



**Kenneth E. "Ken" Wertz Tribute**  
**Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio**  
**1930 – 2020**

We, the members of the Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio, unanimously express our sadness, deep affection and celebration of the life of our departed fellow friend and member, Kenneth Wertz, who left us on June 21, 2020.

Ken Wertz was born in Wooster, Ohio on December 7, 1930 and graduated from Wooster High School in 1948. Ken enrolled in Kent State University (KSU) and graduated with both a Bachelor's in business and MBA. While attending KSU, he started his 43 year career with Colonial Machine as an accountant where he later became president.

Throughout his life he was committed, loyal and dedicated to his wife Nancy & family, church, company, Rotary and the organizations they chose to support. When Ken said yes he was "all in".

Ken was an unassuming man who led by example, produced results and planned for the future. With his partners he led Colonial Machine for decades and together they ensured the future success of this long-time vital Kent business that continues to thrive today.

Ken joined The Rotary Club of Kent in 1964 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He served as President 1973 to 1974. During his presidency he stressed fellowship and service. In his estate Ken provided generous contributions to both Rotary International Foundation and the Kent Rotary Foundation.

At the UMC of Kent he served in many leadership roles including creating and Chairing the Gifts, Memorials and Investment Committee that has provided resources for many projects. Ken and Nancy provided a significant contribution creating an endowment for future visionary projects.

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Kent, this tribute serves to recognize the remarkable achievements of our friend and fellow member, Ken, and gratefully acknowledge his many contributions to our community and our lives.

Now therefore, let it be known that the Kent Rotary Club unanimously approves this resolution recognizing the Rotary like qualities that have been a guide post for the life of Kenneth Wertz, a Rotarian extraordinaire, whose life sets a wonderful example for the rest of us. We commit this resolution to the permanent records of the Rotary Club of Kent. A copy shall be commissioned and presented to his family.

David Myers, President, Rotary Club of Kent \_\_\_\_\_

May 16, 2023