



Ken Chartrau

August 20, 1975 - August 4, 2025

Kenneth Scott Chartrau, 49, of Machesney Park; died on August 4, 2025. Born August 20, 1975 in Rochelle; son of Ronald P. and Linda (Diesel) Chartrau. Graduate of Rochelle High School, class of 1993. Early in his career, he worked as an Audio Visual Technician, installing sound systems and other equipment. He was also employed as an Electrician in Minneapolis; when he returned to the area, he took over his mom's business, The Piano Works; tuning and repairing pianos.

Ken loved music - writing many songs he had copywritten, including "Gone But Not Forgotten". He also recorded many songs with his various bands 3rd Degree, Moontower, Sleeping Budha and most recently Chartrau & Lensing.

Survived by his parents; Ron and Linda; brother, Greg Chartrau; brother-in-law, Guillermo Sarmiento; Aunts, Patricia Lachler, Joy Chartrau; nephews and nieces, Beckett, Elliette, Harrison, Mateo; friends, Matt Zawislak, Josh Stevenson, Brook Miller, and Cory Lensing. Preceded in death by his sister, Christine Sarmiento. Ken loved to be with his nephews and niece and they all loved their uncle Ken.

Memorial visitation on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 10:00 am at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2336 Freeport Rd. Rockton; followed by a Celebration of Life a 11:00 am, Pastor Dan Herman will officiate. Immediately following the service, family will host a luncheon at the church. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Church
2336 Freeport Rd
Rockton, IL 61072-1816
(815) 624-2115

Funeral Service

AUG **12**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2336 Freeport Road
Rockton, IL

Tribute Wall

CE

“ Just heard of Ken passing. He didn't show for our piano tune. Ken would always call the day before the appointment. We knew Ken from the small circle of music. We are grateful for the time we knew him and his willingness to check out pianos before we purchased one for our daughter. Ken was a solid person, thoughtful, and a kind soul. Rest in peace.

Chet Epperson - March 15 at 04:35 PM

CX

“ Our love and support to Linda, Ron, Greg, and Pat, the rest of the family and friends. We are with you.



Claudia and Ximena - August 12, 2025 at 12:17 PM

CH

“ His gentle kind smile will be a memory to cherish. Sending our love and support to his family and friends.



Claudia Sarmiento and Ximena Henderson - August 11, 2025 at 10:43 PM

CL

“ I have known Ken for 26 years since we first met working at Full Compass Systems in Madison, WI , we have been in 5 bands (Wooly Velvet, Liquid Jelly, Kizmet, Sleeping Buddha, & Chartrau/Lensing), with over 100 studio songs we co-wrote together), Ken was a close friend and a gifted musician and will be truly missed. May his memories and music live on.

Cory Lensing - August 10, 2025 at 02:18 PM

SS

“ All of us have a heavy heart and feel for the entire family. Last time I saw Ken was during the days after his sister passed. We took comfort in one another (We are both fellow 'uncles'). I very much appreciated his sense of humor and witty thoughts and comments. May he rest in peace.

Sergio G. Sarmiento - August 09, 2025 at 05:48 PM

CM

“ Chris, Matt, Rob & Mike purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ken Chartrau.



Chris, Matt, Rob & Mike - August 09, 2025 at 12:57 PM

CM

“ Chris, Matt, Rob & Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ken Chartrau.

Chris, Matt, Rob & Mike - August 09, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ken Chartrau.



August 07, 2025 at 10:08 PM



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TE

“ I remember Kenny as such a sweet boy in my classroom. Always full of energy and smiles. My heart aches for you.

Terry - August 07, 2025 at 08:26 PM

LD

“ Love, Ted, Sara, Sean, and Daisy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ken Chartrau.



Love, Ted, Sara, Sean, and Daisy - August 06, 2025 at 07:07 PM