



Kenneth R. "Chet" Stutzke Jr.

December 13, 1952 - January 21, 2026

Kenneth R. "Chet" Stutzke, Jr., 73, of Ridge Road, Amsterdam, passed away at home on Wednesday morning, January 21, 2026.

He was born in Amsterdam on December 13, 1952, a son of Kenneth and Mildred Gage Stutzke and attended school in Perth. Chet was a lifelong area resident.

He was employed for nearly 10 years at Lancaster Construction in Cobleskill. In 1980, Chet established Ken & Sons Trucking in Amsterdam, that he owned and operated until retiring in 2016.

Chet loved old cars, antique hot rods, and attending car shows. He loved boating, motorcycling, and RV camping. Chet was known as Transmission as a CBer.

He was a former member of the Polish American Veterans in Amsterdam and the American Legion in Broadalbin.

In addition to his parents, Chet was predeceased by a son, Kenneth III.

Survivors include his longtime companion, Beth Covell; a son, Louis (Nancy) Stutzke of Gloversville; a daughter-in-law, Anna Stutzke of Amsterdam; a sister, Linda Stutzke (Jeff Chandler) of Perth; a grandson, Austin Stutzke; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A celebration of Chet's life will be held in the spring. Final burial will be in Perth Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas

Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

UPDATE: SPRING BURIAL INFORMATION

Final burial for Chet will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Perth Cemetery with Rev. Dr. R. W. Williams, officiating.

Cemetery Details

Perth Cemetery

County Highway 107
Amsterdam, NY

Previous Events

Final Burial

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Perth Cemetery
County Highway 107
Amsterdam, NY

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Janet Henzler lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. "Chet" Stutzke Jr.



Janet Henzler - February 14 at 01:06 PM

JJ

“ Lou and Nancy,Beth, Linda and family we are so sorry for your loss. Chet was a great guy. I remember one day out on the lake with Chet Lou, Hoss and us. John and Hossy took the boat for a ride and on the way back to the island the boat split in two and it was sinking fast.they came flying into the island. Omg we got the boat back to Sam's who was waiting for us with a trailer. Chet the awesome guy he was gave us another boat the next day. He was one of a kind. RIPChet

John and Michele Johnsen - January 30 at 02:22 PM

CJ

“ Cheryl Mound Johndrow lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R. "Chet" Stutzke Jr.



Cheryl Mound Johndrow - January 29 at 06:08 PM

CJ

my great friend from eons ago...motorcycle rides...party guy...awesome friend ❤️ my heartfelt condolences to Louie...your Dad was one of the best friends from my party-girl days...!m so 😞 sad

Cheryl Mound Johndrow - January 29 at 06:12 PM

TJ

“ *Lou, Nancy, and Family*
I will keep you in my prayers as I send my condolences. May your father rest easy with our Lord, and your memories of him always bring a heartfelt smile.

Tammy Jewell - "T2"
Vandenburgh Point

Tammy Jewell - January 29 at 08:32 AM

PR

“ *Sending my most Heartfelt Condolences*



Penny Ross - January 27 at 03:44 PM

LC

“ *My sincere condolences to Louie and Nancy. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and hugs to you both.*

Lori Chovanec - January 27 at 01:00 AM

MJ

“ *To Louie and family; we were saddened to read that your father passed away. May your many happy memories give you strength and comfort during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Bill and Marj Jones



Marj Jones - January 26 at 08:20 PM

AC

“ Chet if I go out to mow and it starts to rain I will know my mowing still brings you to tears! Thank you for attempting to teach me the proper way to mow I'm sorry for all the anxiety my way of mowing caused you but will treasure the few lessons you attempted to give before finding it easier to hide inside until I'm done thank you for always indulging my sons curiosity for all things on your property and never shaking a cane at him to get off your lawn but instead letting him explore and find all the random things you have in your backyard and question you about what it is and why you have it and if he can have it when he is big enough! May you be at peace

Ann-Marie Cheney - January 26 at 03:24 PM

KM

“ Linda, truly sorry you're family loss, keeping you in my prayers.
Kathy McMartin

Kathy McMartin - January 26 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ The last time I saw Chet was a while ago at our house. He stopped in and we had a good talk. We caught up on the good times and what we were doing. Gonna miss him.

Jim Smith - January 26 at 09:26 AM

JH

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Janet Henzler - January 25 at 11:58 AM