October 01, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences and prayer for your Wife, Natalie, children and all family. I lost a colleague but most of all, I lost a dear friend. Ken was a most loving, kind, warm and compassionate leader and professional. I hope you are listening now.*

*Ken, you taught us the meaning of "being present" in all his actions. I will miss every moment and triumph that we shared during our professional journey. Ken, you always said, "Joyce, you always dress like you are going to the prom"! and then encourage me to keep doing what makes me happy. We both know that few things at work made us happier than seeing our students across the "finish line". My friend you finished your journey on earth and all I can say is "Well done, my friend, well done"...Mission accomplished. Your hands and footprints on the Drexel EdD program will live on forever.*  
-----*Dr. Joyce Pittman, Drexel University, School of Education.*  
*Educational Leadership EdD Program*



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**Joyce Pittman** - September 30, 2018 at 07:34 PM

PD

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and prayers to your family. I will always remember how wonderful Dr Mawritz was working with parents, including Joe and me, during the tumultuous time of the Palmyra school district controversy. Joe and I admired his strong and fair leadership. Your family was blessed with a wonderful husband and father. God bless and comfort you during this sad time.*

*Pat DiCello*

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**Pat DiCello** - September 30, 2018 at 07:01 PM