



## Kenneth S. Borcia

December 13, 1943 - January 19, 2024

Kenneth S. Borcia, a loving husband, father, grandfather, esteemed bankruptcy attorney, and a man of many passions, passed away on January 19, 2024, at the age of 80.

Born on December 13, 1943, in Evanston, IL, Kenneth led a remarkable life filled with accomplishments, love, and cherished memories.

Ken grew up in Skokie, IL. His strong passion for basketball led him to become the MVP at Niles East High School, where he graduated in 1962. It's also where he met the love of his life, Joan. The two had an instant connection and married at the young age of 18.

After graduating high school, Ken went on to play basketball at Yankton College in South Dakota. He was incredibly intelligent and received his bachelor's degree in economics at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. His ambitious spirit led him to start working as an agent for the IRS. This opened the door to him accepting a position as an ATF special agent for The United States Treasury Department. He loved this job, and was very successful at it, until he got injured in an automobile accident, which forced him to retire.

This was a turning point for Ken as he needed a career change. That's when he decided he wanted to become an attorney. He attended Chicago-Kent

College of Law, graduating in 1980 with a Juris Doctor Degree.

After passing the bar with flying colors, Ken immediately began building his practice and established his well known law firm, Kenneth S. Borcia & Associates. His commitment to his clients and his practice was unwavering. He had a strong passion for helping people and loved to make them laugh along the way with the many stories he told.

Over the span of four decades, he grew his practice, becoming a very successful Bankruptcy Attorney and well-respected figure in the legal community. His expertise and guidance helped countless individuals navigate challenging financial situations, providing them with hope and a fresh start.

Together, Ken and Joan built a beautiful family, raising five children and welcoming seventeen grandchildren into their lives. Family was at the core of Ken's being, and his dedication and love for his wife and children knew no bounds. He cherished every moment spent with his family, creating lasting memories that will be forever treasured.

Beyond his professional achievements, Ken had a multitude of hobbies and interests that brought him joy. He was an avid fisherman who loved spending his time on his boat over the years in Lake Geneva, WI and Bangs Lake in Wauconda. He was also exceptionally creative and made his own very unique artwork.

Ken had a passion for cooking and loved serving his famous spaghetti dinners with his homemade sauce. He also enjoyed watching horse racing and would often go to Arlington Race track, where he owned many race horses. He was the biggest animal lover of all kinds, but his most cherished were his dogs. His many dogs were the true best friends of his life.

Ken leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and unconditional support for his family and community. His kindness, wisdom, humor and larger than life personality will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan Borcia; five children, Lori (Charles) Lintner, James (Margaret) Borcia, John Borcia, Nicole (Christopher) Tournas, Kelly (Preston) Dane; 16 grandchildren, one great grandchild; and by his sister Kathy Borcia. He was preceded in death by his grandson Tony Borcia in 2012.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 10 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rte. 176 one block West of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. To view live funeral footage, click the link below beginning at 2:30pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to Wright-Way Animal Rescue at [www.wright-wayrescue.org](http://www.wright-wayrescue.org) For Info: (847) 362-3009 or please leave a condolence or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

Live funeral footage link:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/2169812790>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Celebration of Life

FEB 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Live Funeral Footage in memory of Kenneth S. Borcia*



**Burnett-Dane Funeral Home** - February 09, 2024 at 02:11 PM

LF

“ *So sorry to hear about Ken’s passing. A nice guy, and a great attorney. He will be missed.*  
*Laura Frye*

**Laura Frye** - February 08, 2024 at 09:36 PM

MA

“ *Marlys A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth S. Borcia.*

**Marlys A.** - February 08, 2024 at 08:04 PM

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“ *Marlys A. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kenneth S. Borcia.*



**Marlys A.** - February 08, 2024 at 08:04 PM

TA

“ *In loving memory of Kenneth Borcia, Whose laughter and sense of humor filled our court halls with joy and fun. I met Ken through my father, who was his friend and colleague. Through that relationship, I developed a deep bond with his daughter Lori, who is one of my closest and best friends, and the rest of the family whom I love dearly.*

*Ken was a pillar of strength for his family, friends, and clients. His presence was larger than life, and his booming voice echoed louder than a clap of thunder. Yet, beneath his robust exterior, beat a heart of immeasurable size.*

*One of my fondest memories of Ken is the way he effortlessly stumbled into hilarious situations. From facing off against aggressive geese at the movies to narrowly escaping the clutches of quicksand in Canada, his adventures were as wild as they were unforgettable. And who could forget the time he pinned an attorney up against the courthouse hallway walls?*

*But amidst the laughter and chaos, Ken's genuine warmth and infectious laughter shone through. His ability to turn even the most mundane moments into uproarious tales was nothing short of magical. I'll always cherish the memory of the time he wanted to gift me a horse, sending shivers down my spine at the mere thought of waking up to find one on my doorstep. And Bankruptcy Babe, the racehorse he named after me, remains a testament to his quirky yet endearing sense of humor.*

*Ken's departure from this world leaves a void that can never be filled. His laughter, his friendship, and his mere presence will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing this remarkable man. Though he may have left us, his spirit will forever live on in our hearts, a beacon of light guiding us through the darkest of days.*

*Rest in peace, dear Ken. I hope the fishing is good in heaven. Your*

*memory will forever be a source of comfort and joy to those who were fortunate enough to call you friend.  
Love Tina*

**Tina Adams** - February 08, 2024 at 03:28 PM

ES

“*eric, chad, justice mirshak & seabree purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kenneth S. Borcia.*



**eric, chad, justice mirshak & seabree** - February 06, 2024 at 08:31 PM

ES

“*eric, chad, justice mirshak & seabree planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth S. Borcia.*

**eric, chad, justice mirshak & seabree** - February 06, 2024 at 08:31 PM

RA

“ With a heavy heart, I bid farewell to my friend and colleague, Ken Borcia. Our journey together spans over three decades and is filled with cherished memories. Ken became more than just a colleague after he chose my law firm to handle his court matters in Chicago. He once told me he was drawn to my practice because some credit lawyers viewed me with a degree of skepticism – a perspective he did not share. This marked the beginning of a bond that evolved into a close friendship.

Our professional camaraderie was mirrored in our personal lives as our daughters, Lori Linter and Tina Adams, forged a deep friendship akin to ours. It's a connection that symbolizes the blending of our families and professional lives in a unique and enduring way.

As we reflect on Ken's journey, it is comforting to think that he has received his ultimate discharge and embarked on a 'Fresh Start' in heaven. His legacy, as a lawyer and a friend, remains a guiding light to all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.”

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**Robert Adams** - February 06, 2024 at 11:48 AM

JM

“ So sorry for this big loss. He was truly one of a kind and will be missed by so many. Lots of funny stories will be shared for years to come! Big hugs to the family! Love you guys, Jennifer Mullen

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**Jennifer Mullen** - February 06, 2024 at 10:33 AM

~C

“ ~ Friends of Chuck purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth S. Borcia.



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**~ Friends of Chuck** - February 05, 2024 at 05:12 PM

KT

“ Ken will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace !  
We Love you,  
Paul and Kathy Tournas



Kathleen Tournas - February 05, 2024 at 12:24 AM

TA

“ Tina Adams lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth S. Borcia



Tina Adams - February 03, 2024 at 10:30 PM

BJ

“ Bob, Brian, Tina, Rickie, & Joey. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kenneth S. Borcia.



Bob, Brian, Tina, Rickie, & Joey. - February 03, 2024 at 10:28 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth S. Borcia.



February 02, 2024 at 11:05 AM