



Harold R. Kemp

December 21, 1956 - November 7, 2025

Harold (Buzz) Kemp, age 68, of Ridgefield and previously of Lanoka Harbor, NJ, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2025.

Loving husband (of 45 years) of Lynn Kemp (nee Cleveland). Devoted father of Jennifer Kasabian and her husband Ari of Ridgefield, and Jonathan Kemp of Ridgefield. Cherished Grandfather to Ariana (his birthday twin). Dear brother of Frank Kemp and his wife Sue of Morganville, NJ, Peggy Barrett and her husband Jack (deceased) of Toms River, Gregory Kemp and his wife Judi Gerardis of North Haledon. Predeceased by his brother, Raymond. Devoted uncle of Emily, Matthew, Jacqui, Catie, Joseph, Alissa, Kayla, Rebecca, Nicole, James.

Buzz was born in Weehawken to his parents Harold and Mary Kemp. He was raised in Union City. He was a mechanical Engineer who worked in both Aerospace and Medical Device industries. Buzz was an innovative engineer and machinist in the development of new processes and equipment related to the production of orthopedic implants. He was a dedicated volunteer EMT for many years on both Union City and North Bergen Ambulance Squads. He was President of Lakeland Aero Model Club - instrumental in the development of Leonia Airdrome (BCMA) in Overpeck Park. He was an avid model airplane pilot, who built and flew both gas and electric planes. Helped to instruct and mentor novice model airplane pilots and loved all things related to aviation.

Buzz was a gifted “Mr. Fix-It” – could figure out anything mechanical in the house, a car or boat. Family members and neighbors often called upon his experience when they needed help, and he never hesitated to assist. Buzz was a proud member of the Ridgefield NJ GOP and cared about the community, pitching in as a coach, civic leader and supportive neighbor. He also lived in the Lanoka Harbor NJ community and could be seen frequently walking his dogs to the beach and chatting with neighbors. He enjoyed the waters of Barnegat Bay and having fun with friends and family on the lagoon and just living the Jersey Shore life.

The family would like to offer a special thanks to all the teams who cared for him at HUMC and home.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to: Tunnel to Towers Foundation ... www.t2t.org

Cemetery Details

Private

789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
info@volkleber.com
<http://www.volkleber.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Matthew RCC
555 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, NJ

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *I had the pleasure of working with the Buzz at Howmedica and Stryker... Such a sweet person and will always have a smile. Will miss you my friend... My condolences to the family. God Bless*

Michelle Dorch Lafontant

Michelle Dorch Lafontant - November 19, 2025 at 09:19 AM

AZ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Harold in 2011 when I was an intern at Stryker. He became my mentor, and I relied on him to help me become something resembling a professional. Harold was always warm, patient, and kind, despite me being an insufferable smart-ass at times.

He had a gift for breaking down the most complex topics so they were easy to understand. The casual way he could illustrate objects so beautifully always left me thinking he could have easily been an artist with his drafting skills. I attribute much of my career success to the lessons Harold taught me and the responsibility he trusted me with. He always made me feel like I belonged.

He was so kind that our team created a running gag about a fictional alter ego we called “Evil Harold.” We’d mimic his voice in a higher pitch and say, “Hey pal...” followed by some absurd threat. The idea of him being mean was so ridiculous that we’d all burst out laughing. When he eventually caught on, he joined in on the fun. I still think back on those moments as one of the best teams I’ve ever worked with.

It’s hard to truly get to know people at work sometimes, but Harold was always genuine, you knew you were getting the real Harold. I regret not making time to visit him these past few years. It always feels like there will be more time, until there isn’t.

I’ll miss you, pal. I promise to pass on the patience and kindness you always showed me.

Alex Zuniga - November 11, 2025 at 03:39 PM

AP

“ Buzz ,I was lucky to have you as my friend ,you were always there to listen and help me when I need it something.I'm glad that I worked along with you at the flying field on different projects too,The laughs, tales and talks we had will live on with me until we meet again . I'll miss you ,your friend always... Amilcar.....



Amilcar Perillo - November 11, 2025 at 08:17 AM

HC

“ I had the privilege of meeting Harold (Buzz) through work; We were cell mates. Of course , manufacturing cell mates. Our friendship got stronger over the years to the point that we became family. He was my big brother, the one that was always there for me through good and bad times. I learned a lot from him and I am grateful for him helping me wanting to be a better person. I will never forget him and I trust in God with meeting him again in heaven. Rest in peace my brother, we will see each other again. 🙏❤️🕊️

Hector Cartagena - November 11, 2025 at 05:20 AM

“ *In Loving Memory of a Wonderful Neighbor and Friend*
We were truly blessed to have a neighbor like Buzz, he was someone who was always ready to lend a helping hand. During every snowstorm, while most of us stayed inside keeping warm, he would be out there with his snow blower, going up and down the block to clear walkways for everyone. He never waited to be asked; helping others was simply who he was.
He was our neighborhood “Mr. Fix-It,” the person you could always count on when something needed repairing or when a project felt too big to tackle alone. I’ll never forget how he helped us put in our side door, not because he had to, but because he genuinely wanted to help. That’s just the kind of person he was: kind, generous, and dependable.
His presence made our community stronger, warmer, and closer. I will miss his kindness, his laughter, and his spirit of generosity that touched so many lives.
May he rest in peace, knowing how deeply he was appreciated and how greatly he will be missed.

Piera Di Giulio - November 10, 2025 at 07:51 PM

HC

“ I had the privilege to meet Harold (Buzz) through work. Since we met, we have grown a strong bond and our friendship becoming unbreakable. I learned to consider him my brother throughout these years for his kindness and willingness to always help me and get me out of trouble. He was that great coach, which instructions were glued in and shaped me be a better man. I thank you for your wisdom, kindness, and support you have given me. I will see you again and will stay put as you watch over from heaven. May you rest in peace, I will never forget you. 🙏🙏💙🕊️



Hector Cartagena - November 10, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JG

“ JoAnne Gracis lit a candle in memory of Harold Kemp



JoAnne Gracis - November 09, 2025 at 06:46 PM

BM

“ I have been fortunate to call Buzz my friend for close to thirty years. I worked with Buzz almost non stop for that whole time. During that time, I got to see his children grow from toddlers to the fine adults they are today. We got to share many good times with Buzz and Lynn by them allowing us into their lives.

Buzz was a perfectionist whether it was restoring his MG or building a oak staircase for his home or with his favorite passion of building RC planes.

But his greatest gift was helping others, shoveling his neighbors driveways, fixing their lawnmower, or saving the life of a fellow employee at work that had a heart attack.

Buzz was also a dedicated husband and father, always keeping me up to date on the accomplishments of his family.

Buzz, you were a second brother to me, I miss you dearly. Thank you for the honor of being your friend.

Bob Mykytka - November 09, 2025 at 06:20 PM

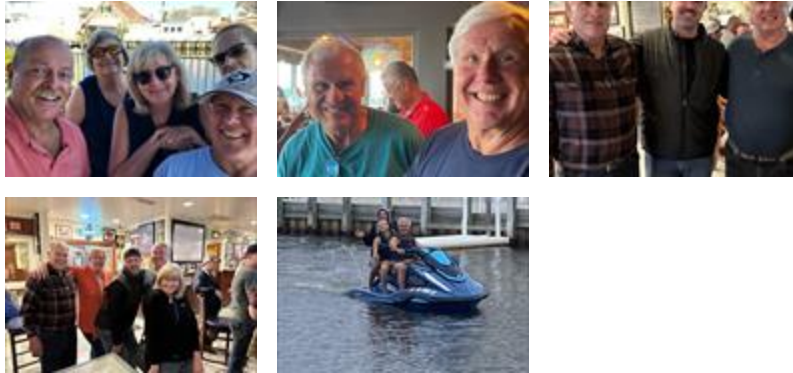
PP

“ Our most sincere condolences to the Kemp family on Buzzy's passing. May he rest in peace. Love, Paul and Robin

Paul pieretti - November 09, 2025 at 12:43 PM

LK

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Lynn Kemp - November 08, 2025 at 01:59 PM

CC

“ *Condolences to the family and friends of Harold. Working with Harold at Howmedica/Stryker, I will always remember his kindness and bright smile.*

He was a wealth of engineering knowledge and brought joy to all his co-workers. Rest in Peace, Harold.

Chris Cooke - November 08, 2025 at 01:14 PM

CR

“ *Worked with Harold at Howmedica and Stryker. Great Person. Sorry for your loss. Condolences to his family and friends. May he Rest In Peace.*

Corrado Rizzi

Corrado Rizzi - November 08, 2025 at 10:49 AM

PA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Harrold's family and friends. Although only friends at work, he would share with me many stories of his family life, and no doubt he was a great husband and father. Harrold was just one of the nicest people you could meet and work with! Always willing to help you out. He definitely has a spot in heaven. God Bless you Harold.*
Patrick Giacobbe

Patrick - November 08, 2025 at 08:13 AM